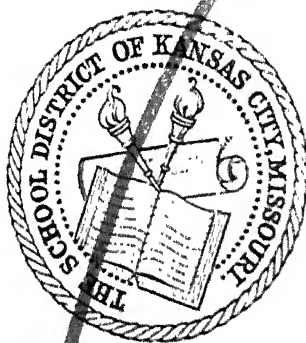




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"What's a grig?" pursued the tactless Margaret. "What *is* a grig? want to know what a grig is! Why won't you tell me what a grig is What's a grig—what's a grig—what's a GRIG?"

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## PREFACE

THIS book is an abridgment of the author's *Etymological Dictionary of Modern English* published in 1921. The process of abridgment has been carried out, not by omitting the less common words (for it is usually the uncommon word or the neologism that excites legitimate curiosity<sup>1</sup>), but by making the explanations as brief as possible and by abstaining from the discussion of unsatisfying conjectures. It contains the whole of our literary and colloquial vocabulary, together with sufficient indications to show the origin of modern scientific terms. The less familiar of these will be found under their separate elements, e.g. for *chirômancy* see *chiro-* and *-mancy*, for *stethoscope* see *stetho-* and *-scope*. Compounds and derivatives are not given as a rule, if they can be inferred from the simple word. Account has been taken of what has been done in etymology in the last few years, and some of the statements in the larger book are corrected or modified. A number of new words of quite recent introduction are here for the first time "booked" and explained. Some may think excessive hospitality has been shown to archaic and foreign words. Their inclusion is part of a pious debt that the author owes to Scott, Fenimore Cooper and "Ballantyne the brave," who started him collecting words at an age when most boys succumb to the fascination of stamps.

Each word is traced back so far as it can be done with reasonable certainty, e.g. the entry "*marmalade*, F. *marmelade*, Port. *marmelada*, from *marmelo*, quince, by dissim. from L. *melimelum*, G. *μελίμηλον*, lit. honey-apple," might be reversed and amplified as follows: "From *μέλι*, honey, and *μήλον*, apple, the Greeks made a compound *μελίμηλον*, quince. This word was borrowed by the Romans as *melimelum*. Passing into Portuguese it became, with dissimilation (see p. xvii) of *l-l* to *r-l*, *marmelo*, from which, by means of the suffix *-ada*, was formed *marmelada*, compost of quinces. French borrowed this, substituting, as usual, *-ade* for *-ada*, and we have taken it from French with a slight accidental change of

<sup>1</sup> "You mean to say you want to be a reporter and don't know what *onomatopoea* means? Perhaps you can tell me what *shillelagh* means? You don't know? Now, what is *mithridatism*, and what's a *mittimus*? And what is *rachitis*, *gorgonzola*, *spectioneer*, *agiotage*, *dolichocephalic*, *tamp*—now, there's a short word for you. What, you don't know? And you want to be a reporter?" (John Cournois, *The Wall*).

spelling." The use of the word "from" in the *Dictionary* implies that a word does not phonetically represent its original, but is altered from it by the use of a suffix or otherwise. Thus Old French *pepler* (now *peuplier*), whence English *poplar*, is described as "from" Latin *pōpulus*, because a suffix has been added to the original. So also our verbs in *-ate* are "from" Latin verbs in *-are*, being formed from the past participle of such verbs, e.g. *create* is "from" Latin *creare* (p.p. *creatus*).

For Aryan words (see p. xi) the cognates are given from Teutonic, Celtic, Slavonic, Latin, Greek and Sanskrit; for Common Teutonic words (see p. xi), the cognates from Dutch (or Frisian or Low German), German, Old Norse and (if recorded) Gothic; for West Germanic words (see p. x), the cognates from Dutch (or Frisian or Low German) and German. Words from the Romance languages (see p. xii) are traced to their Latin (or Greek or Teutonic or Celtic) originals, and, where confirmation of the theoretical Vulgar Latin form (see p. xii) seems to require it, Romance cognates are quoted. The relationship of Latin and Greek words to those of the other Aryan languages is indicated whenever such relationship can be clearly shown to exist. It must not be supposed that "cognates" are derived from each other. English, Dutch, Scandinavian and German words are first cousins, not parents and offspring. They have more distant relatives in Latin, Greek, Celtic, and Slavonic, and very remote kinsmen in Persian and Sanskrit.

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## THE ENGLISH VOCABULARY

ALTHOUGH the majority of the words contained in modern English dictionaries are, immediately or ultimately, of Latin origin, English is nevertheless, by its phonetic system, its grammatical structure and its everyday vocabulary, a Teutonic language.<sup>1</sup> It belongs to the Low German group, which includes also Dutch (Flemish), Frisian<sup>2</sup> (spoken on the islands off the North Sea coast of Germany), and a number of North German dialects (Plattdeutsch), for which, unfortunately, there is in English no collective name except Low German. Old Low German of the Continent is represented in literature by Old Saxon, preserved in a long Biblical poem, the *Heliand* (Saviour), of rather later date than the Anglo-Saxon *Beowulf* (8th cent. A.D.).

Low German is distinguished from High German by the fact that it did not undergo the second sound-shifting (mutation of consonants), which differentiates High German from all the other Teutonic languages.<sup>3</sup>

Owing to geographical and political separation High German has made little direct contribution to the vocabulary of English, while contiguity and trade relations have caused pretty extensive importations from Dutch and from the Low German dialects of the North Sea and Baltic coasts. But we have borrowed through French many words of High German origin and for comparative purposes High German is of great value. It has an extensive and continuous literature and can be divided into Old High German, Middle High German, and Modern German with very much the same chronology as our own Anglo-Saxon (often called Old English), Middle English, and Modern English.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Le vocabulaire peut se transformer, même de fond en comble, sans que la langue en soit altérée sensiblement dans sa structure phonétique ou grammaticale (Vendryes, *Le Langage*).

<sup>2</sup> There was probably a Frisian element among the "Anglo-Saxons."

<sup>3</sup> The High German consonant system may be illustrated by such words as *tal* (dale), *sahm* (tame), *drei* (three), *werden* (worth<sup>2</sup>), *sache* (sake), *pferch* (see paddock), *lieben* (love).

<sup>4</sup> The Middle period of each language may be dated c. 1100-1150 to 1450. It is distinguished from the Old by the simplification of inflexions, as well as by regular phonetic changes. The Romance languages have no similarly defined "Middle" period, so that what is not Modern French (Italian, Spanish) may conveniently be called Old French (Italian, Spanish).

The Low and High German languages form together the West Germanic branch of Teutonic. They possess a large number of words not recorded in the other Teutonic languages. Examples are *beer*, *bosom*, *cross*, *fight*, *ghost*, *heap*, *hearth*, *herring*, *idle*, *knight*, *make*, *sound* (adj.), etc.

The Anglo-Saxons subdued or expelled the Celts, whose language was completely replaced by the Low German dialects of the invaders. These dialects were four in number, viz. Northumbrian (or Anglian), which became the language of Northern England and Lowland Scotland, Mercian, from the Humber to the Thames, West Saxon, south and south-west of the Thames (excluding Cornwall), and Kentish.<sup>1</sup> It happens that most of the Anglo-Saxon literature is in the West Saxon or Wessex dialect, and therefore it is this dialect that is the basis of our Anglo-Saxon dictionaries; but, during the Middle English period, the South-East Midland dialect, which included London and the two universities, became the standard literary speech, so that Modern English usually represents the Mercian rather than the West Saxon dialect (see *milk*, *old*, *steeple*).

The Anglo-Saxons had not long been settled in their new home, when they had to endure the attack of a kindred race, the Norsemen or Vikings. In English history we usually call them "Danes," though the majority came from Norway. Their language, Old Norse (recorded in Old Icelandic documents), is now represented by Icelandic and the Scandinavian languages (Norwegian-Danish and Swedish) and constitutes the North Germanic branch of the Teutonic family. Its literary remains are not so old as those of the languages already mentioned, the earliest being a collection of poems called the *Edda* (Iceland, c. 1200 A.D.<sup>2</sup>). The "Danes" acquired large tracts of England, eventually became fused with the Anglo-Saxons and made important additions to the English vocabulary. Such essential everyday words as *egg*, *law*, *plough*, *sister*, *skin*, *get*, *take*, *they*, *them*, are of Old Norse origin.

The Teutonic language that has the oldest records is Gothic, classified as East Germanic, because the Goths settled on the lower Danube. For them Bishop Ulfila translated (4th cent. A.D.) parts of the Bible, and, though their language lingered in the Crimea till the 16th century, this translation is practically our only record of it.<sup>3</sup>

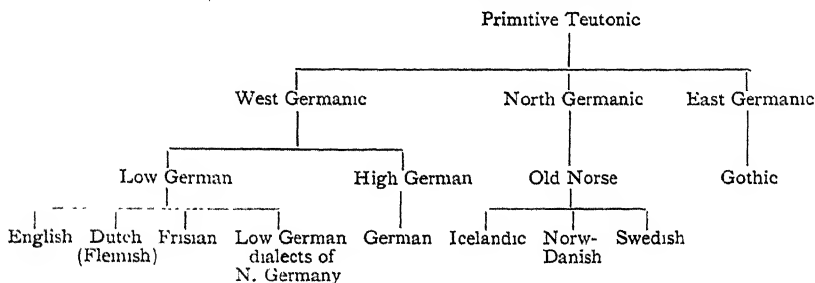
All these Teutonic languages spring from a theoretical "Primitive

<sup>1</sup> The chief characteristic of Kentish is *e* for *i* (see *hemlock*, *left*).

<sup>2</sup> This is the date of the MS. The poems are really much older.

<sup>3</sup> Another tribe of the Goths, the Visigoths, invaded Spain and left some traces of their language in Spanish.

Teutonic," one of the branches of the great Aryan or Indo-European family. They may be represented by a genealogical tree—



Words found throughout the Teutonic languages are called Common Teutonic.<sup>1</sup> The majority of our familiar native words belong to this class, e.g. *axe, blood, god, loaf, hunger, thirst, rain, thief, bread, bold, dumb, even, good, burn, drink, fly, give, run, slay, swear, warp*, etc., also most of the prepositions, pronouns, conjunctions and auxiliary verbs.

The other European<sup>2</sup> language-groups belonging to the Aryan or Indo-European family are Greek, Italic, Celtic, and Slavonic. The records of the first two are, as we should expect from their early advanced civilization, by far the oldest.

Greek is recorded, in the Homeric poems, from the 7th century B.C. It was divided into a number of dialects—Ionic, Doric, Aeolic, Attic—the last of which eventually prevailed and still exists, not greatly changed, as Modern Greek. Its direct contribution to English does not begin till the Renaissance, but the coinage of scientific and philosophical terms of Greek origin is now continuous. The earliest Greek words passed into Teutonic (as also into the Romance languages) through the medium of Latin, and the oldest contribution is ecclesiastical and theological (*alms, angel, bishop, church, devil, minster, monk*, etc.).

The chief Italic dialects were Latin, Oscan, and Umbrian, the first of which prevailed as Rome prevailed. Latin is, for many reasons, the most important of all languages for the student of European philology. As it gave birth to the Romance languages (Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Provençal, French, Walloon, Rumanian, etc.), it enables us to study as a reality what in the case of the other branches is more or less theoretical, viz.

<sup>1</sup> This includes some words not found in the scanty records of Gothic.

<sup>2</sup> Outside the Aryan family are Finnic and Hungarian (Magyar), both belonging to the Finno-Ugrian family, and Basque, of unsolved origin. Turkish is an Asiatic language belonging to the Turanian family.

the evolution of a group of languages from a primitive original. Western Europe was partially civilized by Rome, which gave to the Teutons a great part of the vocabulary connected with commerce (*cheap, dicker, monger*), the practical arts (*ark, chest, kitchen, pullar, tile, street*), horticulture (*cherry, kale, pear*), administration (*mint*<sup>2</sup>, *toll*<sup>1</sup>) and Christianity. Via French and, to a less extent, via the other Romance languages, Latin has made a further immense contribution to the English vocabulary, and all through the history of our language there has been a steady influx of words borrowed from Latin by the learned.

It is important to distinguish between Vulgar Latin, *i.e.* the everyday colloquial speech of the Roman soldier and colonist, whence sprang the Old Romance languages<sup>1</sup>; Late Latin, *i.e.* literary Latin subsequent to the classical period; and Medieval Latin, *i.e.* the vocabulary of Latin form, but partly composed of non-Latin elements, used by medieval writers and administrators. That form of Medieval Latin peculiar to this country is called Anglo-Latin. Low Latin, used vaguely in all these senses, is better avoided because of its uncertain meaning.

With regard to the great French element in English (beginning with the Norman Conquest) the following points should be noted:—

(1) It was, as already stated, from Vulgar Latin, and not from classical Latin of the short Roman literary period, that French and the other Romance languages derived their original vocabulary and grammar. The chief features that distinguish Vulgar Latin from Ciceronian Latin are (i) the disappearance of the neuter gender<sup>2</sup>; (ii) the reduction of the six cases to two, nominative and objective, from the latter of which French nouns and adjectives are derived<sup>3</sup>; (iii) a preference for derivatives, *e.g.* *aeramen* (whence *airain*) for *aes*, *soliculus* (whence *soleil*) for *sol*, *cantare* (whence *chanter*) for *canere*; (iv) the “normalization” of deponents, *e.g.* *morire* (whence *mourir*) for *mori*, *ausare* (whence *oser*) for *audere*, *aus-*.

Many of the forms of Vulgar Latin (marked in the Dictionary with an asterisk) are conjectural, but their genuineness is proved by a comparison of the derivative words in the Romance languages (see *commence*).

(2) French, though a Romance language, has a very important Teutonic

<sup>1</sup> The name Romanic is sometimes given to the almost unrecorded transitional stage of the language, *i.e.* to a type of Vulgar Latin which may be supposed to have prevailed, more or less uniformly, throughout the Roman Empire.

<sup>2</sup> Neuter words usually became masculine, but occasionally the neuter plural in *-a* was treated as a feminine singular; thus *poma* (neut. pl.) gave *pomme* (fem. sing.), *labra* (neut. pl.) gave *lèvre* (fem. sing.).

<sup>3</sup> There are a few exceptions. See *Fits-*.

element, chiefly due to the Frankish<sup>1</sup> conquest of Gaul in the 5th century. It is usual to derive French words of Teutonic origin from Old High German, but Frankish was, in some of its features, intermediate between High and Low German.

(3) A great many English words of French origin come, not from "French of Paris," but from the dialects (chiefly Norman and Picard) of the north and east of France, collectively called Old North French, which had *c-* for *ch-* (see *catch*), *g-* for *j-* (see *garter*), and the most easterly of which preserved the German *w-* (see *war*), instead of changing it to *gw-*.

(4) Transplanted to England as the language of the governing class, French developed into Anglo-French<sup>2</sup>, with some derivatives (*duty*, *liable*) and meanings unknown to Continental French.

(5) In the case of many "learned" words of Latin origin, it is not possible to say whether they have passed through French on their way into English. *Caitiff* is obviously Old North French *caitif* (cf. French *chétif*), of popular formation from Latin *captivus*, but *captive* may either be the "learned" French *captif* or a direct English borrowing from Latin *captivus*. It is simplest to regard such words as derived from Latin.

(6) A great number of words that came from Latin via French have been restored to a Latin form. *Perfect* has replaced Middle English *parfit*, which is Old French *parfit* (now *parfait*), representing Latin *perfectus*. But, the present form of the word being Latin, it seems fair to say that it is the Latin *perfectus*, without troubling about its obsolete Old French form. So, in this Dictionary, reconstructed words of this class are usually assigned to a Latin etymology.

The Celtic languages are divided into Goidelic or Gadhelic, *i.e.* Scotch-Gaelic, Irish-Gaelic<sup>3</sup> and Manx; and Brythonic or British, *i.e.* Welsh, Cornish (extinct) and Breton. The last was taken to France by British refugees fleeing from the Anglo-Saxons. Of the original Gaulish Celtic, expelled by the Latin of the Roman conquerors, there are no literary remains. Celtic has made hardly any direct contribution to the English vocabulary. Any Celtic words of importance reached English via Latin and French (*budget*, *carpenter*, *carry*, *mutton*, *petty*, *quay*, etc.).

<sup>1</sup> Hence the names France and French.

<sup>2</sup> Some ME. writers, *e.g.* Gower, composed poems in both English and French, and up to the 14th cent. English grammar-school boys construed their Latin into French.

<sup>3</sup> As most people connect Gaelic with Scotland, I have in the Dictionary used simply Irish for Irish-Gaelic.

The chief Slavonic languages are Russian, Bulgarian, Serbo-Croatian, Polish and Czech (Bohemian), together with the Balto-Slavonic group, Lithuanian, Lettic and Old Prussian (extinct). The oldest form of Slavonic is Old Bulgarian, which is recorded in a Bible translation of the 7th century. This is often called Old Slavonic. The Slavonic contribution to English is inconsiderable, usually indirect, and of no great antiquity. It consists of names of Slavonic products and objects, with, quite recently, a few "political" terms.

Any word of which traces can be found in all the European groups<sup>1</sup> already mentioned—Teutonic, Latin, Greek, Celtic, Slavonic—is called West Aryan.<sup>2</sup> Examples are *fish*, *mere* (noun), *salt*, *beech*, *elm*, *sallow* (noun), *finch*, *lie* (to recline), *ear* (to plough).

The East Aryan or Asiatic group is sometimes called Indo-Iranian, because it consists of Old Indian, *i.e.* Sanskrit, and Persian<sup>3</sup> (Iran is the old name of part of Persia). East Iranian was the language of the sacred books of Zoroaster (? c. 700 B.C.), often called the *Zend-Avesta*, whence the name Zend sometimes given to this language. It is also called Old Bactrian. West Iranian or Old Persian has less ancient records (6th century B.C.). From it is descended Modern Persian, with a very strong mixture of Arabic, due to the Mohammedan conquest of Persia (7th century A.D.).

Sanskrit is the oldest of all the Indo-European languages. Its earliest literature, contained in the sacred writings called the *Vedas*, dates back to 1500–1000 B.C. It was the discovery, in the late 18th century, of this sacred language of the Hindus that gave a firm basis to comparative philology. It must not, however, be supposed that Sanskrit is the parent of the other Aryan languages.<sup>4</sup> If there were equally ancient records for Celtic, Teutonic, etc., they would form with Sanskrit a family of sister languages, all the offspring of primitive Aryan, with a much stronger family resemblance than can now be traced in them.

But the great antiquity of Sanskrit brings it nearest to this primitive

<sup>1</sup> I have not included Albanian, which has no early records.

<sup>2</sup> Another classification is into the *centum* and *satem* groups, according to the treatment of the initial, represented in Latin by *c*, in the Aryan names for 100. This brings Slavonic into the East Aryan or Asiatic family.

<sup>3</sup> There is also Armenian, akin to West Iranian, and Tocharian, an extinct language of which some records were first found in Turkestan as recently as 1908.

<sup>4</sup> The modern descendants of Sanskrit are Hindi, Bengali, Mahrati, Punjabi and other vernaculars of Northern India. A middle form of Sanskrit is called Prakrit, to which belongs Pali, the sacred language of Buddhism.



language, and we may assume that any word which it possesses in common with all or most of the Aryan languages must have formed part of the original Aryan stock. The number of such words is not large. It includes the numerals from 1 to 10, the chief names of relationship (*father, mother, brother, sister, widow*), a few anatomical words (*eye, nose, knee, tooth, foot*), many names of animals (*goose, hound, sow, mouse, wether, ewe, cow, wolf, beaver, otter*; see also *fee, udder*), a few trees (*birch, withy*, and the word *tree* itself), one intoxicant (*mead*), and the names of some natural phenomena (*night, star, moon, wind, thunder, east, yester-day*). *Weave* and *wool* point to early industrial arts, *wheel, nave, yoke* to the invention of vehicles, *oven* to a knowledge of cooking, and *door* to the existence of buildings. There are also some pronouns, prepositions and conjunctions, a few verbs expressing "pivotal" activities (*bear, eat, know, love, wit*), and common adjectives (*free, new, sweet, thin, young*).

English also contains a number of early loan-words from the Semitic family—Hebrew, Aramaic or Syriac, Arabic. The Hebrew and Aramaic contribution is mostly religious and reached us through the medium of Biblical Greek and Latin (*abbot, cherub, leviathan, mammon, rabbi, sabbath, shekel*). During the European dark ages the Arabs preserved, and added to, the scientific knowledge of the Greeks and passed on part of their vocabulary to the learned of Europe (*alchemy, algebra, zenith, cipher*). A number of Arabic words, especially those that came through Spanish, preserve the definite article *al-*. The form in which Arabic verbs are given in the Dictionary is really the third person singular of the preterite, which best shows the triliteral root.

The other languages of the world are classed as monosyllabic or isolating (e.g. Chinese) and agglutinative (e.g. North American Indian and the Bantu languages of Africa).

From a very early date words from the non-Aryan languages of Asia and Africa began to reach Europe, usually passing through the medium of Arabic or Greek. The number of such words increased steadily during the Middle Ages, partly as a result of the Crusades. The discovery of America led to a fresh influx of exotics, and, with the progress of exploration, new words are constantly introduced from the remotest parts of the world, so that now "the increase of the English vocabulary from foreign sources has been so enormous that the words of native etymology bear a very small proportion to the whole number of words given in our modern dictionaries" (H. Bradley, *The Making of English*)

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## EXPLANATION OF SOME LINGUISTIC TERMS

**apphaeresis.** The same as aphesis.

**aphesis.** Loss of initial vowel, e.g. *prentice*, *wayward*, or syllable, e.g. *drawing-room*, *tawdry*. See also note on *s-* (col. 738). Such forms are called "aphetic."

**assimilation.** Tendency of a sound to adapt itself to its neighbour, e.g. L. *collocare* for *con-locare*, E. *snickersnee* for earlier *stick or snee*.

**apocope.** Loss of final syllable, e.g. *defile*<sup>2</sup>, *signal*<sup>2</sup>, *trove* (treasure).

**augmentative.** Derived word indicating something larger than the simple word (i.e. the opposite of *diminutive*), e.g. *cutlas*, *trombone*.

**back-formation.** Formation of a shorter word from one that looks as though it were derived from it, e.g. *beg* from *beggar*, *char*<sup>2</sup> from *charcoal*.

**clip.** Reduction of a word to its initial syllable, e.g. *mob*<sup>1</sup>, *pub*, less frequently to its final syllable, e.g. *bus*, *van*<sup>2</sup>.

**contamination.** Alteration of a word by the influence of another word of kindred meaning and approximately similar sound, e.g. the aspirate of F. *haut*, L. *altus*, is due to synon. OHG. *hōh* (Mod. *hoch*).

**dissimilation.** Tendency of a sound to avoid identity with a neighbouring sound, e.g. *gonfalon* (for *gonfanon*), *sash* (for *shash*), F. *couloir* (for OF. *courour*).

**doublets.** Words of identical origin, but different form, e.g. *cod*<sup>1</sup>, *quid*<sup>1</sup>; *caitiff*, *captive*. Sometimes there are triplets, e.g. *manœuvre*, *manure*, *manner*<sup>2</sup>, or quadruplets, e.g. *gentle*, *genteel*, *jaunty*, *Gentile*.

**epenthesis.** Intrusion of a sound facilitating the passage between two other sounds, e.g. *chamber*, F. *chambre*, L. *cam(e)ra*.

**epithesis.** Addition of final sound, e.g. *sound*<sup>1</sup>, ME. *soun*, F. *son*; cf. "drownd," "scholar."

**folk-etymology.** Tendency to give a more familiar form to an unfamiliar word, e.g. *causeway*, *gillyflower*, or to alter the form of a word owing to a misapprehension of its exact meaning, e.g. *shamefaced* for *shamefast*.

**frequentative.** Form of verb suggesting the (rapid) repetition of the action denoted by the simple verb, e.g. *waddle* from *wade*, *wander* (cf. *wend*).

**ghost-word.** A word resulting from an original mistake or misprint, e.g. *collimate*, *syllabus*, *tweed*.

**inceptive.** L. verb in *-sco*, *-scere*, indicating beginning of action. From this L. *-sco* comes the *-iss-* of F. verbs in *-ir*, whence E. verbs in *-ish*.

**intensive.** Form of word instinctively altered to express greater vigour, e.g. *scrunch* for *crunch*.

**metathesis.** Transposition of consonants, e.g. *anlace*, ME. *anelas*, OF. *alenas*, *bird*, ME. *brid*.

**pejorative.** Depreciatory meaning, in English usually expressed by the suffix *-ard*, e.g. *dastard*, *sluggard*.

**portmanteau-word.** Deliberate combination of two words for the sake of brevity, e.g. *squarson* (*squire* × *parson*), *Bakerloo* (*Baker Street* × *Waterloo*).

**prosthesis.** Prefixing of a sound, e.g. *state*, OF. *estat* (Mod. *état*), L. *status*. See also note on *s-* (col. 738).

**reduplication.** Instinctive tendency, chiefly infantile, to create words by repeating sounds, e.g. *papa*, sometimes with varying vowel, e.g. *see-saw*, or consonant, e.g. *roly-poly*.

**tonic stem.** Old French verbs changed the vowel of their stem according to the position of the accent (as still *mourir*, *je meurs*, *tenir*, *je tiens*, etc.). Thus OF. *trouver* (see *retrieve*), *reliever*, *reliev-* (see *relieve*), *manoir*, *main-* (see *remain*), *ordener*, *ordein-* (see *ordain*), etc. It is usually from the tonic stem (*trouv-*, etc.) that early English loan-verbs from French are derived.

## ABBREVIATIONS

AF.: Anglo-French (see p. xiii)  
 agent.: agential  
 AL.: Anglo-Latin (see p. xii)  
 Alp.: Alpine  
 aphet.: aphetic (see p. xvii)  
 app.: apparently  
 Arab.: Arabic (see p. xv)  
 Aram.: Aramaic (see p. xv)  
 arch.: architecture  
 Armen.: Armenian (see p. xiv, n. 3)  
 AS.: Anglo-Saxon (see p. x)  
 assim.: assimilation (see p. xvii)  
 augment.: augmentative (see p. xvii)  
 AV.: Authorized Version of Bible.

Bav.: Bavarian  
 bibl.: bibliography  
 Bret.: Breton (see p. xiii)  
 Bulg.: Bulgarian (see p. xiv)

c.: *circa* = about  
 Celt.: Celtic (see p. xiii)  
 cent.: century  
 cf.: *confer* = compare  
 class.: classical  
 cogn.: cognate  
 Com. Teut.: Common Teutonic (see p. xi)  
 contr.: contraction  
 Coop.: Cooper (see p. xvi)  
 Corn.: Cornish (see p. xiii)  
 Cotg.: Cotgrave (see p. xvi)  
 Croat.: Croatian (see p. xiv)

Dan.: Danish (see p. x)  
 Dict. Cant. Crew: Dictionary of the  
 Canting Crew, c. 1700

Dict. Gén.: Dictionnaire Général de  
 la Langue Française  
 dissim.: dissimulation (see p. xvii)  
 Du.: Dutch (see p. ix)

E.: East  
 eccl.: ecclesiastical  
 e.g.: *exempli gratia* = for instance  
 equit.: equitation  
 esp.: especial-ly  
 ethn.: ethnology  
 euph.: euphemism, euphemistic

F.: French  
 Falc.: Falconer (Marine Dict. 1781)  
 fl.: *floruit* = flourished  
 Flem.: Flemish (see p. ix)  
 Flor.: Florio (see p. xvi)  
 folk-etym.: folk-etymology (see p. xvii)  
 frequent.: frequentative (see p. xvii)  
 Fris.: Frisian (see p. ix)

G.: Greek (see p. xi)  
 Gael.: Gaelic (see p. xiii)  
 gen.: general-ly  
 Ger.: German (see p. ix)  
 Goth.: Gothic (see p. x)  
 Grose (Dict. of the Vulgar Tongue,  
 1785)

Heb.: Hebrew (see p. xv)  
 her.: heraldry  
 Hind.: Hindi (see p. xiv, n. 4)  
 Hung.: Hungarian (see p. xi, n. 3)

Icel.: Icelandic (see p. x)  
 i.e.: *id est* = that is

- imit.: imitation, imitative  
 incept.: inceptive (see p. xvii)  
 instrum.: instrumental  
 intens.: intensive (see p. xvii)  
 inter.: interrogative  
 Ir.: Irish (see p. xiii, n. 3)  
 It.: Italian (see p. xii)
- Jap.: Japanese  
 joc.: jocular
- Kil.: Kilian (see p. xvi)
- L.: Latin (see p. xi)  
 LG.: Low German (see p. ix)  
 ling.: linguistics  
 lit.: literal-ly  
 Litt.: Littleton (see p. xvi)  
 loc.: locative, local  
 log.: logic  
 Ludw.: Ludwig (see p. xvi)  
 LXX.: Septuagint
- ME: Middle English (see p. x)  
 med.: medicine, medical  
 ModL.: Medieval Latin (see p. xii)  
 Merc.: Mercian (see p. x)  
 metath.: metathesis (see p. xvii)  
 metr.: metre, metrical  
 Mex.: Mexican  
 MHG.: Middle High German (see p. ix)  
 min.: mineralogy  
 Minsh.: Minshew (see p. xvi)  
 MLG.: Middle Low German (see p. ix)  
 MS(S): manuscript(s)
- N.: North  
 Neap.: Neapolitan  
 NED.: New English Dictionary (see p. xvi)  
 neg.: negative  
 neol.: neologism  
 Norm.: Norman (see p. xiii)  
 Northumb.: Northumbrian (see p. x)
- Norw.: Norwegian (see p. x)  
 numism.: numismatics
- obs.: obsolete  
 occ.: occasional-ly  
 ODu.: Old Dutch  
 OF.: Old French  
 offic.: official  
 OFris.: Old Frisian  
 OHG.: Old High German (see p. ix)  
 OIr.: Old Irish  
 OIt.: Old Italian  
 OL.: Old Latin  
 ON.: Old Norse (see p. x)  
 ONF.: Old North French (see p. xiii)  
 onomat.: onomatopoeic  
 OPers.: Old Persian (see p. xiv)  
 OProv.: Old Provençal  
 OPruss.: Old Prussian (see p. xiv)  
 orig.: original-ly  
 OSax.: Old Saxon (see p. ix)  
 OSlav.: Old Slavonic (see p. xiv)  
 OSp.: Old Spanish  
 OSw.: Old Swedish  
 OT.: Old Testament  
 OTeut.: Old Teutonic
- Palsg.: Palsgrave (see p. xvi)  
 path.: pathology  
 perh.: perhaps  
 Pers.: Persian (see p. xiv)  
 Peruv.: Peruvian  
 phon.: phonetics  
 phot.: photography  
 phys.: physics  
 Pic.: Picard (see p. xiii)  
 pleon.: pleonasm, pleonastic  
 Pol.: Polish (see p. xiv)  
 pol.: political-ly  
 Port.: Portuguese (see p. xii)  
 p.p.: past particle  
 prob.: probably  
 Prompt. Parv.: Promptorium Parvulorum (see p. xvi)  
 prop.: properly  
 Prov.: Provençal (see p. xii)
- q.v.: *quod vide* = which see

- |  |                                      |
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| redupl.: reduplication (see p. xvi)      | trad.: traditional-ly                |
| ref.: reference                          | Turk.: Turkish (see p. xi, n. 3)     |
| rel.: religion, religious                | typ.: typography                     |
| rhet.: rhetoric                          |                                      |
| Rom.: Romance, Romanic (see p. xii)      | ult.: ultimate-ly                    |
| Rum.: Rumanian (see p. xii)              | univ.: university                    |
| Russ.: Russian (see p. xiv)              | US.: United States                   |
| RV.: Revised Version of Bible            | usu.: usually                        |
|  |                                      |
| S.: South                                | var.: variant                        |
| Sard.: Sardinian                         | ven.: ventry                         |
| Sc.: Scottish (see p. x)                 | Venet.: Venetian                     |
| sc.: <i>scilicet</i> = understand        | vet.: veterinary                     |
| Scand.: Scandinavian (see p. x)          | v.i.: <i>vide infra</i> = see below  |
| Semit.: Semitic (see p. xv)              | viz.: <i>videlicet</i> = namely      |
| Serb.: Serbian (see p. xiv)              | VL.: Vulgar Latin (see p. xii)       |
| Sic.: Sicilian                           | vol.: volume                         |
| Slav.: Slavonic (see p. xiv)             | v.s.: <i>vide supra</i> = see above  |
| Sp.: Spanish (see p. xii)                | Vulg.: Vulgate                       |
| spec.: special, specific-ally            |                                      |
| s.v.: <i>sub voce</i> = under the word   | W.: West                             |
| Sw.: Swedish (see p. x)                  | WGer.: West Germanic (see p. x)      |
| Syr.: Syriac (see p. xv)                 | Wyc.: Wyclif (Bible transl. c. 1380) |
|  |                                      |
| temp.: <i>tempore</i> = in the time (of) | *: unrecorded form                   |
| Teut.: Teutonic (see p. ix)              | †: died                              |
| Torr.: Torriano (see p. xvi)             | ×: combining with                    |

# ETYMOLOGICAL DICTIONARY

**a.** See *an*.

**a-**. As E. prefix this generally represents AS. *on* (*abed*, *asleep*, *nowadays*, etc.), less frequently ME. *of* (*anew*) and AS. *ge-* (*aware*). In a few words it represents an AS. prefix *a-*, orig. *ur-*, cogn. with Ger. *er-*, and having intens. force (*arise*, *awake*). In words of F. or L. origin it comes from *ad* (*achieve*, *arrive*) or *ab* (*averi*). Many scient. terms begin with G. *a-*, neg. (*amorphous*); only the more familiar of these are included, but information on the less familiar will generally be found elsewhere in the book, e.g. for *arymous* see *zymotic*. Less common origins are illustrated by the words *abash*, *along*, *ado*, *affray*, *alas*.

**A r.** Used in *Lloyd's Register* to describe ship.

**aard-vark** [*SAfr.*]. Ant-eater. Du. *aarde*, earth, *vark*, pig (see *farrow*). Cf. *aard-wolf*.

**aasvogel** [*SAfr.*]. Vulture. Du., lit. carrion-fowl; cf. Ger. *aas*, carrion, prob. cogn. with *essen*, to eat.

**ab-**. L., from, away; cogn. with *of* (q.v.). Also *a-*, *abs-*, *av-*.

**aba**. Substitute for sextant, invented by, and named from, *Antoine d'Abbadie*.

**aback**. AS. *onbæc* (see *a-*), now reduced to *back*, exc. in naut. lang.

**abacus**. L. *abacus*, from G. *ἀβάξ*, *ἀβας*, board, slab.

**abaddon** [*Bibl.*]. Heb. *ābaddōn*, destruction (*Rev.* ix. 11).

**abaft** [*naut.*]. From *on* (see *a-*) and AS. *æftian*, or *be æftian*, by aft. See *afi*.

**abandon**. F. *abandonner*, from OF. adv. *à bandon*, at will, at discretion. *Bandon*, from *ban*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.), had in OF. & ME. the meaning of control, jurisdiction.

**abase**. F. *abaisser*, VL. \**adbassiare*. See *base*<sup>2</sup>.

**abash**. OF. *esbair*, *esbaiss-* (Mod. *ébahir*), to astound, make to gape,

from L. *ex* and a second element which may be *ba!* exclamation of astonishment (see *bay*<sup>3</sup>). Cf. *bashful*.

**abate**. F. *abattre*, lit. to beat off, from *battre*, to beat, VL. \**battere* for *battuere*. See *bate*<sup>1</sup>, *batter*.

**abatis**, **abattis** [*mil.*]. Defence made of felled trees. F. *abatis*, from *abattre*, to fell (v.s.).

**abattoir**. Slaughter-house. F., from *abattre*, to fell (v.s.).

**abba** [*Bibl.*]. See *abbot*.

**Abbasides** [*hist.*]. Caliphs of Baghdad (749-1258) claiming descent from *Abbas*, uncle of Mohammed.

**abbé**, **abbess**, **abbey**. See *abbot*.

**abbot**. AS. *abbod*, L. *abbas*, *abbat*, G. *āḡḡās*, Aram. *abbā*, father (*Mark* xiv. 36). Ult. a word from baby lang.; cf. *papa*, *baby*, *babble*, and see *pope*. Other words of this group come via F., e.g. *abbé*, *abbess* (Late L. *abbatissa*), *abbey* (Late L. *abbatia*), or are of later and learned formation, e.g. *abbatial*, *abbatical*.

**abbreviate**. From L. *abbreviare*, from *ad* and *brevis*, short.

**Alderite**. Democritus, who was born at *Abdera* (Thrace).

**abdicate**. From L. *abdicare*, to proclaim off.

**abdomen**. L., of obscure origin.

**abduct**. From L. *abducere*, *abduct-*, to lead away.

**abeam** [*naut.*]. Abreast, level with. The beams of a ship are at right-angles to the keel. See *a-*.

**abear** [*dial.*]. AS. *āberan*, from *bear*<sup>2</sup>. **abecedarian**. Alphabetical. Cf. *MedL.* *abecedarium*, formed from ABC.

**abed** [*dial.*]. For *on bed*. See *a-*.

**abele**. White poplar. Du. *abeel*, OF. *aubel*, Late L. *albellus*, from *albus*, white.

**aberglaube**. Ger., superstition, from *glauben*, to believe, with pejorative prefix.

**abernethy** (*biscuit*). From *Dr. J. Abernethy*, diet expert (†1831).

- aberration.** From L. *aberrare*, to wander off.
- abet.** OF. *abeter*, to egg on, from OF. *beter*, to bait, ON. *berla*, to cause to bite. See *bait*, *bet*.
- abeyance.** OF. *abeance*, from *abēer*, to gape at (Mod. *aboyer*, to bark), from *bayer*, *beer*, to gape. Now usu. of a right or estate which is regarded with (gaping) expectancy. See *bay*<sup>2</sup>.
- abhor.** L. *abhorrere*, to shrink from, from *horrire*, to bristle (see *horrid*).
- abide<sup>1</sup>.** AS. *ābidan*, from *bidan*, to bide<sup>2</sup> (q.v.), remain. Followed by genitive, it meant to wait for; hence, to endure, put up with (*can't abide*).
- abide<sup>2</sup> [obs.].** Used by Shaks. (*Jul. Caes.* iii. 2) for *abye*, AS. *abyrgan*, to expiate, from *byrgan*, to buy.
- abiet- [chem.].** From L. *abies*, *abiet-*, fir.
- abigail.** Waiting-maid. Name of maid in Beaumont and Fletcher's *Scornful Lady* (1616), this perh. suggested by 1 Sam. xxv. 24 sqq.
- ability.** Re-fashioned from ME. & OF. *ableitē*. See *able*.
- abiogenesis [biol.].** Spontaneous generation. From G. &, neg., *bios*, life.
- abject.** From L. *abicere*, *abject-*, to cast away, from *jacere*.
- abjure.** L. *abjurare*, to swear off. See *jury*.
- ablactation.** Weaning. From L. *ablactare*, from *lac*, *lact-*, milk.
- ablative.** Lit. bearing away. L. *ablatus*, from *ablat-* (*auferre*).
- ablaut [ling.].** Ger., from *laut*, sound, with prefix cogn. with *off*.
- ablaze.** For *on blaze*. See *a-* and *blaze*<sup>1</sup>.
- able.** OF. *able* (replaced by *habile*), L. *habilis*, fit, apt, from *habēre*, to have, hold.
- ablution.** L. *ablutio-n-*, from *abluere*, *ablut-*, to wash away.
- abnegate.** From L. *abnegare*, to deny off.
- abnormal.** Altered (on L. *abnormis*) from F. *anormal*, Late L. *anormalus*, which is altered (on *norma*) from L. *anomalus* (see *anomalous*).
- aboard [naut.].** For *on board*, with sense influenced by F. *à bord* (see *board*).
- abode.** From *abide*<sup>1</sup>.
- abolish.** F. *abolir*, *aboliss-*, from L. *abolescere*, from *abolēre*, to destroy, cogn. with G. *ἀλλοιω*, I destroy (see *Apollyon*).
- abominate.** From L. *abominari*, to deprecate, shrink from the *omen*.

- aborigines.** L., from *ab origine*, from the origin.
- abortion.** From L. *aboriri*, *abort-*, to miscarry, from *oriri*, to appear.
- abound.** F. *abonder*, L. *abundare*, to overflow, from *unda*, wave.
- about.** AS. *onbūtan*, for *on be ūtan*, on by outside, *ūtan* being adv. from prep. *ūt*, out.
- above.** AS. *ābufan*, from *bufan*, for *be ufan*, by upward, from *uf*, up.
- abracadabra.** Cabalistic word of obscure Late L. origin (3 cent.).
- abrade.** L. *abradere*, to scrape off. See *razor*.
- abraham, to sham [naut.].** To feign sickness. In 16 cent. *Abraham man* was a cant name for a beggar feigning madness.
- abbranchiate [biol.].** Without gills. Cf. *branchiopod*. See *a-*.
- abrasion.** See *abrade*.
- abridge.** F. *abrégér*, L. *abbreviare* (see *abbreviate*).
- abroach, to set [archaic].** To pierce a cask. See *broach* and *a-*.
- abroad.** Altered (on adj. *broad*) from ME. *on brede*, on breadth (q.v.).
- abrogate.** From L. *abrogare*, to call off.
- abrupt.** From L. *abrumperē*, *abrupt-*, to break off.
- abs-.** See *ab-*.
- abscess.** L. *abscessus*, from *abscedere*, *abscess-*, to go away, from *cedere*, to go.
- abscissa [math.].** L. (sc. *linea*), from *abscindere*, *absciss-*, to cut off.
- abscond.** L. *abscondere*, to hide away, from *condere*, to hide, put away, from *con-* and *dare*, to give.
- absent.** L. *absens*, *absent-*, pres. part. of *abesse*, to be away (see *entire*).
- absinthe.** F. *absinthe*, L. *absinthium*, G. *ἀψιθίων*, the herb wormwood.
- absit [univ.].** L., let him be absent.
- absolve.** L. *absolvere*, to set free, from *solvere*, *solut-*, to loosen; cf. *absolute*, *absolution*.
- absorb.** L. *absorbere*, to suck away, swallow up.
- absquatulate [US.].** To skedaddle. Facetious coinage, perh. suggested by *squat*, to settle.
- abstain.** F. *abstenir*, from L. *abstinere*, to hold away, from *tenere*, to hold.
- abstemious.** From L. *abstemius*, from *temetum*, strong drink.
- absterge.** L. *abstergere*, from *tergere*, to wipe.
- abstinence.** F., see *abstain*.



**abstract.** From L. *abstrahere*, *abstract-*, from *trahere*, to draw.

**abstruse.** From L. *abstrudere*, *abstrus-*, from *trudere*, to push.

**absurd.** L. *absurdus*, from *surdus*, deaf, dull, dissonant.

**abundance.** F. *abondance*, see *abound*.

**abuse.** F. *abuser*, VL. *\*abusare*, from *abuti*, *abus-*, to misuse, from *uti*, to use.

**abut.** Mixture of two F. verbs, viz. *aboutey*, to join at the end (*bout*), and archaic *abuter*, to join exactly, reach the aim (*but*). But *bout* and *but* are ult. ident. Cf. also F. *aboutir*, to terminate at.

**abye** [*poet.*]. See *abide*<sup>2</sup>.

**abysm.** OF. *abisme* (Mod. *abîme*), VL. *\*abismus*, altered (after words of G. origin in *-ismus*) from *abyssus*, G. *ἄβυσσος*, bottomless (see *a-*), whence *abyss*.

**abyss.** See *abysm*.

**ac-** For *ad-* before *c-* and *qu-*.

**acacia.** G. *ἀκακία*, associated with *ἀκή*, point, but perh. of Egypt. origin.

**academy.** G. *ἀκαδήμεια*, orig. grove near Athens where Plato taught, named after a demi-god *Ἀκάδημος*.

**Acadian.** F. *acadien*, from *Acadie*, Nova Scotia (see *Evangeline*), from native name.

**acaleph-** From G. *ἀκαλήφη*, nettle.

**acanthus.** L. *acanthus*, G. *ἀκανθός*, from *ἀκανθα*, thorn, from *ἀκή*, point.

**acar-** From G. *ἄκαρι*, mite, from *ἀ-*, neg., *κρίνω*, to cut (cf. *atom*).

**Accadian** [*ling.*]. Lang. preserved in cuneiform inscriptions; prob. obs. c. 2000 B.C. From *Accad* in Shinar (*Gen. x. 10*).

**accede.** L. *accedere*, to move towards, from *cedere*.

**accelerate.** From L. *accelerare*, from *celer*, swift.

**accent.** F. *accent*, L. *accentus*, from *ad* and *cantus* (see *chant*), orig. translating G. *προσῳδία*, from *πρός*, to, *ᾠδή*, song, in sense of song added to instrumental music.

**accept.** F. *accepter*, L. *acceptare*, frequent. of *accipere*, *accept-*, from *capere*, to take.

**access.** L. *accessus*, from *accedere*, *access-*, to approach, come to (see *accede*). Cf. *accession*, *accessory*.

**accidence.** For *accidents*, pl. of *accident*, in sense of grammatical phenomenon. Cf. *occurrence*.

**accident.** F. *accident*, from pres. part. of L. *accedere*, to happen, from *cadere*, to fall.

**accidie.** OF. *accidre*, MedL. *accidia*, Late L. *acedia*, G. *ἀκηδία*, heedlessness, torpor, from *κηδος*, care. A ME. word lately revived.

**accipitral.** From L. *accipiter*, hawk.

**acclaim.** From L. *acclamare*, to shout to. See *clarm*.

**acclivity.** L. *acclivitas*, from *ad*, to, *clivus*, rising ground. Cf. *declivity*.

**accolade** [*hist.*]. F. *accolade*, It. *accolata*, from *accollare*, to embrace, from L. *collum*, neck.

**accommodate.** From L. *accommodare*, to fit. See *commodious*.

**accompany.** From F. *accompagner*. See *companion*.

**accomplice.** For earlier *complice*, F. *complice*, L. *complex*, *complex-*, lit. woven together. Mod. form may be due to some fancied connection with *accomplish*.

**accomplish.** F. *accomplir*, *accompliss-*, from OF. *complir*, from L. *complere*, to fill.

**account.** Restored spelling of *account* (q.v.).

**accord.** F. *accorder*, VL. *\*accordare*, from *corda*, harp-string, but affected in sense by association with *cor*, *cord-*, heart. Cf. *concord*, *discord*; also *accordion*, with ending imitated from *clarion*.

**accost.** F. *accoster*, It. *accostare*, VL. *\*accostare*, from *costa*, rib. Orig. to border on, come in contact with. See *coast*.

**accouchement.** F., from *accoucher*, to bring to bed. See *couch*.

**account.** OF. *aconter*, VL. *\*acomputare*, from *computare*, to reckon. See *count*<sup>2</sup>. *Accountant* is from the OF. pres. part.

**accoutre.** F. *accoutrer*, to fit out, equip, ? from F. *coudre*, ploughshare, L. *cultus*, with orig. sense of equipping a plough.

**accretion.** L. *accretio-n-*, from *acrescere*, *accret-*, to grow to (v.i.).

**accrue.** Orig. p.p. fem. of F. *accroître*, to grow, L. *accrescere* (v.s.). See *crew*, *recruit*.

**accumulate.** See *cumulate*.

**accurate.** From L. *accurare*, to give care to. See *cure*<sup>1</sup>.

**accursed.** Earlier *acursed*, where the *a-* is intens., as in *awake*. See *curse*.

**accuse.** L. *accusare*, to call to account, *causa*. Hence *accusative*, translating G. *αἰτιατική*, from *αἷτις*, cause.

**ace.** F. *as*, L. *as*, ass-, unity, prob. ident. with *assis*, board, dish, and

applied orig. to square metal token of value. Oldest sense is side of dice with one pip.

**Acelanda.** G. *'Ακελδαμά*, representing Aram. *h'qēl d'mā*, field of blood (*Acts* i. 19).

**ac emma.** Telephone slang for A.M.; cf. *pip emma*.

**-aceous.** From L. *-aceus*, of the nature of.

**acephalous.** From G. *ἀ-*, neg., *κεφαλή*, head.

**acerbity.** L. *acerbitus*, from *acerbus*, harsh to the taste, from *acer*, keen.

**acerv-.** From L. *acervus*, heap.

**acet-** [chem.]. From L. *acetum*, vinegar, from *acēre*, to be sour.

**acharnement.** Furious determination. F. *acharnement*, from *ā* and OF. *charn* (Mod. *chair*), flesh, L. *caro*, *carn-*. Orig. of setting on hounds.

**Achates.** Faithful friend. L. *fidus Achates*, companion of Aeneas (Virg.).

**ache.** AS. *acan*, with no known cognates.

**acherontic.** Gloomy, moribund. From G. *'Αχέρων*, river of Infernal Regions. Cf. *stygian*.

**achieve.** OF. *achiev-*, tonic stem of *achever*, from *ā* and *chef*. Cf. F. *venir à chef de*, to succeed in. See *chief*.

**Achilles tendon.** Great tendon of the heel. Allusion to vulnerable heel of *Achilles*.

**acicul-** From L. *acicula*, dim. from *acus*, needle.

**acid.** L. *acidus*, sharp, sour; cf. *acies*, edge, *acus*, needle.

**acin-** From L. *acinus*, clustered berry.

**acknowledge.** Earlier *aknowledge*, app. due to confusion between the M.E. verbs *knowlechen* and *aknowen*, AS. *oncnāwan*, to perceive. See *know*, *knowledge*.

**acme.** G. *ἀκμή*, point.

**acne** [med.]. ? G. *ἀχνη*, small particle, e.g. froth, chaff, down on fruit.

**acolyte.** G. *ἀκόλουθος*, following, from *κείνθος*, path.

**aconite.** Monkshood. L. *aconitum*, G. *ἀκόνιτον*. Origin unknown (see Pliny, *Hist. Nat.* 27, 10).

**acorn.** AS. *æcorn*. Com. Teut.; cf. LG. *ecker*, Bav. *akram*, ON. *akarn*, Goth. *akran*, all orig. fruit of the open country (see *acre*). Mod. spelling is due to the word being regarded as oak (AS. *āc*) *corn*.

**acoustic.** G. *ἀκουστικός*, from *ἀκούειν*, to hear (q.v.).

**acquaint.** From Norm. form of OF. *acointier*, to make known, from *acoint*, Late L. *\*accognitus*. See *quaint*.

**acquest** [leg.]. OF. *acquest* (Mod. *acquêt*), from *acquérir*, to acquire (q.v.).

**acquiesce.** L. *acquiescere*, from *quies*, quiet.

**acquire.** L. *acquirere*, *acquisit-*, from *quaerere*, to seek. Cf. *acquisition*.

**acquit.** F. *acquitter*, VL. *\*acquitare*, from *\*quitus*, for *quietus*. See *quit*.

**acre.** AS. *æcer*, field. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *akker*, Ger. *acker*, ON. *akr*, Goth. *akrs*; cogn. with L. *ager*, field, G. *ἀγρός*.

**acid.** From L. *acer*, *acr-*, sharp, sour. Irreg. formation due to analogy with *acid*.

**acrimony.** L. *acrimonia*, from *acer* (v.s.)

**acro-** From G. *ἄκρος*, topmost, summit.

**acrobat.** G. *ἀκρόβατος*, tip-toe walking, from *ἄκρος* (v.s.), *-βatos*, from *βαίνειν*, to go.

**acropolis.** G., from *ἄκρος* (v.s.), *πόλις*, city.

**across.** For *on cross* or *in cross*.

**acrostic.** G. *ἀκροστιχίς*, from *ἄκρος*, extreme, and *στιχός*, a row, line of verse.

**act.** F. *acte*, L. *actus*, from *agere*, *act-*, to do.

**actin-** From G. *ἀκτίς*, *ἀκτίν-*, ray.

**action.** L. *actio-n-*, from *agere*, *act-*, to do. Cf. *active*, L. *activus*.

**acton** [hist.]. Orig. quilted garment worn under armour. OF. *auqueton* (Mod. *hoqueton*), Sp. *algodón*, Arab. *al-quṭn*, the cotton, in allusion to the padding.

**actor.** Orig. *doer*. L., from *agere*, *act-*, to do.

**actual.** Late L. *actualis*, pertaining to *acts*.

**actuary.** L. *actuarius*, recorder of items, proceedings, etc. (v.s.).

**actuate.** From MedL. *actuare*, from *actus*, *act*.

**acuity.** MedL. *acuitas*, from *acus*, needle.

**aculeate.** L. *aculeatus*, furnished with a sting, from *aculeus*, dim. of *acus*, needle.

**acumen.** L., sharpness, from *acuere*, to sharpen (v.s.).

**acute.** L. *acutus*, p.p. of *acuere*, to sharpen.

**acushla** [Ir.]. Darling. Short for *a chuisle mo chroidhe*, O pulse of my heart.

**ad-**. L. *ad*, to; cogn. with E. *at* (q.v.). Usu. assimilated to following consonant (*abbreviate*, *achieve*, *acquaint*, *affect*, *aggrandize*, *announce*, *arrive*, *assent*, *attain*). Often restored from earlier *a-* (*adventure*, *adjourn*, etc.), and sometimes wrongly substituted (*advance*, *admiral*).

**adage**. F. *adage*, L. *adagium*, from root of *aio*, I say.

**adagio** [*mus*]. Slowly. It. *ad agio*, at ease. See *agio*, *ease*.

**adam**. Of architecture and furniture. From four brothers *Adam* (18 cent.), who built the Adelphi. Cf. *chippendale*.

**adamant**. OF. *adamant*, L. *adamas*, *adamant*, G. *ἀδάμας*, invincible, from *ἀ-*, neg., *δαμάω*, to tame (q.v.). See *diamond*.

**Adam's apple**. Allusion to the forbidden fruit supposed to have stuck in Adam's throat. In most Europ. langs.

**adapt**. L. *adaptare*, from *aptus*. See *apt*.

**add**. L. *addere*, to put to, from *ad* and *dare*, to give. Hence *addenda*, things to be added.

**addax**. Antelope. L., of Afr. origin.

**adder**. AS. *nǣdre*, snake. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *adder* (earlier *nadder*), Ger. *natter* (var. *otter*), ON. *náthr*, Goth. *nǣdrs*; cogn. with OIr. *natha(r)*, Welsh *neidr*, and perh. with L. *natrix*, water-snake. The initial *n-* was lost in ME., a *nadder* being understood as an *adder*. Cf. *apron*, *auger*, and, for the converse, *newt*.

**addict**. L. *addictus*, adjudged, made over, p.p. of *addicere*, from *dicere*, to say, tell.

**addition**. L. *additio-n-* (see *add*).

**addle**. AS. *adela*, putrid mud, filth; cogn. with Dan. *aile*, urine of cattle.

**address**. Orig. to make straight. F. *adresser*, from *dresser*. See *dress* and cf. senses of *direct*.

**adduce**. L. *adducere*, to bring to.

**-ade**. F. suffix in loan-words representing Prov. Sp. Port. *-ada*, It. *-ata*, L. *-ata*, which gave F. *-ée* (see *army*). In 16-17 cent. often changed into pseudo-Sp. form, e.g. *ambuscado*, *palisado*, and the surviving *bastinado*.

**adelph-**. From G. *ἀδελφός*, brother.

**ademption** [*leg.*]. L. *ademptio-n-*, from *ademptere*, *adempt-*, to take to oneself, take away.

**adenoid**. From G. *ἀδής*, acorn, fig. gland (q.v.). See *-oid*.

**adept**. L. *adeptus*, p.p. of *adipisci*, to attain, from *apisci*, to reach.

**adequate**. L. *adaequatus*, p.p. of *adaequare*, to make equal to.

**ad eundem (gradum)** [*univ.*]. Admission of graduate "to the same (degree)" at another university.

**adhere**. L. *adhaerere*, to stick to.

**adhibit**. From L. *adhibere*, *adhibit-*, from *habere*, to have, hold.

**ad hoc**. L., for this (specific purpose).

**adiantum** [*bot*]. Fern. From G. *ἀ-*, neg., *διαίωω*, to wet.

**adiaphorist** [*theol.*]. From G. *ἀδιάφοπος*, indifferent, neutral, from *ἀ-*, neg., *διαφέρω*, to differ.

**adieu**. F. for OF. *à Dieu*.

**adipose**. From L. *adeps*, *adip-*, fat, unexplained alteration of G. *ἀλειφαρ*, unguent.

**adit**. Approach to mine. L. *aditus*, from *adire*, to go to.

**adjacent**. From pres. part. of L. *adjacere*, to lie by.

**adjective**. L. *adjectivus*, from *ad-*, *jacere*, to add, from *jacere*, to throw.

**adjourn**. F. *ajourner*, from *à* and OF. *jour* (Mod. *jour*), day, L. *diurnus*, from *dies*, day.

**adjudicate**. From L. *adjudicare*, from *iudex*, *iudic-*, judge (q.v.).

**adjunct**. From L. *adjungere*, *adjunct-*, to join to.

**adjure**. L. *adjurare*, to swear to.

**adjust**. Two F. verbs are included here, viz. OF. *ajoster* (Mod. *ajouter*), to add, put together, from *à* and the OF. prep. *joste* (L. *juxta*); and ModF. *ajuster*, formed from *à* and *juste*.

**adjutant**. From pres. part. of L. *adjuvare*, frequent. of *adjuvare*, to help. Not straight from L., but (like Ger. *adjutant*) a remodelled form of Sp. *ayudante*.

**adjuvant**. From pres. part. of L. *adjuvare*, to help.

**ad lib**. Short for L. *ad libitum*, from *libere*, to please.

**adminicle**. Auxiliary, corroboration. L. *adminiculum*, prop.

**administer**. L. *administrare*. See *minister*.

**admiral**. Artificial spelling of *amiral*, F. *amiral*, Arab. *amīr-al(bahr)*, prince of the (sea). See *emir*.

**admire**. From L. *admirari*, to wonder at, from *mirus*, wonderful.

**admit**. L. *admittere*, to send to.

**admonish**. Corrupt. of earlier *amonest*

OF *amonester* (Mod. *admonester*), VL. \**admonestare*, an unexplained derivative of *admonere*, from *monere*, to advise.

**adnate** [bot.]. L. *adnatus*, usu. *agnatus*, lit. born to

**ado.** Orig. infin. *at do*, the prep. *at* being used in ON. with infin. like E. *to*.

**-ado.** See *-ade*.

**adobe.** Sun-dried brick. U.S., from Mexico. From Sp. *adobar*, to plaster. Cf. F. *adouber*, to put in order, arrange, It. *addobare*, to equip. All from Late L. *addubbare*, from *dub* (q.v.).

**adolescent.** From pres. part. of L. *adolescere*, *adult-*, to grow up, from archaic L. *olere*, to grow old.

**Adonis.** G. name, from Phoenician *adôn*, lord.

**adopt.** L. *adoptare*, to choose for oneself. Cf. *option*.

**adore.** L. *adorare*, to pray to. See *oral*.

**adorn.** L. *adornare*. See *ornament*.

**adown** [archaic]. For *of down*, AS. *of dūne*, lit. off hill. See *down*<sup>2</sup>.

**adrift.** Prob. for *on drift*. See *a-*.

**adroit.** F., orig. adv., *à droit*, rightly. See *droit*.

**adscititious, ascititious.** Supplemental, unsanctioned. Coined from L. *adscit-*, from *adsciscere*, to acknowledge, from *scire*, to know.

**adscript, ascript.** L. *adscriptus* (glebe), enrolled (to the soil), used of serfs.

**adsum.** L., I am here.

**adulation.** From L. *adulari*, to flatter, ? orig. to wag the tail, and ult. cogn. with Ger. *wedeln*, to wag the tail (see *wheel*).

**Adullamite** [hist.]. Nickname given (1866) to group of malcontent M.P.s who seceded from Liberal party. See 1 *Sam.* xxii.

**adult.** See *adolescent*.

**adulterate.** From L. *adulterare*, to commit adultery, corrupt, from *alter*, other (*ad alterum convertere*).

**adumbrate.** From L. *adumbrare*, to foreshadow, from *umbra*, shadow.

**adust.** Parched, gloomy. L. *adustus*, p.p. of *adurere*, to scorch, from *urere*, to burn.

**advance.** For earlier *avance*, F. *avancer*, to put forward, VL. \**abantiare*, from *ab ante*, whence F. *avant*, before.

**advantage.** F. *avantage*, VL. \**abantaticum*, or formed in OF. from *avant* with suffix *-age*, L. *-aticum*. See *advance*, *vantage*.

**advent.** L. *adventus*, from *advenire*, to come to, arrive.

**adventitious.** From L. *adventicius*, coming from abroad (v.s.).

**adventure.** For earlier *aventure*, F. *aventure*, L. *adventura*, from *advenire*, *advent-*, to happen. See *venture*.

**adverb.** F. *adverbe*, L. *adverbium*, translating G. *ἐπίρρημα*. See *verb*.

**adverse.** From L. *advertere*, *advers-*, to turn against. Cf. *adversary*, L. *adversarius*.

**advert.** For earlier *avert*, OF. *avertir*, VL. \**advertire*, for *advertere*, to turn to. See *advertise*.

**advertise.** From F. *avertir*, to warn, from L. *advertere*, to turn to (v.s.). The *ad-* is a restoration. For ending cf. *aggrandize*.

**advice, advise.** Earlier *avice*, F. *avis*, counsel, opinion, warning, OF. *à vis*, L. *ad visum*, from *videre*, *vis-*, to see; cf. It. *avviso*, Sp. *aviso*. The differentiated spelling (cf. *prophecy*, *practise*) is artificial.

**advocate.** L. *advocatus*, called in.

**advowson.** OF. *avoëson*, I. *advocatio-n-*, from *advocare*, to call to, summon.

**adytum.** Sanctum. L. *adytum*, G. *ἄδυτον*, from *ἀ-*, neg., *δύω*, to enter.

**adze.** AS. *adesa*, of unknown origin.

**aedile** [hist.]. L. *aedilis*, commissioner of work, from *aedes*, building, perh. cogn. with G. *aïdew*, to burn (with suggestion of hearth as nucleus of home).

**aegis.** L. *aegis*, G. *αἰγίς*, shield of Zeus or Pallas. From G. *αἶξ*, *αἴγ-*, goat. Orig. applied to goat-skin shield-belt of Zeus.

**aegrotat** [univ.]. L., he is sick, *aeger*.

**Aeolian<sup>1</sup>, Aeolic.** Mode of music, dialect. From *Aeolis* or *Aeolia*, Greek colony in Asia Minor. Cf. *Doric*.

**Aeolian<sup>2</sup>.** Natural harp. From L. *Aeolus*, god of the winds (*Aen.* i. 52).

**aeon.** G. *αἰών*, age, cogn. with L. *aevum*.

**aepyornis.** Gigantic fossil bird. From G. *αἰψός*, tall, *ὄρνις*, bird.

**aerate.** From L. *aer*, air (v.i.).

**aerial.** From L. *aer*, air (v.i.), after *ethereal*.

**aero-.** From G. *ἀήρ*, *ἀέρ-*, air, whence L. *aer*. *Aerodrome* is after earlier *hippodrome* (q.v.). *Aerolite* is for *aerolith*, from G. *λίθος*, stone. *Aeronaut*, F. *aéronaute*, from *ναύτης*, sailor, pilot, *aerostat*, F. *aérostat*, from *στατός*, supported, both date from

1783 (cf. *montgolfier*). *Aeroplane* is F. *aéroplane*. *Aerobatics*, "stunts," is after *acrobatice*.

**aery, eyry.** F. *aire*, "an airie, or nest of hawkes" (Cotg.), of uncertain origin. See *debonair*.

**Aesculapian, Esculapian.** Of *Aesculapius*, G. *Ἀσκληπιός*, god of medicine.

**aesthetic.** G. *αἰσθητικός*, from *αἰσθέσθαι*, to perceive.

**aestival, estival.** L. *aestivalis*, from *aestas*, summer. Cf. *aestivate*, opposite of *hibernate*.

**aetiology, etiology.** Study of causation. L. *aetologia*, from G. *αἰτία*, cause.

**af-** L. *ad-* before *f*.

**afar.** ME. of *fer* (cf. F. *de loin*), on *fer* (cf. F. *au loin*), both became in 14 cent. a *fer*, whence *afar*. See *far*.

**afear** [dial.]. The p.p. of obs. *afear*, to terrify (see *fear*). Common in Shaks. No connection with *afraid*.

**affable.** F. *affable*, L. *affabilis*, easy to be spoken to, from *adfari*, to address.

**affair.** F. *affaire*, OF. *asaire*, for *à faire*, L. *facere*, to do.

**affect.** L. *affectare*, to aim at, frequent. of *afficere*, to apply (oneself) to, from *ad* and *facere*, to do. Hence *affection*, *affection*.

**affer** [obs.]. To settle, confirm (Macb. iv. 3). AF. *asferer*, OF. *aseurer*, Late L. *afforare*, from L. *forum*, market, market-place.

**afferent** [anat.]. From pres. part. of L. *afferre*, to bear to.

**affiance.** Orig. noun, trust, troth. OF. *afiance*, from *after* (Mod. *affier*), VL. *\*affidare*, from *fidus*, faithful. Cf. *affidavit*.

**affiche.** F. *affiche*, from *afficher*, to affix, from *ficher*, to fix, ? VL. *\*figicare*, from *figere*.

**affidavit.** Lit. "he has pledged his faith," from VL. *\*affidare*, for which see *affiance*.

**affiliate.** From L. *affiliare*, to adopt as son, *filius*.

**affinity.** L. *affinitas*, from *affinis*, bordering on, from *finis*, end, boundary.

**affirm.** F. *affirmer*, L. *affirmare*, to make firm, *firmus*.

**afflatus.** L., from *afflare*, to inspire, from *ad* and *flare*, *flatus*, to blow.

**afflict.** From L. *affligere*, *afflict-*, from *figere*, to strike.

**affluence.** F. *affluence*, L. *affluentia*, from *affluere*, to flow towards.

**afflux.** MedL. *affluxus* (v.s.). Cf. *influx*.

**afford.** Earlier *aforth*, AS. *geforþian*, from *forþ*, forward. Orig. to "further," promote. For prefix cf. *aware*.

**affray.** First as verb, to frighten. OF. *esfreier* (Mod. *effrayer*), VL. *\*exfridare*, from OHG. *fridu* (Mod. *friede*), peace; thus a "breach of the peace." Of the verb only the p.p. *afraid* (*affrayed*) survives. See *fray*<sup>1</sup>.

**affright.** Earlier *afright*, from p.p. of AS. *āfyrhtan*, to terrify. See *fright*.

**affront.** F. *affronter*, VL. *\*affrontare*, to strike on the forehead, *frons*, *front-*.

**afloat.** AS. *on flote*. See *a-*.

**afoot.** For *on foot*. See *a-*.

**afore.** AS. *on foran* (see *fore* and *a-*) or *æt foran*. Now dial., but see Eph. iii. 3. Cf. *pin afore*, *aforesaid*, (*malice*) *aforethought*.

**a fortiori.** L., lit. from the stronger.

**afraid.** For *affrayed*, p.p. of *affray* (q.v.).

**afreet, afrit.** Evil demon of Moham medan mythology. Arab. *ifrit*.

**afresh.** From *fresh*, after *anew* (q.v.). **Afrikander** [SAfr.]. For Du. *Afrikaner* influenced by Du. *Englander*.

**aft.** AS. *æftan* (adv.), behind (cf. *abast*). *After*, AS. *æfter* (adv. & prep.), was orig. compar. of a prep. cogn. with Goth. *af*, off, not of *aft*, though the words are related.

**aftermath.** After (the first) mowing. AS. *mæth*, mowing, from *māwan*, to mow.

**aftermost.** AS. *æftemest*, triple superl. (-*te*-, -*m*-, -*est*) from prep. cogn. with Goth. *af*, off. See *most*.

**afterward(s).** AS. *æftanweard*, which became *aftward* (naut.), current form being due to *after*. See *ward*.

**ag-** L. *ad-* before *g*.

**aga, agha.** Turk. *aghā*, master.

**again.** AS. *ongegen*, *ongean*; cf. Ger. *entgegen*. *Against* is for earlier *again*, with spurious -*t* (cf. *amongst*, *betwixt*). This is a genitive formation in -*es* from *again*, which it has replaced as prep. See *gainsay*.

**agamous** [biol.]. From G. *ἀγαμος*, from *ἀ-*, neg., *γάμος*, marriage.

**agapanthus.** African lily. From G. *ἀγάπη*, love, *ἄνθος*, flower.

**agapé.** Love-feast of early Christians. G. *ἀγάπη*, brotherly love. Hence *agapemone*, abode (G. *μονή*, stopping place) of love.

- agaric.** Fungus. G. ἀγαρίκον. Said to be from *Agaria* in Sarmatia.
- agate**<sup>1</sup>. Stone. F. *agate*, G. ἀγάτης, from river *Achates* in Sicily.
- agate**<sup>2</sup> [dial.]. On the go. From *gate*<sup>2</sup>, way.
- agave.** Plant. G. Ἀγανή, myth. name, fem. of ἀγανός, illustrious.
- age.** F. *âge*, OF. *aage*, *eage*, earlier *edage*, VL. \**aetaticum*, from *aetias*, *aetiat-*, for *aevitas*, from *aevum*, age, cogn. with G. αἰών.
- age.** F. -age, L. -aticus, -aticum; cf. It. -aggio.
- agenda.** L., neut. pl. of gerundive of *agere*, to do.
- agent.** From pres. part. of L. *agere*, to do, act.
- agger** [antiq.]. L., mound, from *ad* and *gerere*, to bear.
- agglomerate.** From L. *agglomerare*, from *glomus*, *glomer-*, bunch, mass.
- agglutinate.** From L. *agglutinare*, to glue together, from *gluten*, *glutin*, glue.
- aggrandize.** From F. *agrandir*, It. *aggrandire*, from L. *grandis*. For ending cf. *advertise*.
- aggravate.** From L. *aggravare*, to make heavy, *gravis*.
- aggregate.** From L. *aggregare*, to form into a flock, *grex*, *greg-*. Cf. *gregarious*.
- aggress.** From L. *aggređi*, *aggress-*, to advance towards, from *gradus*, step.
- aggrieve.** See *grief*.
- agha.** See *aga*.
- aghost.** Earlier *agast*, p.p. of *agasten*, to frighten, from AS. *gāstan*, to terrify, cogn. with Goth. *usgatsjan*. For intrusive -h- cf. *ghost*.
- agile.** F. *agile*, L. *agilis*, from *agere*, to act.
- agio** [financ.]. Percentage charged on certain kinds of exchange. It. *agio*, ease, convenience. Hence *agiotage* (from F.), speculation, stock-jobbing.
- agist.** To admit cattle to pasture for a fixed period. OF. *agister*, from *ā* and *giste* (Mod. *gîte*), resting-place, from archaic F. *gisir*, to lie, L. *jacere*.
- agitate.** From L. *agitare*, frequent. of *agere*, to do, in sense of drive.
- aglet, aglet** [archaic]. Orig. tag of a lace or "point." Replaced by its F. original *aiguillette* (OF. *aguille*), dim. of *aiguille* (OF. *aguille*), needle, Late L. *acucula* (for *acacula*), dim. of *acus*, needle.
- agley, agly** [Sc.]. Askew. From ME. *glien*, to squint.

- agnail** [dial.]. Orig. corn on the foot. Now esp. of loose skin or soreness at root of finger-nails. AS *anġnagl*, corn, where the first element means compressed, painful (cogn. with L. *angustus* and Ger. *eng*, narrow) and the second is AS. *nagl*, nail. Cf. F. *clou*, "a nayle, also, a corne" (Cotg.).
- agnate.** Kin. L. *agnatus*, from *agnasci*, to be born to.
- agnomen.** L., from *ad* and (g)nomen, name.
- agnostic.** From G. ἀγνωστος, from *ā-*, neg., γινώσκειν, to know.
- Agnus Dei.** L., Lamb of God.
- ago.** Earlier *agone*, p.p. of AS. *āgān*, to pass (of time).
- agog.** Earlier *on gog*, OF. *en gogues*, of unknown origin. Cf. F. *goguenard*, playful.
- agony.** G. ἀγών, struggle for victory, from *āgōn*, assembly for the public games, from *āgēu*, to lead.
- agora** [hist.]. G. ἀγορά, assembly, market-place. Hence *agoraphobia*, dread of open spaces and crowds.
- agouti.** Small rodent of guinea-pig tribe. Sp. *aguti*, from Brazil.
- agra, agrad** [Ir.]. Darling. Voc. of Ir. *grādh*, love.
- agraffe** [archaic]. Clasp. F. *agrafe*, OF. also *grafe*, OHG. *krapfo* (Mod. *krapfen*), hook.
- agrail** [neol.]. Portmanteau-word for *agricultural railway*.
- agrarian.** From L. *agrarius*, from *ager*, *agr-*, field.
- agree.** F. *agrēer*, VL. \**adgratare*, from *gratus*, pleasing. Etym. sense survives best in *agreeable*.
- agriculture.** F. *agriculture*, L. *agri cultura*, from *ager*, field, and *colere*, cult-, to cultivate.
- agrimony.** Plant. L. *agrimonia*, corrupted (? by association with *ager*, field) from G. ἀγριμόνη.
- agronomy.** From G. ἀγρός, field (see -nomy).
- aground.** For *on ground*. See *a-*.
- ague.** OF. *ague* (Mod. *aigue*), sharp, L. *acuta*, in *fièvre aigue*.
- ah.** Natural ejaculation. Cf. F. *ah*, MHG. *ā*, etc.
- ahead.** Orig. naut. Cf. *abeam*, *astern*.
- ahem.** Imit. of calling attention by clearing the throat.
- ahoy.** For ME. *hoy*, imit. of shout. Cf. OF. *aoi*, interj. which ends each stanza of the *Chanson de Roland*.
- ahungered.** See *an-hungered*.

**ai.** Brazilian sloth. Native name, from cry.

**aid.** F. *aider*, L. *adutare*, frequent. of *adjuvare*, *adjut-*, to help.

**aide-de-camp.** F., camp assistant.

**aigrette.** F., orig. lesser white heron, or egret (q.v.); then, its crest.

**aiguillette.** See *aglet*.

**ail.** AS. *eglan*, to afflict, cogn. with Goth. *agljan*, and ult. with *awe*. Orig. trans. (cf. *What ails you?*).

**aileron** [*aeron*]. End of wing. F. *aileron*, from *aile*, wing, L. *ala*.

**aim.** Earlier *eyme*. App. due to two OF. verbs, *esmer*, L. *aestimare*, and *aesmer*, L. *adaestimare*. The oldest meaning is to esteem (Wyc. Ps. cxliii. 3); then, to strive towards.

**air.** F. *air*, L. *aer*, G. *áir*, from *áew*, to blow. Sense of manner, taken from F., may have been developed from orig. sense in allusion to the "atmosphere" of a person or environment; but it may be a separate word (see *debonair*). Mus. sense is from It. *aere* (archaic, replaced by *aria*).

**airedale.** Terrier from valley of the *Aire*, Yorks.

**airt** [Sc.]. Direction, point of the compass. Gael. *aird*, common in place-names; cf. Ir. *ard*; cogn. with G. *árd*is, point.

**aisle.** A common 16 cent. F. spelling of *aile*, wing, L. *ala*, due to a fantastic confusion with *isle* (Mod. *île*), island.

**ait.** Small island. Now often spelt *eyet* or *eyot*. AS. *igath*, related to AS. *ieg*, island. The ME. form is *eit*, *ait*.

**aitch-bone.** For *nache-* or *nago-*, the *n-* being lost as in *adder* (q.v.). ME. *nache*, *nage*, buttock, OF. *nache*, still used by F. butchers, VL *\*natica* for *natis*.

**ajar.** ME. *on char*, on the turn. See *charwoman*, *chare*. Cf. synon. Du. *op een kier*, from *keeren*, to turn.

**akimbo.** ME. in *kenebowe*. For *can bow*, the bow, curved handle, of a *can*, vessel. Cf. synon. L. *ansatus*, "one that in bragging manner stroweth up and down with his armes a-canne-bow" (Thomas, 1644), from *ansa*, handle, and F. *faire le pot à deux anses*, to stand with arms akimbo, lit. to play the pot with two handles. The same metaphor is found in Du. Ger. Sp. and other langs.

**akin.** For of *kin*; cf. *next of kin*.

**Akkadian.** See *Accadian*.

**al<sup>-1</sup>.** L. *ad-* before *l-*.

**al<sup>-2</sup>.** In some words, chiefly of Sp. origin, represents Arab. def. art.

**alabaster.** OF. *alabastre* (Mod. *albâtre*), G. *ἀλάβαστρος*, prob. of Eastern origin.

**alack.** Prob. arbitrary alteration of *alas*, by association with *lack*, in older sense of failure, shame. Chiefly in *alack-the-day* or *alack-a-day*, whence *lachadaisical*.

**alacrity.** L. *alacritas*, from *alacer*, brisk.

**alamode.** F. à *la mode*, in the fashion.

**alanna** [Ir.]. Voc. of Ir. *leanbh*, child.

**alar.** L. *alaris*, from *ala*, wing.

**alarm.** F. *alarme*, OF. à *l'arme*, It. *all' arme*, a call "to (the) arms." With rolled *-r-* it has given *alarum*. With apheet. *larum* cf. Ger. *Lärm*, uproar, orig. "an alarm, *alarum*" (Ludw.). Cf. *alert*.

**alarum.** See *alarm*.

**alas.** OF. *a las*, *he las* (Mod. *hélas*) or *lasse*, the adj. agreeing with the speaker. The first element is an interj., while *las*, weary, is L. *lassus*. Cf. It. *ah! lasso* or *lassa*.

**alate.** L. *alatus*, from *ala*, wing.

**alb.** AS. *albe*, L. *alba* (sc. *vestis*).

**albacore, albicore.** Fish. Port. *albacor*, Arab. *al-bukr*, the young camel, from the size of the fish.

**albatross.** Corrupted from obs. *alcatras*, frigate-bird, under influence of *albus*, the name being extended from the frigate-bird, which is black, to a larger and white sea-bird (cf. *penguin*). *Alcatras* is Sp. Port. *alcatraz*, sea-fowl, pelican, orig. Port. *alcatraz*, bucket of a water-wheel, Arab. *al-qādūs*, borrowed from G. *kádōs* (L. *cadus*), jar. App. first applied to the pelican, from its storage capacity.

**albeit.** For *all be it*, ME. *all*, in sense of *although*, with a subjunctive.

**albert (chain).** Named after *Prince Albert*, Consort of Queen Victoria. Cf. *victoria*.

**albescent.** From pres. part. of L. *albescere*, to grow white, *albus*.

**albicore.** See *albacore*.

**Albigenses** [hist.]. Southern F. protestants, orig. of *Albi* (Tarn), persecuted (13 cent.) at instigation of Innocent III.

**albino.** Sp. or Port. *albino*, from L. *albus*, white.

**Albion.** L. *Albion* (Pliny), perh. "white land."

**album.** Neut. of L. *albus*, white, blank.

**albumen.** L., from *albus*, white.

**alburnum.** Sap-wood. L., from *albus*, white.

**alcade, alcade.** Magistrate. Sp. *alcalde*, Arab. *al-qādī*, the judge (see *cadī*).

**alcahest.** See *alkahest*.

**alcaic.** Metre of Greek poet Ἀλκαῖος (fl. Mytilene, c. 600 B.C.).

**alcalde.** See *alcade*.

**alcayde.** Prison governor. Sp. *alcaide*, Arab. *al-qā'id*, the leader.

**alcazar.** Palace, fortress. Sp. *alcázar*, Arab. *al-qasr*, from L. *castrum*.

**alchemy.** F. *alchimie*, MedL. *alchymia*, Arab. *al-kīmiyā*, G. *χημεία*, *χειμεία*, transmutation of metals (3 cent.); ? connected with G. *Χημία*, Egypt, ? or with *χυμεία*, pouring (*χεῖν*, to pour).

**alcohol.** Arab. *al-kuhl*, fine powder used to darken the eyelids (see *kohl*). Later applied to fine chemical powders and subtle essences.

**alcoran.** F. *alcoran*, Arab. *al-qur'ān*, the reading. Now usu. *koran*.

**alcove.** F. *alcôve*, Sp. *alcova*, *alcoba*, Arab. *al-qubbah*, the vault.

**alcyonium.** G. *ἀλκυόνιον*, bastard sponge, trad. from resembling the nest of the *ἀλκυών*, kingfisher.

**alder.** AS. *alr*, with intrusive *-d-*, as in *elder* (tree). Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *els*, Ger. *erle* (OHG. *elira*), ON. *ölir*, Goth. *\*alisa* (whence Sp. *aliso*); cogn. with L. *alnus*.

**alderman.** AS. *ealdormann*, from *ealdor*, chief, patriarch, from *eald*, old.

**aldine** [typ.]. From *Aldus Manutius*, Venetian printer (†1515).

**ale.** AS. *calu*; cf. ON. *öl*.

**aleatory.** Hazardous. L. *aleatorius*, from *alea*, die<sup>2</sup>.

**alectryon.** Cock. G. *ἀλεκτρυών*, orig. a personal name (meaning "champion").

**alegar** [dial.]. Vinegar from ale. From *ale*, by analogy with *vinegar* (q.v.).

**Alemannic.** HG. tribe and dial. of Upper Rhine, now represented chiefly by Ger. Swiss. OHG. *alaman*, prob. "all man," whence F. *allemand*.

**alembic.** F. *alambic*, Sp. *alambique*, Arab. *al-inbiq*, the still, G. *ἀμβικ*, *ἀμβικ*, beaker.

**alerion, allerion** [her.]. Small spread eagle without beak or claws. F. *alerion*, formed, with L. suffix *-io-n-*, from MHG. *adelaar* (Mod. *adler*), eagle, orig. compd. *adel-ar*, noble eagle; cf. MedL. *alario*.

**alert.** OF. *à l'erte* (Mod. *alerte*), It. *all'erta* for *alla erta*, to the height (watch-tower), L. *erecta*. Cf. *alarm*.

**Alexandrian, Alexandrine.** Of the school of G. learning at *Alexandria* (B.C. 323-A.D. 640).

**alexandrine** [metr.]. Line of twelve syllables. Prob. from its use in a 13 cent. F. poem on *Alexandre le Grand*.

**alfalfa.** Kind of clover. Sp., from Arab.

**al fresco.** It., in the fresh (air).

**algebra.** It. *algebra*, Arab. *al-jabr*, the reunion of broken parts, from *jabara*, to reunite.

**-algia.** From G. *ἄλγος*, pain.

**algid.** L. *algidus*, from *algere*, to be cold.

**Algonkin** [ling.]. Group of N Amer. langs. F. *algonquin*, from native name.

**algorism** [archaic]. Arab., or decimal, system of notation. OF. *algorisme*, MedL. *algorismus*, Arab. *al-Khwārazmī*, i.e. the man of *Khwarezm* (Khiva), Arab mathematician (fl. 9 cent.).

**alguazil.** Sp. *alguacil*, constable, Arab. *al-wazīr*, the vizier (q.v.).

**algun** [Bibl.]. Kind of tree (2 Chron. ii. 8). Heb. *algūm*. Incorr. *almug* (1 Kings x. 11).

**Alhambra.** Short for Arab. *al-medīnat ul hamrā*, the red city, palace.

**alias.** L., otherwise, from *alius*, other.

**alibi.** L., for *ali-ubi*, other-where.

**alien.** L. *alienus*, of another country, from *alius*, other. Sense of insanity in *alienation* is found in L.

**alight<sup>1</sup>.** Verb. AS. *ālīhtan*, to spring down, orig. to lighten.

**alight<sup>2</sup>.** Adj. Orig. p.p. of obs. verb *alight*, to set on fire, AS. *onliehtan*.

**align** [mil.]. F. *aligner*, from *ligne*, line<sup>2</sup> (q.v.).

**alike.** ME. *yliche*, AS. *geliſe* (cf. Ger. *gleich*, OHG. *gelīh*).

**aliment.** L. *alimentum*, from *alere*, to nourish.

**alimony.** L. *alimonia*, maintenance, from *alere* (v.s.).

**aliquot.** L., from *alius* and *quot*, how many. Cf. *quota*.

**alive.** ME. *on live*, AS. *on līfe*, dat. of *līf*, life.

**alkahest** [alch.]. Universal solvent. Prob. sham Arab. invented by Paracelsus. Perh. suggested to him by *almagest* (q.v.).

**alkali** [chem.]. Arab. *al-qalī*, the calcined ashes (of certain plants).

**alkanet.** Plant and dye. Sp. *alcáneta*, dim. of *alcana*, Arab. *al-hinnā*. See *henna*.



**all.** AS *all*, *eall*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *al*, Ger. *all*, ON. *allr*, Goth. *alls*.  
**Allah.** Arab. *allāh*, for *al-'ilāh*, the god; cf. Heb. *elohāh* (Matt. xxvii. 46).  
**allay.** AS. *alēcgan*, to put down, abate, from *lēcgan*, to lay. Confused with a ME. form of *alloy* (q.v.), and also with a ME. form of OF. *alegier* (Mod. *alléger*), to lighten, Late L. *alleviare*.  
**allege.** Represents in sense F. *alléguer*, L. *allegare*, to quote, name, from L. *lex*, *leg-*, law, but in form AF. *alegier* or *eslegier*, to acquit, make free, confused with the above. OF. *eslegier* represents VL. \**ex-ledig-are*, from Ger. *ledig*, free.  
**allegiance.** Corrupt. of ME. *legaunce*, OF. *ligeance*, from *lige*, whence E. *liege* (q.v.).  
**allegory.** G. ἀλληγορία, from ἄλλος, other, ἀγορεύω, to speak, from ἀγορά, place of assembly.  
**allegro** [mus.]. It. *allegro*, from L. *alacer*, *alacr-*, cheerful, brisk.  
**alleluia.** G. ἀλληλούια, LXX translation of Heb. *hallēlū-yāh*, praise ye Jah, i.e. Jehovah.  
**allerion.** See *alerion*.  
**alleviate.** From Late L. *alleviare*, from *levis*, light.  
**alley**<sup>1</sup>. Way, walk. F. *allée*, p.p. fem. of *aller*, to go.  
**alley**<sup>2</sup>. Marble. Prob. short for *alabaster*. Cf. OF. *cassidoine*, chalcidony, in similar sense.  
**allaceous.** Of garlic, L. *allium*.  
**alligation** [math.]. "Rule of mixtures." L. *alligatio-n-*, from *alligare*, to bind to. Cf. *ally*.  
**alligator.** Sp. *el lagarto*, the lizard, L. *lacertus*. For *al-* cf. *alpaca*. *Alligator* (also *avocado*) *pear* is corrupted from Aztec *ahuacatl*, viā a Sp. form *avacata*.  
**alliteration.** From L. *ad* and *lit(t)era*, letter.  
**allo-**. From G. ἄλλος, other.  
**allocate.** From VL. *allocare*, from *locus*, place.  
**allocation.** L. *allocutio-n-*, from *alloqui*, to address, from *loqui*, *locut-*, to speak.  
**allodial** [hist.]. Of lands held in absolute ownership. MedL. *allodialis*, from *allodium*, OHG. *allōd*, all possession. OHG. *ōd* is cogn. with AS. *ēad*, wealth, bliss, etc., found in many AS. names (e.g. Edward).  
**allopathy.** Ger. *allopathie*, coined by Hahnemann (†1843) to express the opposite of *homoeopathy* (q.v.), from G. ἄλλος, other, πάθος, feeling.

**allot.** OF *aloter*. See *lot*.  
**allotropy** [biol.]. Variation of physical properties without change of substance. From G. ἄλλος, other, τρόπος, manner.  
**allow**<sup>1</sup>. To permit. OF. *allowier*, L. *allaudare*, from *laudare*, to praise, whence F. *louer*, to praise.  
**allow**<sup>2</sup>. To assign. F. *allowier*, VL. *allocare*, from *locare* (*locus*, place), whence F. *louer*, to let.  
**alloy.** F. *aloi*, from archaic *alover*, L. *aligare*, to bind. The same word as *alher*, to unite (cf. F. *plier*, *ployer*, both from L. *phicare*).  
**allude.** L. *alludere*, to play on, from *ludere*, play.  
**allure.** See *lure*.  
**alluvial.** From L. *alluvius*, washed against, from *luere*, to wash.  
**ally**<sup>1</sup>. To unite. F. *alher*, L. *aligare*, from *ligare*, to bind (see *alloy*).  
**ally**<sup>2</sup>. Marble. See *alley*<sup>2</sup>.  
**alma.** Egyptian dancing-girl. Arab. *alimah*, fem. of *ālim*, learned. Cf. *ulema*.  
**almagest** [archaic]. Orig. astrol. treatise by Ptolemy (fl. 2 cent.). OF. *almagesie*, Arab. *almajisti*, the greatest, borrowed from G. μέγιστον, greatest.  
**alma mater.** L., gracious mother, title of bountiful goddess (Ceres, Cybele), from *alere*, to nourish.  
**almanac.** First in Roger Bacon (13 cent.). App. Sp. Arab. *al-manākh*, but this is not an Arab. word. Eusebius (4 cent.) has G. ἀμηνικακά, calendars, perh. from G. μηνιαίος, monthly. See *month*.  
**almandine.** Kind of garnet. Earlier *alabandine*, L. *alabandina*, from *Alabanda*, city of Caria.  
**almighty.** AS. *eallmihtig*, rendering L. *omnipotens*.  
**almoign, almoine** [hist.]. Alms. OF. *almosne* (Mod. *aumône*). See *alms*. Now only in archaic *frank almoign*, perpetual tenure by free gift of charity.  
**almond.** OF. *alamande* (Mod. *amande*). Late L. *amandula* for *amygdala*, G. ἀμυγδάλη. (The *al-* is prob. due to confusion with numerous Arab. words in the Rom. langs.)  
**almoner.** See *alms*.  
**almost.** AS. *eallmæst*, *mæst eall*, most (nearly) all.  
**alms.** AS. *almesse*, G. ἐλεημοσύνη, from ἔλεος, compassion. *Almoner* is later, through OF. *almosnier* (Mod. *aumônier*). To account for some

forms of the word (OF. *almosne*, Ger. *almosen*) contact with L. *alimonia*, from *alere*, to support, feed, has been suggested.

**almug** [Bibl.]. See *algum*.

**alnager** [hist.]. Official measurer of cloth. OF. *aulnagour*, from *aulnage* (Mod. *awnage*), measurement, from *au(l)ne*, ell (q.v.).

**Alnaschar dreams**. Castles in the air. From character, the "barber's fifth brother," in the *Arabian Nights*, lit. "the lawyer," who has visions like those of the milkmaid in the fable.

**aloe**. G. ἀλόη.

**aloft**. ON. *á lopt(z)*, in the air, on high. See *loft*.

**alone**. Orig. *all one*, quite solitary; cf. Ger. *allein*.

**along**. AS *andlang* (cf. Ger. *entlang*), first element cogn. with G. *anri*, against (cf. *answer*). But the form is due rather to AS. *gēlang*, dependent on, caused by, as in dial. *along of*.

**aloof**. Orig. naut. Adapted from *Du te loef*, to windward. See *tuff*.

**aloud**. From *loud*, after earlier *ahigh*, *alow*, etc. See *a-*.

**Alp**. L. *Alpes*, prob. Celt. Cf. Gael. *alp*, Ir. *calp*, hill.

**alpaca**. Sp. *alpaca*, or *alpaco*, from *paco*, Peruv. name of animal, and Sp. def. art. *el*. *Al* for *el* is due to association with numerous words in *al-* from Arab. Cf. *alligator*.

**alphabet**. Late L. *alphabetum*, G. *ἀλφα βῆτα*, A B, Heb. *āleph*, ox, and *bēth*, house, from Phoenician symbols.

**Alphonsine tables** [astron.]. Compiled (1252) by *Alphonso the Wise*, king of Castile.

**already**. Orig. adj., *all ready*, quite prepared.

**Alsatis**. Latinization of F. *Alsace*, Ger. *Elsass*, seat of strangers, cogn. with *else* and *sit*. Cant name for Whitefriars (Lond.), sanctuary for law-breakers.

**alsike**. Clover. From *Alsike*, Sweden.

**alsirat**. Razor-like bridge over hell to Mohammedan paradise. Arab. *al-sirāt*, from L. *strata*, street.

**also**. For *all so*, AS. *eall-swā*. See *as*.

**alt**, in [mus.]. Prov. *alt*, L. *altus*, high.

**Altaic** [ling.]. Group of agglutinative langs., Ugro-Finnish, between *Altai Mountains* (Central Asia) and Arctic Ocean.

**altar**. AS. *altar*, L. *altare*, of doubtful origin.

**altazimuth** [astron.]. Instrument for determining *altitude* and *azimuth*.

**alter**. F. *altérer* (in ModF. to change for the worse), MedL. *alterare*, from *alter*, other.

**altercation**. L. *altercatio-n-*, from *altercari*, to dispute, speak to each other (v.i.).

**alternate**. From L. *alternare*, to take turns, from *alternus*, from *alter*, other.

**althaea**. Mallow. L. *althaea*, G. *ἀλθαία*, cogn. with *ἀλθαίνω*, to heal.

**althing** [hist.]. Icelandic parliament, abolished 1800. ON. *althing*, general assembly. See *thing*.

**although**. *All though*. Cf. *albeit*.

**altitude**. L. *altitudo*, from *altus*, high.

**alto**. It. *alto*, L. *altus*, high.

**altogether**. Three words in AS. See *together*.

**alto-relievo**. It. *alto rilievo*, high relief.

**altruism**. F. *altruisme*, coined by Auguste Comte from It. *altrui*, to express the opposite of *egoism*. It. *altrui* and F. *autrui* are VL. \**alterui*, from *alter*, other.

**alum**. OF. *alum* (Mod. *alun*), L. *alumen*.

**aluminium**. Earlier *aluminum*, from *alum*.

**alumnus** [univ.]. L., nursing, from *alere*, to nourish.

**alveolar**. From L. *alveolus*, socket of tooth, dim. of *alveus*, channel, cogn. with G. *αὐλός*, flute, longitudinal cavity.

**always, always**. From *all* and *way*. *Alway* was the acc., and *always*, ME. *alles weis*, the genitive.

**alyssum**. Plant. G. *ἀλυσσον*, neut. of *ἀλυσσος*, curing rabies, from *ἀ-*, neg., *λύσσα*, madness.

**am**. See *be*.

**amadavat**. See *avadavat*.

**Amadis**. Fantastic hero. From medieval Sp. and Port. romance of *Amadis of Gaul*.

**amadou**. German tinder. F., from Prov., lit. lover, from quick kindling.

**amain** [archaic]. From *main* (q.v.) by analogy with other words in *a-* (q.v.).

**amalgam**. F. *amalgame*, MedL. *amalgama*, of unknown origin. The OF. var. *algame* suggests G. γάμος, marriage. The "marriage" of the metals is often referred to in alchemistic jargon.

**amanuensis**. L., from *a manu* (sc. *servus*).

**amaranth**. F. *amaranthe*, G. *ἀμάραντος*, everlasting, from *ἀ-*, neg., *μαράναινα*,

to wither. Form is due to influence of *G. άνθος*, flower.

**amaryllis.** Flower. *G. 'Αμαρυλλίς*, name of typical country-maiden.

**amass.** *F. amasser*, from *à masse*. See *mass*<sup>2</sup>.

**amateur.** *F. amateur*, *L. amator-em*, from *amare*, to love. Cf. *dilettante*. *L. amare* is prob. from a baby-syllable *am* (see *aunt*).

**amati.** Violin by *Amati* family (Cremona, 16-17 cents.).

**amaurosis** [*med.*]. Disease of eye. *G.*, from *ἀμαυρός*, dark. See *Moor*.

**amaze.** *AS. āmasian*, of obscure origin. Cf. *Norw. dial. masast*, to lose one's senses, and see *maze*.

**amazon.** *G. 'Αμαζών*, explained by the Greeks as from *ἀ-*, neg., and *μαζός*, breast, the Amazons being fabled to cut off the right breast for convenience in archery. This is folk-etym. and the word is prob. of OPers. origin.

**ambages.** *L.*, windings (see *ambiguous*).

**ambassador.** *F. ambassadeur*, *It. ambasciatore*, from *L. ambactus*, vassal, retainer of a Gallic chief, of Gaulish origin, and cogn. with *L. ambi*, around, *agere*, to do. *Ger. amt*, office (OHG. *ambahti*), and other Teut. forms are early loans from Celtic.

**amber.** *F. ambre*, *Arab. 'anbar*, ambergris. *E. amber* is now replaced in this sense by *ambergris*, *F. ambre gris*, and is used only of fossil resin, *F. ambre jaune*. The two were confused, both being found by the shore.

**ambergris.** See *amber*.

**ambi-, amb-.** *L. ambi-*, about, cogn. with *G. ἀμφί*, on both sides.

**ambidexter.** Late *L.*, from *ambi* (v.s.) and *dexter*. See *dexterous*.

**ambient.** From pres. part. of *L. ambire*, to go about (v.s.).

**ambiguous.** From *L. ambiguus*, from *ambigere*, from *amb-* and *agere*, lit. to drive both ways.

**ambit.** *L. ambitus*, going round (v.i.).

**ambition.** *L. ambitio-n-*, lit. going about (for votes), from *ambire*. See *ambient*.

**amble.** *F. ambler*, *L. ambulare*, to walk.

**ambo** [*hist.*]. Reading-desk in early Christian churches. Late *L. ambo*, *G. ἄμβων*, from *ἀναβαίνειν*, to go up.

**Amboyna** (wood). From *Amboyna*, one of the Moluccas.

**ambrosia.** *G. ἀμβροσία*, food of the immortals, from *ἀμβροτος*, immortal, from *ἀ-*, neg., *βροτός* (for *\*μβροτός*), cogn. with *L. mortuus*. Cf. *nectar*.

**ambry, aumbry** [*dial.*]. Storehouse, cupboard. Earlier *armary*, *almery*, *OF. armarie*, *almarie* (Mod. *armoie*), *L. armarium*, cupboard, orig. place for arms and tools.

**ambs-ace, ames-ace** [*archaic*]. *OF. ambes-as*, *L. ambo asses*, two aces, lowest throw at dice. See *ace*.

**ambulance.** *F. ambulance*, earlier *hôpital ambulante*, from *L. ambulare* to travel.

**ambury.** See *anbury*.

**ambuscade.** *F. embuscade*, *It. imboscata* or *Sp. emboscada*, p.p. fem. of *imboscare*, *emboscar*, to "enbush." See *bosky*, *ambush*.

**ambush.** *OF. embusche* (Mod. *embûche*), from *embuscher*, to hide in the woods, now replaced by *embusquer*. Cf. *embusqué*.

**âme damnée.** *F.*, familiar spirit; orig. soul damned by compact with controlling demon.

**ameer.** Of Afghanistan. See *emir*.

**ameliorate.** Coined from *F. améliorer*, from *à* and *L. melior*, better.

**amen.** *Heb. āmēn*, certainty, truth, used as expression of consent.

**amenable.** Orig. liable to be brought before jurisdiction. *AF.*, from *F. amener*, *VL. \*adminare*, from *minari*, to threaten, whence *mener*, *amener*, to lead.

**amend.** *F. amender*, *VL. \*amendare* for *emendare*, from *ex* and *mendum*, fault. Hence *aphet. mend*, which has supplanted *amend* in most senses.

**amenity.** *F. aménité*, *L. amoenitas*, -*itas*, from *amoenus*, pleasant, ? cogn. with *G. ἀμείνω*, better.

**amerce** [*archaic*]. To fine. Earlier *amercy*, *AF. amercier*, to fine, formed from phrase *estre à merci*, to be at mercy, i.e. at the discretion of the tribunal.

**ames-ace.** See *ambs-ace*.

**amethyst.** *F. améthyste*, *G. ἀμέθυστος*, from *ἀ-*, neg., *μεθύσκεν*, to intoxicate, because supposed to act as a charm against intoxication. See *mead*<sup>1</sup>.

**amiable.** Combined from *OF. amable*, *L. amabilis*, from *amare*, to love, and *F. amiable*, Late *L. amicabile*, from cogn. *amicus*, friend. The former has become in ModF. *aimable*, under influence of *aimer*.

**amianthus** [*min.*]. For *amiantus*, *G. ἀμύαντος*, undefiled, from *ἀ-*, neg., *μαίαινειν*, to defile.

**amicable.** Late *L. amicabile*, from *amicus*, friend, from *amare*, to love.

**amice**<sup>1</sup>. Square of white linen worn by the celebrant priest. Earlier *amit*, OF. *amit*, L. *amicus*, from *amicire*, to cast round, from *ambi-* and *jacere*.

**amice**<sup>2</sup>. Furred cape worn by religious orders. F. *aumusse*, with early cognates in the Rom. langs. Cf. MedL. *almucia*, whence early Du. *almutse* (Mod. *mutts*), MHG. *almuz* (Mod. *mütze*). Prob. of Eastern origin. See also *mutch*.

**amid**. AS. *on middan* (dat.), whence ME. *a-midde*. This became *a-middes*, with genitive -s added to many adv. expressions. The -t is excrescent. Cf. hist. of *against*, *amongst*. Hence also apphet. 'mid', 'midst'. See *mid*.

**amir**. See *emir*.

**amiss**. From *miss*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.) and *a-* (q.v.). To take *amiss* was orig. to misunderstand, "mis take."

**amity**. F. *amitié*, VL. \**amicitas*, -*lat*-, for *amicitia*, from *amicus*, friend, from *amare*, to love.

**ammonia**. Coined from *sal ammoniac*, F. *ammoniac*, G. *ἀμμωνιακόν*, from *Ammonia*, region in Libya near shrine of *Jupiter Ammon*, where the salt is said to have been first obtained from camel's dung. Cf. *ammonite*.

**ammonite** [geol.]. ModL. *ammonites* (18 cent.), for fossil called in MedL. *cornu Ammonis*, from resemblance to horns of *Jupiter Ammon*. *Ἀμμων* is G. form of Egypt. deity *Amūn*.

**ammunition**. Obs. colloq. F. *l'armunition* (16-17 cent.), for *la munition* (see *munition*), by wrong separation of def. art.

**amnesia**. G. *ἀμνησία*, forgetfulness (v.i.). Cf. *aphasia*.

**amnesty**. G. *ἀμνηστία*, oblivion, from *ἀ-*, neg., *μνᾶσθαι*, to remember. Cf. *mnemonic*.

**amniion** [anat.]. Membrane enclosing fetus. G. *ἀμνιον*, caul, dim. of *ἀμνός*, lamb.

**amoeba** [biol.]. Microscopic animalcule perpetually changing. G. *ἀμοιβή*, change.

**amok**. See *amuck*.

**among, amongst**. AS. *on gemang*, from noun *gemang*, mingling, crowd, from *gemengan*, to mingle (q.v.). For spurious -st cf. *against*, *amidst*.

**amontillado**. Sp., sherry having flavour of *Montilla*, dry sherry from hill district so named.

**amoral** [neol.]. From G. *ἀ-*, neg., and *moral*.

**amorous**. F. *amoureux*, Late L. *amorousus*, from *amor*, love.

**amorphous**. From G. *ἀμορφος*, shapeless, from *ἀ-*, neg., *μορφή*, shape.

**amortize**. F. *amortir*, *amortiss-*, from *à* and *mort*, death.

**amount**. OF. *amonter*, to mount up, from *amont*, up hill, L. *ad montem*.

**amour**. F. *amour*, L. *amor-em*, prob. from a baby-syllable *am* (cf. *papa*, etc.).

**ampelopsis**. Creeper. From G. *ἀμπέλος*, vine, *ὄψις*, appearance.

**ampère**. Unit of electricity. From name of F. electrician (†1836). Cf. *ohm*, *volt*.

**ampersand** [archaic]. The sign &, formerly & ligature of *et*. This ended the "criss-cross row" of the hornbook, which was repeated aloud by children—"A per se A, B per se B, . . . and per se and."

**amphi-**. G. *ἀμφί*, on both sides, cogn. with L. *ambi-*. Hence *amphibia* G. *ἀμφίβια*, neut. pl., from *βίος*, life; *amphibology*, from G. *ἀμφιβολία*, ambiguity, from *βάλλειν*, to cast; *amphibrach*, metr. foot, from G. *βραχύς* short (on both sides); *amphictyonic*, orig. council of Greek States, G. *ἀμφικτύονες*, those dwelling around.

**amphigouri, amphigory**. Rigmorole. F. *amphigouri* (18 cent.), ? coined from G. *ἀμφί* and *γῶρος*, circle (cf. *roundabout*, *circumlocution*).

**amphimacer**. Metr. foot. From G. *μακρός*, long (on both sides); cf. *amphibrach*.

**amphisbaena**. Fabled two-headed serpent. G. *ἀμφίσβανα*, from *ἀμφίς*, both ways, *βαίνειν*, to go.

**amphitryon**. Host, entertainer. From Molière's *Amphitryon*, adapted from Plautus.

**amphora**. L. *amphora*, two-handled vessel, from G. *ἀμφί*, on both sides, *φέρειν*, to bear.

**ample**. F. *ample*, L. *amplus*.

**ampulla**. L., dim. of *amphora* (q.v.).

**amputate**. From L. *amputare*, from *amb-*, about, and *putare*, to lop, prune.

**amuck, amok (to run)**. Malay *amok*, rushing in frenzy to the commission of indiscriminate murder.

**amulet**. F. *amulette*, L. *amuletum*, ? contr. of *amovere letum*, avert (imper.) death.

**amuse**. F. *amuser* (see *muse*<sup>2</sup>). Orig. to make to muse, occupy the attention, and even trick, delude (cf. *bemuse*).

**amygd-**. From L. *amygdalum*, almond (q.v.).

**amyl-** [*chem.*]. From G. *ἄμυλον*, starch.

**an<sup>1</sup>**. Adj. Orig. ident. with *one* (q.v.), AS. *ān* (cf. Sc. *ane*). Cf. double use of F. *un*, Ger. *ein*. *An* was reduced early to *a* before a consonant.

**an<sup>2</sup>**. Archaic conj. In *an it please you*. See *and*.

**an-**. As G. prefix for *ana-* (q.v.) or for *ā-* neg. before vowel.

**ana**. Collection of sayings, gossip, etc. connected with any person. Orig. neut. pl. of L. adj. ending *-anus*, as in *Virgiliana*, things relating to Virgil.

**ana-, an-**. G. *ἀνά*, of rather vague meaning, upon, up, back, again; cogn. with *on*.

**anabaptist**. From G. *ἀνά*, over again, *βαπτίζω*, to baptise.

**anabasis**. G. *ἀνάβασις*, going up, from *βαίνειν*, to go.

**anachronism**. G. *ἀναχρονισμός*, from *ἀνά*, backwards, *χρόνος*, time.

**anacoluthon** [*gram.*]. Failure in grammatical sequence. From G. *ἀνακόλουθος*, not following, inconsequent, from *ἀν-*, neg., *ἀκόλουθος*, following. Cf. *acolyte*.

**anaconda**. ? Orig. misapplication of Sinhalese *henakandayā*, whip snake, lit. lightning-stem.

**anacreontic**. From *Ἀνακρέων*, G. lyric poet (fl. 6 cent. B.C.).

**anadem** [*poet.*]. Wreath. G. *ἀνάδημα*, fillet, from *δεῖν*, to bind.

**anadromous**. Fish ascending river to spawn. From G. *δραμεῖν*, to run.

**anadyomene**. Epithet of Venus. G., diving up, from *ἀναδύσθαι*, to rise from the sea.

**anaemia**. G. *ἀναιμία*, from *ἀν-*, neg., *αἷμα*, blood.

**anaesthetic**. Coined (1847) from G. *ἀναισθητός*, without feeling. See *aesthetic*.

**anaglyph** [*arch.*]. Low relief ornament. G. *ἀναγλυφή*, from *γλύφειν*, to hollow out.

**anagoric**. G. *ἀναγωγικός*, mystical, from *ἀνάγειν*, to lead up.

**anagram**. G. *ἀνάγραμμα*, from *ἀναγραμματίζειν*, to transpose letters, from *γράμμα*, letter.

**Anak**. Giant. Usu. son of *Anah* (*Josh.* xiv. 15).

**analects**. Literary gleanings. G. *ἀνάλεκτα*, neut. pl., from *λέγειν*, to gather.

**analogy**. G. *ἀναλογία*, from *ἀνά*, up to, *λόγος*, ratio.

**analysis**. G. *ἀνάλυσις*, from *λύειν*, to loose.

**ananas**. Pine-apple. F. *ananas*, Sp. *anana*, from Brazil.

**anapaest**. Metr. foot. G. *ἀνάπαιστος*, reversed, because representing a reversed dactyl; from *ἀνά*, back, *παίειν*, to strike.

**anarchy**. G. *ἀναρχία*, from *ἀν-*, neg., *ἀρχός*, chief (see *arch<sup>2</sup>*).

**anarthrous** [*anat.*]. Jointless (see *an-, arihritis*).

**anastatic** [*typ.*]. From G. *ἀναστατός*, standing up. See *static*.

**anastomosis**. Intercommunication. G., from *ἀναστομοῦν*, to furnish with a mouth, *στόμα*.

**anathema**. G. *ἀνάθημα*, var. of *ἀνάθημα*, an offering, from *ἀνά*, up, *τιθέναι*, to set. Later, object devoted to evil.

**anatomy**. G. *ἀνατομία*, from *ἀνά*, up, *τέμνειν*, to cut (see *atom*).

**anbury, ambury** [*vet. & bot.*]. Spongy wart. Prob. for *angberry* (with first element as in *agnail*), confused with dial. *amper*, swelling, L. *ampulla*.

**ancestor**. OF. *ancestre* (Mod. *ancêtre*), L. *antecessor*, fore-goer. The ending is due to ME. *ancessour*, representing the OF. acc., L. *antecessor-em*.

**anchor**. AS. *ancor*, L. *ancora* (incorr. *anchora*), G. *ἄγκυρα*, from *ἄγκος*, bend; cf. F. *ancre*, It. *ancora*, Ger. *anker*, ON. *akkeri*, etc.; all from L.

**anchorite, anchorite**. Earlier also *anachorete*, F. *anachorète*, G. *ἀναχωρητής*, from *ἀνά*, back, *χωρεῖν*, to go.

**anchovy**. Earlier *anchove*, Sp. *anchova*; cf. F. *anchois*, app. a pl. ? Ult. from synonym. G. *ἀφύη*.

**anchylosis** [*med.*]. Stiffness of joints. G., from *ἄγκυλος*, crooked, cogn. with *angle<sup>1, 2</sup>*.

**ancient**. F. *ancien*, VL. *\*antianus*, from *ante*. Often incorr. used formerly, e.g. by Shaks., for *ensign* in both senses (1 *Hen.* IV, iv. 2; 2 *Hen.* IV, ii. 4).

**ancillary**. Subordinate. From L. *ancilla*, handmaid, dim. of archaic L. *anca*.

**and**. AS. *and*, *end*. Aryan; cf. Du. *en*, Ger. *und*, ON. *endr*, Goth. *and*, Sanskrit *aiha*; cogn. with L. *ante*, G. *ἀντί*, against, juxtaposed, and with *end*. See also *answer*. It was used also to introduce a condition, and often reduced to *an<sup>2</sup>* or strengthened with a redundant *if* (*Matt.* xxiv. 48).

**andante** [*mus.*]. It., pres. part. of *andare*, to go, ? L. (se) *ante dare*, to put oneself forward.

**andiron**. ME. *aundire*, OF. *andier*, now *landier*, for *l'andier*: cf. *Med.*

*andenæ, andernus, anderus*, etc. Origin unknown. The -iron is folk-etym. (cf. *grid-iron*).

**Andrea Ferrara** [hist.]. Sc. broadsword. *Andrea dei Ferrari*, i.e. Andrew of the armourers, was a 16 cent. sword-smith of Belluno. According to some Sc. authorities the blades were made by *Andrew Ferrars* or *Ferrier* (? of Arbroath), who again, according to a popular legend, may have been the Italian in exile.

**Andrew**. Patron saint of Scotland; hence *St Andrew's cross*, supposed to be the shape of the cross (X) used at his martyrdom. *Merry-andrew*, quack's attendant, is from the common use of *Andrew* as name for a serving-man (cf. *abigail, zany, jack-pudding*). See also *dandy*.

**androgynous** [anat.]. Hermaphrodite. From G. *ἀνδρόγυνος*, from *ἀνήρ*, *ἀνδρ*, man, *γυνή*, woman.

**Andromeda** [astron.]. G. maiden rescued from sea-monster by Perseus. Also used of a genus of shrubs.

**anecdote**. F. *anecdote*, G. *ἀνέκδοτα*, neut. pl., things unpublished, from *ἀν*-, neg., *ἐκδιδόναι*, to give out.

**anele** [archaic]. To give extreme unction (*Haml.* i. 5). ME. *anelien*, from AS. *ele*, oil, L. *oleum*.

**anemometer**. Wind-gauge. See *anemone, -meter*.

**anemone**. G. *ἀνεμώνη*, wind-flower, lit. daughter of the wind, *ἀνεμος*.

**anent** [Sc.]. AS. *on efen*, on a level, with excrement -i. Orig. side by side with, as still in dial. Cf. Ger. *neben*, near, beside, for older *eneben* (in *eben*).

**aneroid**. F. *anéroïde*, coined from G. *ἀν*-, neg., *νῦψος*, damp. See -oid.

**aneurism** [med.]. Morbid dilatation of artery. G. *ἀνεύρισμα*, from *ἀνευρύνειν*, from *εὐρύνειν*, to open.

**anew**. Earlier of *new*; cf. F. *de nouveau*.

**anfractuosity**. F. *anfractuosité*, from L. *anfractuosus*, winding, roundabout, from *anfractus*, a breaking round, bending, from *ambi*- and *frangere*, *fract-*, to break.

**angel**. AS. *engel*, L. *angelus*, G. *ἄγγελος*, messenger. ModE. form is due to influence of L. and of OF. *angle, angele* (Mod. *ange*).

**angelica**. Herb. MedL. *herba angelica*, from reputed med. qualities.

**angelus**. Init. word of devotional exercise repeated at the ringing of the

angelus bell—*Angelus domini nuntiavit Mariæ*...

**anger**. ON. *angr*, cogn. with L. *angere* (see *anguish*). Orig. rather in passive sense of pain, affliction, etc.

**angina** [med.]. L. *angina*, quinsy, from *angere*, to compress, cogn. with G. *ἀγχώρη*. See *anguish, quinsy*.

**angio-**. From G. *ἄγγειον*, dim. of *ἄγγος*, vessel, chest.

**angle**<sup>1</sup>. Verb. From obs. *angle*, fish-hook, AS. *angel*, dim. of AS. *anga, onga*, prickle, goad, ult. cogn. with L. *uncus*, and also with *angle*<sup>2</sup>. The hist. *Angles* took their name from *Angul*, ON. *Öngull*, a hook-shaped district in Holstein.

**angle**<sup>2</sup>. Noun. F. *angle*, L. *angulus*, corner; cf. G. *ἄγκος*, bend. See *angle*<sup>1</sup>.

**Anglian** [ling.]. See p. x. Sometimes includes Mercian (see *angle*<sup>1</sup>).

**Anglican**. MedL. *Anglicana ecclesia* occurs in *Magna Charta* and earlier. App. modelled on *Gallicanus*.

**Anglo-**. From L. *Anglus*, from AS. (see *angle*<sup>1</sup>).

**Anglo-Saxon**. Orig. used to distinguish the English Saxons from the continental Saxons.

**angola**. See *angora*.

**angora**. From mod. name of *Ancyra*, in Asia Minor, famous for breed of cats and goats. Hence a material, often corrupted to *angola*.

**angostura, angustura**. Bark (used for making bitters) from a town on the Orinoco formerly so named. Now Ciudad Bolívar.

**anguine** [biol.]. L. *anguinus*, of the snake, *anguis*, *anguin-*.

**anguish**. OF. *anguisse* (Mod. *angoisse*), L. *angustia*, compression, from *angustus*, narrow; cogn. with *anger* and *anxious*.

**angusti-**. From L. *angustus*, narrow (v.s.).

**anharmonic**. Not harmonic. G. *ἀν*-, neg. **an-hungred** [Bibl.]. For earlier *a-hungred*, with *a-* for earlier *of-* (cf. *anew*) with intens. force. Cf. Ger. *abgehungert*, starving, where the prefix is cogn. with E. *of*. See *athirst*.

**anhydrous**. From G. *ἀνυδρος*, from *ἀν*-, neg., *ὕδωρ*, water.

**anigh**. Mod. sham antique, modelled on *afar*.

**anile**. L. *anilis*, imbecile, from *anus*, old woman.

**aniline**. Coined from F. *anil*, indigo, Sp. *añil*, Arab. Pers. *annil* for *al-nīl*,

the indigo, orig. meaning (Sanskrit) dark blue. Cf. *nylghau*.

**animadvert.** L. *animadvertere*, for *animus advertere*, to turn the mind to.

**animal.** L., for *animale*, neut. of *animalis*, having breath of life, *anima*.

**animalcule.** L. dim. *animalculum*.

**animate.** From L. *animare*, to give breath to (see *animal*). Cf. G. *ἀνεμος*, wind.

**animosity.** F. *animosité*, Late L. *animositas*, -*tat*-, from *animus*, spirit.

**animus.** L. (v.s.).

**anise.** F. *anis*, L. *anisum*, G. *ἀνισον*, also *ἀνιθον*. *Aniseed* is from *anise seed*. F. *anisette*, liqueur, is a dim. of *anis*.

**anker** [archaic]. Cask. In most Teut. langs., earliest in Du. Older is MedL. *anceria*, *ancheria*, a small vat. Origin unknown.

**ankle.** AS. *ancleow*, app. compd. of *claw*; cf. Du. *enclaauw*, OHG. *anchlāo*, ON. *ðkkla*. But this will not explain ME. *ankyl*, mod. *ankle*, which appears to represent a Fris. or Scand. form; cf. Du. *enkel*, Dan., Sw. *ankel*; also Ger. *enkel*, used in some dialects for the more usual *knöchel* (see *knuckle*); ? all cogn. with Sanskrit *āṅga*, limb.

**ankylosis.** See *anchylosis*.

**anlace** [hist.]. Kind of dagger (Chauc. A. 357). Metath. of OF. *alenas*, from *alène*, awl (cf. *cutlass*). See *awl*.

**anna.** Sixteenth part of a rupee. Hind. *ānā*.

**annals.** L. *annales* (sc. *libri*), year-books, from *annus*, year.

**annates** [hist.]. "First fruits," payment to Rome of first year's income by newly appointed ecclesiastics. From MedL. *annata* (whence also F. *année*).

**anneal.** AS. *onælan*, to set on fire, bake (tiles, etc.), whence ME. *anele*. Influenced by OF. *neeler* (Mod. *nieller*), It. *niellare*, VL. \**nigellare*, to blacken.

**annelid** [zool.]. ModL. *annelida*, from F. *annelé*, ringed, from OF. *annel* (Mod. *anneau*), L. *annellus*, dim. of *annulus*.

**annex.** F. *annexer*, from L. *annexus*, from *ad*, to, *nectere*, *nex*-, to bind. Cf. F. *annexe*, supplementary building.

**annihilate.** From Late L. *annihilare*, to reduce to nothing, *nihil*.

**anniversary.** L. *anniversarius* (adj.), returning yearly, from *annus*, year, *vertere*, *vers*-, to turn.

**Anno Domini.** L., in the year of the Lord.

**annotate.** For earlier *annote*, F. *annoter*, L. *annotare*. See *note*.

**announce.** F. *annoncer*, L. *annuntiare*, from *ad* and *nuntius*, messenger. Hence *annunciation*.

**annoy.** OF. *enoier*, VL. \**inodiare*, from the phrase *in odio*, in hatred. *Ennui* is formed from ModF. *ennuyer*, from tonic stem of OF. *enoier*.

**annual.** Late L. *annualis*, for *annalis*, from *annus*, year.

**annuity.** F. *annuité*, MedL. *annuitas*, -*tat*-, from L. *annuus*, annual.

**annul.** L. *annullare*, to reduce to naught, *nullum*.

**annular.** L. *annularis*, from *annulus*, ring.

**annunciation.** See *announce*.

**anode** [electr.]. Positive pole. G. *ἀνοδος*, way up, from *ἀνός*, way. Cf. *cathode*.

**anodyne.** G. *ἀνώδυνος*, painless, from *ἀν*-, neg., *δύνη*, pain.

**anoint.** Orig. p.p. of OF. *enoindre*, Lat. *inungere*, from *in* and *ungere*, *unct*-, to anoint.

**anomalous.** From G. *ἀνώματος*, from *ἀν*-, neg., *όματος*, even, from *όμός*, same.

**anon.** AS. *on ān*, into one, *on āne*, in one.

**anonymous.** From G. *ἀνώνυμος*, from *ἀν*-, neg., Aeolic *δνυμα*, name.

**another.** For *an other*. In ME. often *a nother*.

**anourous** [zool.]. From G. *ἀν*-, neg., *οὐρά*, tail.

**anserine.** L. *anserinus*, belonging to the goose (q.v.).

**answer.** AS. *andswarian*, to swear back, from noun *andswaru*. First element, surviving only in this word and partly in *along*, is cogn. with Ger. *ant*- (as in *antwort*), *ent*-, L. *ante*, G. *ἀντί*, etc. See *and*.

**ant.** AS. *ætmette*, whence ME. *amet*, *emet*. Archaic *emmet* is still in dial. use ? Orig. cutter off; cf. ON. *meita*, to cut, Ger. *meissel*, chisel. Cf. Ger. *ameise*, *ant*, in Luther *emmes*, whence prob. *emsig*, diligent. A more widespread Teut. name for the insect survives in *pismire* (q.v.).

**ant-**. For *anti*-, before vowel.

**antagonist.** G. *ἀνταγωνιστής*, from *ἀντί*, against, *ἀγώνισθαι*, to struggle. Cf. *agony*.

**Antar.** Hero of romance. From *Antar ibn Shaddād*, Eastern poet and warrior.

**Antarctic.** See *Arctic*.

**ante-**. L. *ante*, before, cogn. with G. *ἀντί*, Ger. *ant-*, *ent-*, AS. *and-* (see *answer*), and ult. with *end*.

**antecedent**. From pres. part of L. *antecedere*, to go before.

**antediluvian**. Coined from L. *ante* and *diluvium*, flood, deluge.

**antelope**. OF. *antelop*, found in MedL. as *antelopus* and 4 cent. G. as *ἀνθόλοψ*, *ἀνθόλοπ*. Orig. sense and lang. unknown.

**antennae** [*boi*]. Pl. of L. *antenna*, yard of a sail, used in MedL. to translate G. *κεραῖαι*, "horns" of insects.

**anterior**. L. compar. from prep. *ante*, before.

**anthelion** [*astron.*]. Neut. of Late G. *ἀνθήλιος*, from *ἀντί*, opposite, *ἥλιος*, sun. Cf. *aphelion*.

**anthem**. AS. *antefn*, G. *ἀντίφωνα*, neut. pl., from *ἀντί*, against, *φωνή*, sound.

**anther** [*bot.*]. F. *anthère*, G. *ἐνθηρά*, fem. of *ἀνθηρός*, flowery (v.i.)

**anthology**. G. *ἀνθολογία*, from *ἄνθος*, flower, *λέγω*, to gather.

**Anthony, St.** Patron saint of swineherds. Hence archaic *Anthony* (see *Tanony*), smallest pig in a litter. *St Anthony's fire* is erysipelas, for the cure of which the saint was invoked.

**anthracite**. G. *ἀνθρακίτης*, coal-like (v.i.).

**anthrax**. Malignant pustule. G. *ἀνθραξ*, coal. Cf. *carbuncle* (q.v.).

**anthropo-**. From G. *ἄνθρωπος*, man. Hence L. *anthrophophagi*, cannibals, G. *ἀνθρωποφάγοι*, from *φαγεῖν*, to eat.

**anti-, ant-**. G. *ἀντί*, against, cogn. with L. *ante*, before.

**antic**. Orig. adj. It. *antico*, antique, L. *antiquus*, used for grotesque (q.v.), this kind of work being ascribed to the ancients.

**Antichrist**. See 1 John ii. 22.

**anticipate**. From L. *anticipare*, to take before, from *capere*, to take.

**antidote**. G. *ἀντίδοτον*, given against, from *διδόναι*, to give.

**antigropelos**. Trade-name for leggings. From G. *ἀντί*, against, *ύγρός*, wet, *πηλός*, mud.

**Anti-Jacobin** [*hist.*]. Anti-democratic paper started in 1797. See *Jacobin*.

**antimacassar**. Coined c. 1850, when hair-oil was in use. See *macassar*.

**antimony**. MedL. *antimonia* (1x cent.), said (by Burton) to be latinized from

Arab. *al-ithmid*, which is G. *στίμιμ*, *στίμιμ*id-, whence L. *stibium*, antimony. Very doubtful.

**antinomian** [*theol.*] Opposed to law, G. νόμος

**Antinous**. Handsome man. Page of Emperor Hadrian.

**antipathy**. G. *ἀντιπάθεια*, from πάθος, feeling.

**antiphon**. See *anthem*

**antiphrasis**. G. *ἀντίφρασις*, contradiction. See *phrase*.

**antipodes**. G. *ἀντίποδες* (pl.), from ποῦς, πόδ-, foot. Orig. the people on the other side of the earth

**antipyria**. From *antipyretic*, from G. πυρετός, fever, from πῦρ, fire.

**antique**. F. *antique*, L. *antiquus*, from *ante*, before.

**antirrhinum** [*bot.*]. Snapdragon. From G. *ἀντί*, against (counterfeiting), *ῥίς*, ῥιν-, nose. Cf. *rhinoceros*.

**antiseptic**. See *septic*

**antithesis**. G. *ἀντίθεσις*, from τιθέναι, to place.

**antitoxin**. From G. τοξικόν, poison. See *intoxicate*.

**antler**. ME. *antelere*, OF. *antoillier* (Mod. *andouiller*), VL \**ante-ocularis* (sc. *ramus*), branch before the eye. Cf. Ger. *augensprossen*, antlers, lit. eye-sprouts.

**autonomasia** [*rhet.*] Substitution of epithet. G., from *ἀντί*, instead, *ὄνομα*, name.

**antonym**. Opposite of synonym (q.v.). *anus* [*anat.*]. L., lit. ring.

**anvil**. Earlier *anvilā*, AS. *anfilte*, from *an*, on, and an obscure second element prob. meaning to hammer, which appears also in *felt*; cf. L. *incus*, *incud-*, anvil, from *in* and *cuudere*, to strike. Cogn. with *anvil* are OHG. *anafals*, ODu. *aenville*. ModGer. has *amboss*, from OHG. *bōzan*, cogn. with *beat*.

**anxious**. From L. *anxius*, from *angere*, to compress.

**any**. AS. *ænig*, from *æn*, one; cf. Du. *eenig*, from *een*, Ger. *einig*, from *ein*.

**Anzac** [*hist.*]. Acrostic (Gallipoli, 1915) from Australian New Zealand Army Corps.

**aorist** [*gram.*]. G. *ἀόριστος*, indefinite, from *ἀ-*, neg., *ὀρίζω*, to define.

**aorta** [*anat.*]. Great artery. G. *ἀορτή*, lit. what is hung up, from *αἰρῶ*, to raise.

**Ap**. Patronymic prefix in Welsh names. Earlier *map*, cogn. with Gael. *mac*.



**ap-**. For L *ad-* before *p*.

**apace**. Orig at a walk (F. *au pas*).

**apache**. Parisian desperado (late 19 cent.). Name of Red Ind. tribe. Cf. *mohock*.

**apanage, appanage**. Orig. provision (territory, office, etc.) made for younger sons of royalty. F. *apanage*, from OF. *apaner*, MedL. *appanare*, to provide with bread, L. *pans*.

**apart**. F. à *part*, aside, L. *ad partem*.

**apartment**. F. *appartement*, It. *appartamento*, orig. division, separation, from *apartire*, from a *parte*, apart.

**apathy**. G. ἀπάθεια, from ἀ-, neg., πάθος, feeling.

**ape**. AS. *apa*. Com Teut.; cf. Du. *aap*, Ger. *affe*, ON. *ape*. Prob. adopted in prehistoric times from some non-Aryan lang.

**apeak** [*naut.*]. Earlier (16 cent.) a *rike*, F. à *pic*, perpendicularly. See *peak*<sup>1</sup>.

**apepsy** [*med.*]. Lack of digestive power. From G. ἀ-, neg., and -*pepsy* (see *dyspepsy*).

**aperçu**. F., pp. of *apercevoir*, to perceive (q.v.).

**aperient**. From pres. part. of L. *aperire*, to open.

**aperture**. L. *apertura*, from *aperire*, *aperi-*, to open.

**apex**. L., summit.

**aphaeresis** [*ling.*]. G. ἀφαίρεσις, from ἀπό, off, αἰρεῖν, to take. See *aphesis*.

**aphasia** [*med.*]. Coined (19 cent.) from G. ἀ-, neg., φάσαι, to speak.

**aphelion** [*astron.*]. From G. ἀπό, off, ἥλιος, sun.

**aphesis** [*ling.*]. Loss of init. vowel (e.g. *prentice*) or syllable (e.g. *tawdry*). G. ἀφεσις, letting go, from ἀπό, off, ἵεναι, to send. Hence *aphetic*.

**aphetic**. See *aphesis*.

**aphis**. Plant-louse. ModL. (Linnaeus). ? Back-formation from pl. *aphides*, suggested by G. ἀφειδής, unsparing.

**aphorism**. G. ἀφορισμός, distinction, definition, from ἀφορίζω, from ἀπό, from, ὅρος, boundary (see *aorist*). Cf. *definition*.

**aphrodisiac**. From *Aphrodite*, G. goddess of love, Venus. Trad. from G. ἀφρός, foam, but prob. ident with *Ashlaroth*, *Astarte* of the Phoenicians, Assy. *Ishtar*.

**apiary**. L. *apiarium*, from *apis*, bee.

**Apician**. From *Apicius*, Roman epicure, temp. Tiberius.

**apiece**. The prefix is the indef. art.

**aplomb**. F. adv. phrase à *plomb*, perpendicularly, from *plomb*, lead, plummet, L. *plumbum*.

**apo-, aph-, ap-**. G. ἀπό, off, from, cogn. with E. *of*, *off*.

**apocalypse**. G. ἀποκάλυψις, unveiling, from καλύπτειν, to cover. Cf. *revelation*.

**apocope** [*ling.*]. Loss of final syllable. G. ἀποκοπή, from ἀποκόπτειν, to cut off.

**apocrypha**. L. *apocrypha*, neut. pl. (sc. *scripta*), from G. ἀπόκρυφος, hidden away, from κρύπτειν, to hide.

**apod** [*biol.*]. Footless G. ἄπους, ἀποδ-, from ἀ-, neg., πούς, pod-, foot.

**apodeictic, -dictic**. G. ἀποδεικτικός, from ἀποδεικνύναι, to demonstrate.

**apodosis** [*gram.*]. G., from ἀποδιδόναι, to give back. Cf. *protasis*.

**apogee** [*astron.*]. F. *apogée*, L. *apogaeum*, G. ἀπόγειον, from γῆ, earth.

**apolaustic**. G. ἀπολαυστικός, from ἀπολαύειν, to enjoy.

**apollinaris**. From *Apollinaris-brunnen* (spring), near Remagen, on the Rhine.

**Apollo**. Handsome man. L. *Apollo*, G. Ἀπόλλων, the sun-god.

**Apollyon**. The destroyer. G. ἀπολύων, pres. part., from ἀπόλλυμι, I destroy.

**apologue**. G. ἀπόλογος, from λόγος, speech.

**apology**. G. ἀπολογία, a speaking away. Orig. formal defence or pleading.

**apophthegm**. G. ἀποφθέγμα, a terse saying, from φθέγγεσθαι, to utter.

**apoplexy**. G. ἀποπληξία, disablement, from πλησσειν, to strike.

**aposiopesis** [*rhet.*]. G. from G. ἀποσιωπᾶν, to become silent.

**apostate**. G. ἀποστάτης, one who stands away, from ἵστασθαι, to stand.

**apostille**. Marginal note. F., from verb *apostiller*, from OF. *postille*, postil (q.v.).

**apostle**. G. ἀπόστολος, messenger, from στέλλειν, to send.

**apostrophe**<sup>1</sup> [*rhet.*]. G. ἀποστρόφή, from στρέφειν, to turn. Orig. a turning aside of the orator's speech to address some individual, present or absent.

**apostrophe**<sup>2</sup> [*typ.*]. G. ἀπόστροφος, eliding (v.s.).

**apothecary**. VL. *apothecarius*, from G. ἀποθήκη, store-house, from τιθέναι, to put. Cf. *bottega*.

**apotheosis**. G. ἀποθέωσις, from ἀποθεῶν, to make a god, θεός.

**appal.** OF. *apalar*, to make, or become, pale. See *pall*<sup>2</sup>.

**appanage.** See *apanage*.

**apparatus.** L., from *apparare*, to make ready, from *parare*, *parat-*, to prepare. See *pare*.

**apparel.** First as verb. F. *appareiller*, VL. *\*adpariculare*. Orig. to put like things together. Cf. F. *pareil*, like, VL. *\*pariculus*, dim. of *par*, equal.

**apparent.** From pres. part. of L. *apparere*, to appear. Cf. *apparition*.

**apparitor** [hist.]. Public servant of magistrate. L., one who appears.

**appeal.** F. *appeler*, L. *appellare* or *adpellare*, ? from *pellere*, to drive. See *peal*.

**appear.** OF. *apareir*, *aparoir*, L. *apparere*. See *peer*<sup>2</sup>.

**appease.** F. *apaiser*, from OF. *a pais* (Mod. *à paix*), at peace.

**appellation.** See *appeal*.

**append.** L. *appendere*, to hang to, whence also *appendix* and *appendicitis*.

**apperception.** F. *aperception*, from *apercevoir*. See *perceive*.

**appertain.** F. *appartenir*. See *appurtenance*.

**appetite.** F. *appétit*, L. *appetitus*, from *appetere*, to seek after, assail, from *ad* and *petere*, to seek.

**applaud.** L. *applaudere*, from *ad* and *plaudere*, to clap.

**apple.** AS. *æppel*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *appel*, Ger. *äpfel*, ON. *eph*, Goth. *\*aplus*; also Ir. *abhall*, Russ. *jabloko*, etc. Ult. origin unknown.

**appliqué.** F. (v.i).

**apply.** OF. *apher* (replaced by *appliquer*), L. *applicare*, lit. to bend to.

**appoggiatura** [mus.]. It, from *appoggiare*, to support, VL. *\*appodiare*. See *appui*.

**appoint.** F. *appointer*, from *à point*, duly, fitly, etc. (see *point*).

**apport** [spirit.]. Object materialized at séance. F., from *apporter*, to bring.

**apposite.** L. *appositus*, from *appondere*, *apposit-*, to put against.

**apposition.** In sense of "Speech day" (St Paul's School). Var. of *opposition*, in medieval sense of public disputation.

**appraise.** F. *apprécier*, Late L. *apprætare*, from *pretium*, price.

**appreciate.** From Late L. *apprætare* (v.s.).

**apprehend.** L. *apprehendere*, to take hold of. Cf. *prehensile*.

**apprentice.** OF *aprentis* (Mod. *aprentis*), from *apprendre*, to learn (v.i.).

**apprise.** F. *appris*, p.p. of *apprendre*, to learn, teach, L. *apprehendere*.

**approach.** F. *approcher*, Late L. *appropiare*, from *ad* and *proprius*, nearer.

**approbation.** From L. *approbare*, to approve (q.v.).

**appropriate.** From Late L. *appropriare*, from *proprius*, own. See *proper*.

**approve.** F. *approuver*, L. *approbare*, from *probus*, honest, genuine.

**approver** [leg.]. Informer. For older *prover*, with artificial *a-* (cf. *accomplice*).

**approximate.** From Late L. *approximare*, from *proximus*, nearest.

**appui.** In *point d'appui* (mil.), lit. fulcrum, point of support, from F. *appuyer*, VL. *\*appodiare*, from *podium*, support, etc. See *pew*.

**appurtenance.** AF. *apurtenance*. Now used as noun from *appertienr*, F. *appartenir*, compd. of OF. *partenir*, from L. *pertinere*. But there was also an OF. *portenir*, from VL. *\*protinere*, of which the Norm. form *purtenir* is responsible for the spelling of our word.

**apricot.** F. *abricot*, Port. *albricoque*, Arab. *al-burqūq*, where *al* is def. art., and *burqūq* is Late G. *πραυκόκιον*, from L. *praecoquum* (sc. *malum* or *pomum*), for *praecox*, early ripe, precocious (q.v.). The obs. *apricock* represents the Port. or Sp. form.

**April.** L. *aprilis* (sc. *mensis*), ? a compar. formation from *ab*, *April* being the second month.

**apron.** Earlier *napron*, F. *napperon*, from *nappe*, cloth, L. *mappa*, whence *napery*, *napkin* (q.v.). See *map*. F. *napperon* is now table-centre, *apron* being rendered by *tablier*. For loss of *n-* cf. *adder*, *auger*.

**apropos.** F. *à propos*, to the purpose (q.v.).

**apse.** Earlier *apsis*, G. *ἀψίς* or *ἄψις*, felloe of wheel (from *ἄπτεω*, to fit); hence, wheel, vault, orbit.

**apt.** L. *aptus*, p.p. of OL. *apere*, to fasten.

**apteryx.** Bird. From G. *ἀ-*, neg., *πτερυξ*, wing.

**aqua fortis.** Nitric acid. L., strong water. Cf. F. *eau-forte*, etching. *Aqua regia*, royal water, from its power of dissolving gold, the royal metal. *Aqua vitae*, water of life,

alchemists' name for alcohol (cf. *whisky* and *F. eau-de-vie*).

**aquamarine.** Gem. L. *aqua marina*, sea water, from its colour

**aquarelle.** F. *aquarelle*, It. *acquerello*, water colour, from *acqua*, water.

**aquarium.** Introduced c. 1850, with meaning not found in L.; cf. *aquatic*, L. *aquaticus*, from *aqua*, water.

**aquatint.** F. *aquatinte*, It. *acqua tinta*, L. *aqua tincta*, from *tingere*, *tinct-*, to stain

**aqua Tofana** [hist.] Poison. It. *acqua Tofana*, from name of notorious poisoner (17 cent.).

**aqueduct.** L. *aquas ductus*, conduit of water.

**aquilegia** [bot.]. Flower. Mod. L., from *aquilegus*, water-collector.

**aquiline.** L. *aquilinus*, from *aquila*, eagle (q.v.).

**ar-.** For *ad-* before *r*.

**arabesque.** F. *arabesque*, It. *arabesco*, applied to interlacements and scroll-work in Moorish architecture

**arabis.** Plant. MedL., prob. from growing on stony or sandy soil suggesting Arabia.

**arable.** L. *arabilis*, from *arare*, to plough. See *ear*<sup>2</sup>.

**arachnid** [zool.]. From G. *ἀράχνη*, spider.

**Aramaic** [ling.]. Branch of Semitic langs. From *Aram*, Heb. name for Syria. Lang. of Jews after Captivity.

**aracaria.** Tree, "monkey-puzzle." From *Arauco*, province of Chili.

**arbalest, arblast** [hist.]. Cross-bow. OF. *arbaleste* (Mod. *arbalète*), Late L. *arcu-ballista*, bow-sling, from L. *arcus*, bow, G. *βάλλω*, to throw.

**arbiter.** L., judge, orig. to-come (cf. *umpire*).

**arblast.** See *arbalest*.

**arboreous.** From L. *arbores*, from *arbor*, tree. Cf. *arboratum*, L., collection of trees

**arbor vitae.** L., tree of life.

**arbour.** Earliest form *erber*, AF. (*herber*, OF. *herbier*, L. *herbarium*. Orig. herb-garden, orchard, etc. Mod. spelling has been influenced by L. *arbor* tree, and sense of (bowered) retreat perh. by *harbour*.

**arbutus.** L., of unknown origin.

**arc.** F. *arc*, L. *arcus*, bow.

**arcade.** F. *arcade*, It. *arcata*, from *arcare*, to bend, from L. *arcus*, bow

**Arcadian.** From G. Ἀρκαδία, mountainous region in the Peloponnesus, regarded as ideally rural.

**arcana.** L., secrets, lit. things enclosed in chests. See *ark*.

**arch**<sup>1</sup>. Noun. F. *arche*, VL. \**arca*, from *arcus*, bow. The native word is *bow*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.).

**arch**<sup>2</sup>. Adj. Orig. the prefix *arch-*, as in *archbishop*, used to mean principal. G. ἀρχι-, from ἀρχός, chief, from ἀρχεω, to begin, rule. From association with *rogue*, *thief*, etc., *arch* acquired the meaning of roguish, mischievous (cf. *arrant*).

**arch-.** See *arch*<sup>2</sup>.

**archaeology.** G. ἀρχαιολογία, from ἀρχαῖος, old, whence *archaic*.

**archetype.** See *arch*<sup>2</sup>.

**archer.** F. *archer*, VL. \**arcarius*, from *arcus*, bow.

**archi-.** See *arch*<sup>2</sup>.

**Archibald, Archie** [hist.]. Anti-aircraft gun. Orig. playful name given, before the War, to an eddy over Brooklands aerodrome. ? Suggested by *air-bump*.

**archil, orchil.** Plant, dye. OF. *orchil*, It. *orcello*. Origin unknown.

**Archilochian.** Of *Archilochus*, G. poet (7 cent. B.C.), trad. inventor of iambic verse.

**archimandrite.** Abbot in Eastern Church. Late G. ἀρχιμανδρίτης, from μάνδρα, enclosure, monastery.

**Archimedean.** From *Archimedes*, mathematician of Syracuse (fl. 3 cent. B.C.).

**archipelago.** Orig. Aegean sea. It. *archipelago*, from G. ἀρχι- (see *arch*<sup>2</sup>) and πέλαγος, sea. Hence, any sea studded with small islands.

**architect.** From G. ἀρχιτέκτων, chief builder or craftsman. See *arch*<sup>2</sup>.

**architave** [arch.]. F. *architave*, lit. chief beam, from G. ἀρχι-, *arch*<sup>2</sup>, and OF. *trave*, from L. *trabs*, *trab-*, beam.

**archives.** F. *archives*, from MedL. *archivum*, G. ἀρχεῖον, public office, from ἀρχή, government (see *arch*<sup>2</sup>).

**archivolt** [arch.]. It. *archivolto*, *arco-volto*, first element from L. *arcus*, bow (hence not as in *architrave*). For second element see *vault*<sup>1</sup>.

**archon** [hist.]. Athenian chief magistrate. G. ἀρχων, pres. part. of ἀρχεω, to rule.

**-archy.** G. -αρχία, from ἀρχεω, to begin, rule. See *arch*<sup>2</sup>.

**Arctic.** G. ἀρκτικός, from ἄρκτος, bear, constellation of the Great Bear. Cf. *Antarctic*, opposite Arctic (see *anti-*).

**Arcturus** [astron.]. G. Ἀρκτούρος,

from *ἀρκτος*, bear, *οἰκος*, guardian, from its situation behind the Bear.

**-ard.** F. *-ard*, OHG. *-hard*, hard, strong, used as intens. suffix, becoming depreciatory in F. & E.

**ardent.** From pres. part. of L. *ardere*, to burn, cogn. with *arid*

**ard fheis** [pōl]. Convention of Sinn Fein Ir, lit. high feast.

**Arditi** [hist]. It. picked troops. Pl. of *ardito*, bold, hardy (q.v.).

**arduous.** From L. *arduus*, steep, difficult.

**are**<sup>1</sup>. Verb. See *be*.

**are**<sup>2</sup>. Measure. See *area*.

**area.** L., open space. Hence also F. *are*, unit of extent in metric system.

**areca.** Port., from Canarese or Tamil.

**arefaction.** From L. *arefacere*, to make dry. See *arid*.

**arena.** L., sand, prop. *harena*; cf. Sabine *fasena*

**areol.** From L. *areola*, dim. of *area*.

**areopagite** [hist.]. Member of the *Areopagus*, court that held its sittings on Mars' Hill, G. *ἀρειος πάγος*, from *Ἀρης*, Mars

**arête** [Alp.]. Sharp ridge. F. *arête*, L. *arista*, beard of corn-ear, also fish-bone. From OF. *aresta* comes techn *arris*, sharp edge.

**argali.** Asiatic wild sheep. Mongol.

**argand.** Lamp. Name of F. inventor (c. 1782).

**argent.** F. *argent*, L. *argentum*, silver; cf. G. *ἀργυρος*, cogn. with *ἀργός*, white.

**argillaceous.** From L. *argilla*, clay; cf. G. *ἀργίλος*, white clay (v s).

**argol** [chem.]. Cream of Tartar. AF. *argol*, of unknown origin.

**argon** [chem.]. From G. *ἀργός*, idle, from *ἀ-*, neg., *ἔργον*, work.

**argonaut.** Sailor, G. *ναύτης*, of the *Argo*, G. *Ἀργώ*, the ship of Jason, from *ἀργός*, swift, orig. shining.

**argosy** [hist.]. Earlier *ragusye* (1577), It *ragusea* (sc. *nave*), ship of Ragusa, in Dalmatia

**argot.** Slang. F., of unknown origin.

**argue.** F. *arguer*, Late L. *argutare*, frequent. of *arguere*, to prove, chide, etc., orig. to make white and plain (see *argent*).

**argus-eyed.** *Argus*, who had a hundred eyes, was appointed by Juno to watch her rival Io. After his death his eyes were transferred to the peacock's tail.

**argute.** Crafty. L. *argutus*, p. p. of *arguere*, to argue (q.v.).

**aria** [mus.]. It., air (q v.)

**Arian** [theol.]. Adherent of heresy of *Arvus* (Alexandria, 4 cent.), who denied that Christ was consubstantial with God.

**arid.** L. *aridus*, from *arere*, to be dry.

**ariel.** Gazelle. Arab. *aryil*, *ayyil*.

**arietta** [mus.]. It, dim. of *aria*.

**aright.** Prob for *on right* (see *a-*).

**aril** [bot.]. From MedL. *arillus*, of unknown origin.

**arise.** AS. *ārisan*, intens. of *rise*.

**arist.** See *arête*.

**Aristarchus.** Severe critic. *Aristarchus* of Alexandria (†157 B.C.), critic of Homer.

**aristocracy.** From *ἀριστος*, best (see *-cracy*)

**Aristotelian.** Of *Aristotle* (fl. 4 cent. B.C.).

**arithmetic.** F. *arithmétique*, G. *ἀριθμητική* (sc. *τέχνη*, art), from *ἀριθμός*, number.

**ark.** AS. *earc*, chest, Noah's ark, etc., L. *arca*, chest or coffer, cogn. with *arcere*, to keep off. Com. Teut. loan-word; cf. Du. *ark*, Ger. *arche*, ON. *örk*, Goth *arka*.

**arm**<sup>1</sup>. Limb. AS *earm*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *arm*, ON. *armr*, Goth. *arms*; cogn. with G. *ἀρμός*, joint, and ult. with *art*.

**arm**<sup>2</sup>. Weapon. F. *arme*, L. *arma*, neut. pl. taken as fem. sing.; cogn. with *arm*<sup>1</sup>.

**armada.** Sp., p. p. fem of *armar*, to arm; cf. *army* (q v.).

**armadillo.** Sp, dim. of *armado*, man in armour (v s).

**Armageddon.** G. *\*Ap Mayεδών* (Rev. xvi. 16), app. *mount of Megiddo*, alluding to *Judges* v. 19.

**armament.** L. *armamentum*, from *armare*, to arm.

**armature.** Apparatus. F. *armature*, L. *armatura*, armour.

**Armenian** [ling.]. Lang. intermediate between the Aryan tongues of Asia and Europe.

**armet** [antiq.]. F. *armet*, corrupt. of Sp. *almete*, of Teut. origin (see *helm*<sup>1</sup>).

**Armida.** Dangerous enchantress. From Tasso.

**armiger.** Esquire. L, arm-bearing.

**armillary.** Shaped like a bracelet, L. *armilla*.

**Arminian** [theol.]. From *Arminius*, latinization of *Harmensen*, Du. theologian (fl. 16 cent.).

**armistice.** F. *armistice*, ModL. *armistitium*, coined on *solstice* (q.v.).

**armorial.** From archaic *armory*, heraldry, F. *armoire*, from *armoirer*, to blazon, It. *armeggiare*.

**Armorican.** Of Brittany. From L. *Armoricus* (Caesar), Gaulish, prob. "by the sea." See *mere*<sup>1</sup>.

**armour.** F. *armure*, L. *armatura*, from *armare*, to arm.

**armoury.** F. *armurerie* (v.s.).

**Armstrong gun.** Designed by Sir W. Armstrong (†1900).

**army.** F. *armée*, p.p. fem. of *armer* (cf. *armado*).

**arnica.** ModL., ? ignorant corrupt. of G. *παραμύκη*, causing to sneeze.

**aroma.** G. *ἀρώμα*, seasoning, spice.

**aroon** [Ir.] Darling. Voc. of Ir. *rūn*, secret, secret treasure, cogn. with *rune*; cf. ON. *eyrarūna*, darling.

**around.** Perh for F. *en rond*.

**arouse.** Formed from *rouse*<sup>2</sup> (q.v.) by analogy with *rise*, *arise*; *wake*, *awake*.

**arpeggio** [mus.]. It., from *arpeggiare*, to play the harp, *arpa*.

**arquebus** [hist.]. Also *harguebuss*. F. *arquebuse*, It. *archibuso*. This from MHG. *hakenbüchse* or LG. *hakkebusse*, from Ger. *haken*, hook, *büchse*, gun, lit. box; cf. Du. *haakbus*. So called because orig. rested on a hook when fired. The alteration of the first syllable was due to influence of It. *arco*, bow, and of *arbalest* (q.v.), which the *arquebus* replaced, while It. *buso*, hole, alludes to the barrel. Cf. *hackbut*.

**arack.** Also *rack*<sup>6</sup>. Arab. 'araq, sweat, juice, in 'araq *at-tamr*, (fermented) juice of the date.

**arraign.** For earlier *arayne*, AF. *arainer*, OF. *araismer*, VL. \**adraitonare*, orig. to address.

**arrange.** F. *arranger*, from *à* and *rang* (see *rank*<sup>2</sup>).

**arrant.** Var. of *errant* (q.v.). By association with *thief*, *rogue*, *vagabond*, etc., it lost its orig. meaning and came to be regarded as an intens. epithet (cf. *arch*<sup>2</sup>).

**arras.** From *Arras* (Pas-de-Calais), which takes its name from the *Atrebrates*.

**array.** OF. *arêre*, *areier*, VL. \**ad-redare*, the root syllable being Teut. and cogn. with Goth. *garaiðs*, ready, prepared, E. *ready*, Ger. *rat*, supply, counsel; cf. It. *arredare*.

**arrears.** From adv. *arrear*, backward, F. *arrière*, L. *ad retro*.

**arrect.** L. *arrectus*, upright, from *arri-gerere*, from *ad* and *regere*.

**arrest.** OF. *arester* (Mod. *arrêter*), VL. \**adrestare*, to come to a halt. See *rest*<sup>2</sup>.

**arride** [archaic]. L. *arridere*, to smile upon.

**arrière-ban** [hist.]. F. *arrière-ban*, perversion of OHG. *hari-ban*, army summons. See *ban*<sup>2</sup>, *harry*.

**arris.** See *arête*.

**arrive.** F. *arriver*, VL. \**adripare*, from *ripa*, shore.

**arrogate.** From L. *arrogare*, to call to, claim, from *ad* and *rogare*, to ask.

**arrow.** AS. *arwe*, cogn. with L. *arcus*, bow, Cf. ON. *or*, Goth. *arhwazna*.

**arrow-root.** Supposed to be so named from the use made of the tubers to absorb poison from wounds. But according to some the native name (Wind.) is *ara*.

**arroyo** [US.]. Water-course, gully. Sp. *arroyo*, MedL. *arrogium*, cogn. with L. *arrugia*, canal.

**'Arry.** Cockney boulder. 'Arry on 'Orseback is in *Punch* (1874).

**arse.** AS. *ears*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *aars*, Ger. *arsch*, ON. *ars*; cogn. with G. *ῥῆος*, rump, where *ῖς* is for *ρ*.

**arsenal.** It. *arsenale*, earlier *arsenà* (Dante). Early It. var is *arsena* (cf. Sp. *arsena*, Port. *tercena*, F. *arsène*, dock). The two groups of forms represent Arab. *assināh*, for *al-sinā'ah*, the work-shop, or the same preceded by *dār*, a house.

**arsenic.** G. *ἀρσενικόν* (*ἀρρενικόν*), yellow orpiment, lit. male, but this is folk-etym. for Arab. *az-zirnikh*, Pers. *zarnikh*, orpiment, from *zar*, gold.

**arsis** [metr.]. G. *ἀρσις*, raising, from *αἶψα*.

**arson** [leg.]. OF. *arson*, VL. \**arsio-n-*, from *ardere*, *ars-*, to burn.

**art**<sup>1</sup>. Noun. F. *art*, L. *ars*, *art-*, from a root meaning to fit together which appears also in *arm*<sup>1, 2</sup> and in *artus*, joint.

**art**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. See *be*.

**artery.** G. *ἀρτηρία*, from *αἶψα*, to raise.

**artesian.** F. *artésien*, of *Artois*, where such a well was first bored (18 cent.). *Artois* is L. adj. *Atrebatensis* (see *arras*).

**arthritis** [med.]. From G. *ἄρθρον*, joint, cogn. with L. *artus*.

**arthro-**. See *arthritis*.

**artichoke.** Cf. F. *artichaut*, It. *carcioffo*, Du. *artisjok*, Ger. *artischoke*. Our form, like the Ger., represents

North It. *artococco*, influenced by *cocco*, stump, for *arcicocco*, from Sp. *alcachofa*, Sp. Arab. *alkharsōfa*, Arab. *al-kharshūf*, where *al* is def. art. and the second part is the name of the plant.

**article.** F. *article*, L. *articulus*, dim. of *artus*, joint.

**articulate.** From L. *articulare*, to joint (v.s.).

**artifice.** L. *artificium*, making by art.

**artillery.** F. *artillerie*, from *artiller*, to equip, altered, by influence of *art*, from OF. *atiller*, to equip, VL. \**aptilicare*, from *aptius*, fit.

**artisan.** F. *artisan*, It. *artigiano* (cf. *partisan*<sup>1</sup>), from L. *artitus*, skilled.

**artist-e.** F. *artiste*, It. *artista*.

**arum.** L. *arum*, G. *ἀρὺν*.

**Aryan** [*ling.*]. From Sanskrit *ārya*, noble. Introduced by Max Muller as generic name for inflected langs. (see *Caucasian*, *Japhetic*).

**as.** Worn-down form of *also* (q.v.); cf. Ger. *als*, also.

**as-.** For *ad-* before *s*.

**asafoetida**, **assafoetida**. MedL., from *asa*, Pers. *azā*, mastic, L. *feida*, stinking.

**asbestos.** G. *ἄσβεστος*, unquenchable, from *ἀ-*, neg. + *σβένναι*, to quench.

**ascend.** L. *ascendere*, to climb up, from *ad* and *scandere*.

**ascertain.** Earlier *acertaine*, OF. *acer-tener*, from *à* and *certain*.

**ascetic.** G. *ἀσκητικός*, from *ἀσκητής*, monk, hermit (in Church G.), from *ἀσκειν*, to exercise, practise.

**ascidium** [*zool.*]. Mollusc with leathery casing. G. *ἀσκίδιον*, dim. of *ἀσκός*, wine-skin.

**ascititious.** See *adscititious*.

**asclepiad** [*metr.*]. From *Ἀσκληπιάδης*, G. poet of uncertain identity.

**ascribe.** L. *ascribere*, from *ad* and *scribere*, to write.

**ascript.** See *adscript*.

**Asgard** [*myth*]. Norse Olympus. ON. *ǫsgarðr*, home (garth) of the deities.

**ash**<sup>1</sup>. Tree. AS. *æsc*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *esch*, Ger. *esche*, ON. *askr*.

**ash**<sup>2</sup>. From fire. AS. *asce*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *asch*, Ger. *asche*, ON. *aska*, Goth. *azgō*; ult. cogn. with *arid*.

**ashamed.** Prefix may be *a-*, *ge-*, or *of-*, all three forms occurring early. Cf. *athirst*, *aware*.

**ashlar.** Masonry constructed of flat squared stone. F. *asselier*, boarding (cf. *aisseau*, wooden tile), from OF.

*aissele*, plank, L. *axilla*, dim. of *axis*, whence F. *ais*, plank, board.

**Ashmolean Museum.** At Oxford. Presented (1677) by *Elias Ashmole*.

**ashore.** For *on shore*. See *a-*.

**aside.** Orig. *on side* (v.s.).

**asinine.** L. *asininus*, from *asinus*, ass.

**as in presenti.** Latin rudiments.

Opening words of mnemonic lines on conjugations in Lilley's *Lat. Gram.* (16 cent.).

**ask.** AS *āscian* or *ācsian* (whence dial. *ax*). WGer., cf. Du. *eischen*, Ger. *herrschen* (OHG. *eiscōn*).

**askance.** For *a sconce*, ? OF. *à esconse* (see *sconce*<sup>1</sup>). Cf. F. *regarder à la dérobée*, from *dérobée*, to steal, hide, and E. to steal a glance.

**askari.** Arab., soldier, from *ʿaskara*, to gather together.

**askew.** See *skew*.

**aslant.** For *on slant* (q.v.).

**asleep.** Earlier *on sleep* (*Acts* xiii. 36).

**asp, aspic.** OF. *aspe* and ModF. *aspic*, G. *ἀσπίς*, *ἀσπίδ-*. The form *aspic* is app. a F. alteration (due to *piquer*, to sting) of Prov. *aspit*, L. *aspid-em*.

**asparagus.** L. *asparagus*, G. *ἀσπάργος*, ? cogn. with *σπαργάν*, to be full of (sap).

**Aspasia.** Gifted and influential woman. Famous hetaira, mistress of Pericles.

**aspect.** L. *aspectus*, from *aspicere*, to look at, from *ad* and *specere*.

**aspen.** Orig. an adj. (cf. *linden*), which has replaced the noun *asp*, AS. *æspe* and *æps*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *esp*, Ger. *espe*, ON. *osp*.

**asperity.** L. *asperitas*, -tat-, from *asper*, rough, from *ab* and *spernere*, to repel, etc.

**aspersion.** L. *aspersio-n-*, from *aspergere*, to sprinkle, from *spargere*, *spars-*, to scatter.

**asphalt.** G. *ἄσφαλτος*, prob. of Semit. origin.

**asphodel.** G. *ἀσφοδελός*. See *daffodil*.

**asphyxia.** G. *ἀσφυξία*, from *ἀ-*, neg., *σφύξις*, pulse.

**aspic**<sup>1</sup>. Serpent. See *asp*.

**aspic**<sup>2</sup>. Jelly. F., according to Littré from *aspic*, *asp*, in allusion to the saying *froid comme un aspic*.

**aspidistra.** Plant. App. coined from G. *ἀσπίς*, *ἀσπίδ-*, shield, ? and *ἄστρον*, star.

**aspire.** L. *aspirare*, to breathe towards, from *ad* and *spirare*. Hence *aspirale*.

**aspirin.** Drug. Ger., fancy trade-name.

**ass.** AS *assa* and *esol*. With the latter cf. Du. *ezel*, Ger. *esel*, ON. *asm*, Goth. *asilus*. Cogn. forms in Celt. and Slav. lands. All from L. *asinus*, prob. of Semit. origin.

**assafoetida.** See *asafoetida*.

**assagai, assegai.** From South Africa, whither it was taken by the Portuguese. Port. *azagara* is Arab. *azaghāyah*, az for *al*, the, and the Berber name of the weapon. Cf. F. *zagare*, also OF. *archegare*, and ME. *lancegay* (Chauc. B. 1942), folk-etym. for *l'archegare*.

**assai** [mus]. It., enough. See *assets*.

**assail.** F. *assaillir*, from VL. *adsalire*, to jump at, for L. *assilire*.

**assart** [hist]. Cleared forest land. Archaic F. *essart*, from L. *ex* and *sarrire*, *sarri-*, to root up.

**assassin.** F. *assassin*, It. *assassino*, Arab. *hashshāshīn*, eaters of *hashish*, an intoxicant made from hemp. For the pl. form cf. *Bedouin*. The orig. *assassins* were the emissaries of the Old Man of the Mountains, who intoxicated themselves before attempting murder.

**assault.** F. *assaut*, VL. \**adsaltus*; cf. *assail*. Mod. spelling is latinized (cf. *fauilt*).

**assay.** Var. of *essay* (q.v.) surviving in spec. sense.

**assegai.** See *assagai*.

**assemble.** F. *assemblée*, Late L. *ad-simulare*, from *simul*, together.

**assent.** F. *assentir*, L. *assentire* (*ad* and *sentire*, to feel).

**assert.** From L. *asserere*, *assert-*, to claim, from *serere*, to join.

**ascertainment.** Fixing. See *ascertain*.

**assess.** OF. *assesser*, VL. \**assessare*, frequent. of *assidere*, to sit by (*ad* *sedere*) as judge.

**assets.** AF. *assets*, F. *assez*, enough, L. *ad satis*.

**asseverate.** From L. *asseverare*, to affirm solemnly, from *severus*.

**assiduous.** From L. *assiduus*, from *assidere*, to sit down to (*ad* and *sedere*, to sit).

**asiento** [hist.]. Contract with Spain for supplying slaves to Sp. colonies in America. Sp. *asiento*, as *assent* (q.v.).

**assign.** L. *assignare*, to allot by sign, *signum*. An *assignat*, paper money of first French Republic, was secured (*assigné*) on confiscated Church property.

**assimilate.** From L. *assimilare*, to make like, *similis*.

**assist.** L. *assistere*, to stand by.

**assize.** Fem. p. p. of F. *asseoir*, VL. \**adsedere*, to sit by, for *assidere*. Size (q.v.) in all its senses is aphet. for *assize*. Cf. *assess*.

**associate.** From L. *associare*, from *socius*, companion.

**assoil** [archaic]. OF. *asoile*, pres. subj. of *asoldre* (Mod. *absoudre*), L. *absolvere*, as in *que Deus assoile*, whom may God absolve, in speaking of the dead.

**assonance.** F. *assonance*, from L. *ad* and *sonare*, to sound.

**assort.** OF. *asorter* (replaced by *asortir*), from *à* and *sorte*. See *sort*.

**assuage.** OF. *asouager*, VL. \**ad-suaviare*, from *suavis*, sweet.

**assume.** L. *assumere*, to take to oneself, from *ad* and *sumere*.

**assure.** F. *assurer*, to make sure, from F. *sûr*, OF. *sêur*, L. *securus*.

**assurgent.** From pres. part of L. *assurgere* (*ad* and *surgere*, to rise).

**aster.** G. *ἀστήρ*, star.

**asterisk.** G. *ἀστέριος*, dim. of *ἀστήρ*, star.

**astern.** See *stern*; cf. *ahead*, *afloat*.

**asthenia.** Weakness. G. *ἀσθένεια*, from *ἀσθενής*, weak, from *ἀ-*, neg., *θένος*, strength.

**asthma.** G. *ἀσθμα*, from *ἀάειν*, to breathe hard.

**asthore** [Ir.]. Darling. Voc. of Ir. *stör*, treasure (store), from E. Cf. *aroon*.

**astigmatism** [med.]. From G. *ἀ-*, neg., *στίγμα*, *στιγμα*, point, spot.

**astir.** Adopted from Sc. *asteer*, for *on stur*. Cf. *aside*, etc.

**astonish, atony, astound.** OF. *estoner* (Mod. *étonner*), VL. \**extonare*, to thunder-strike, became ME. *astone*, *astoun*, later *astound* (for spurious -d cf. *sound*<sup>1</sup>, "gound," etc.). From p.p. *astoned* was formed a new verb *astony* (cf. *levy*, *parry*, etc.), later replaced by *astonish*, a form influenced by verbs in -ish (cf. *extinguish*). See *stun*.

**astound.** See *astonish*.

**astragal** [arch.]. Moulding. G. *ἀστρογάλος*, knuckle-bone, in pl. dice.

**astrakhan.** Wool of very young lambs from *Astrakhan* on the Volga.

**astral.** L. *astralis*, of a star, *astrum*.

**astray.** See *stray*.

**striction.** L. *strictio*-n-, from *stringere*, from *ad* and *stringere*, *strict-*, to tighten.

**astride.** See *stride*.

- astrigent.** See *astriction*.
- astrolabe.** G. ἀστρολάβον, from ἀστρον, star, and λαμβάνειν, to take.
- astrology.** G. ἀστρολογία, telling of the stars, from ἀστήρ, star. Orig. equivalent to *astronomy*, G. ἀστρονομία, arrangement of the stars.
- astronomy.** See *astrology*.
- astute.** L. *astutus*, from *astus*, craft.
- asunder.** AS. *on sundran*. See *sunder* and *a-*.
- asylum.** L. *asylum*, G. ἄσυλον, neut. of ἄσυλος, inviolable, from σύλη, right of seizure.
- asymptote** [*math.*]. G. ἀσύμπτωτος, from ἀ-, neg., σύν, together, πτωτός, apt to fall, from πίπτειν, to fall.
- asyndeton** [*rhet.*]. Omission of conjunctions. From G. ἀ-, neg., συνδέειν, to bind together.
- at.** AS. *æt*. Com. Teut.; cf OSax. *at*, OHG. *az*, ON. Goth. *at*; cogn. with L. *ad*.
- at-.** For *ad-* before *t*.
- atabal** [*hist.*]. Sp. *atabal*, Arab. *at-tabl*, for *al-tabl*, the drum.
- ataghan.** See *yataghan*.
- ataman.** See *hetman*.
- ataraxy.** Impassiveness. G. ἀταραξία, from ἀ-, neg., ταρασσειν, to disturb.
- ataunt** [*navi.*]. With all sails set. Orig. of drinking as much as possible. F. *autant*, as much, in *boire d'autant*, à *autant*.
- ativism.** From L. *atavus*, great grandfather's grandfather, from *avus*, grandfather.
- ataxy.** G. ἀταξία, from ἀ-, neg., τάξις, order.
- atelier.** F. *atelier*, workshop, OF. *astelier*, from *astele*, small plank.
- Athanasian.** From *Athanasius*, a G. name, meaning "immortal," archbishop of Alexandria (4 cent.), to whom has been attributed the *Athanasian creed*.
- atheism.** From G. ἄθεος, godless, from ἀ-, neg., θεός, god.
- atheling** [*hist.*]. AS., from *æthel*, noble, and patronymic suffix *-ing*; cf. Du. Ger. *adel*, nobility, ON. *aihal*.
- athenaeum.** L. *athenaeum*, G. Ἀθηναιον, orig. temple of *Athene* (Minerva) in ancient Athens.
- athirst.** AS. *ofþhyrst(eð)*, p.p. of *ofþhyrsian*, where the prefix is intens. Cf. *an-hungered*.
- athlete.** G. ἀθλητής, from ἄθλος, contest.
- athwart.** Formed from *thwart*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.), like *across* from *cross*.

- Atkins.** See *Thomas, Tommy*.
- Atlantic.** G. Ἀτλαντικός, from ἄτλας, ἄτλαντ-. Orig. applied to the sea near Mount Atlas on the west coast of Africa. Hence *Atlantis*, mythical island in ocean (Plato).
- Atlas.** Orig. one of the older G. gods, supposed to uphold the pillars of the world; later, Mount Atlas, regarded as supporting the firmament. The application to a map-book is said to be due to Mercator (q.v.) who used a figure of *Atlas* supporting the globe as a frontispiece (16 cent.).
- atmosphere.** From G. ἀτμός, vapour, σφαῖρα, sphere.
- atoll.** Maldivé *atollon*, *atol*, of Sinhalese or Malayalam origin.
- atom.** G. ἄτομος, indivisible, from ἀ-, neg., τέμνειν, to cut.
- atomy** [*dial.*]. With mixed meaning from *atom* and *anatomy* (q.v.), the latter becoming colloq. *atomy*.
- atone.** Orig. to reconcile, from adv. phrase *at one*. Cf. for the formation, OF. *aduner*, *aûner*, to unite, reconcile.
- atonic.** Unstressed. From G. ἀ-, neg., and *tonic* (q.v.).
- atrabilious.** From L. *atra*, black, *bilis*, bile, used orig. to translate G. μελαγχολία.
- atrip** [*navi.*]. Used of the anchor when it has just left the ground. From *trip* (q.v.), in the sense of start. Cf. *apeak*.
- atrium** [*antiq.*]. L., hall, of Etruscan origin.
- atrocious.** From L. *atrox*, *atroc*-, ? cogn. with *ater*, dark, treacherous.
- atrophy.** G. ἀτροφία, from ἀ-, neg., τρέφειν, to nourish.
- atropine.** Poison. From *atropa*, botanical name of the night-shade, from G. ἄτροπος, inflexible, one of the Fates, from ἀ-, neg., τρέφειν, to turn.
- attach.** F. *attacher*; cf. It. *attaccare*, Sp. *atacar*. Ident. with *attack* (q.v.). Orig. to fasten to, tack on. The root syllable is of doubtful origin. ? Cf. *tag*<sup>1</sup>.
- attack.** F. *attaquer*, It. *attaccare*. It. meaning is to join, F. & E. sense developing from *attaccare battaglia*, "to joyne battell" (Flor.).
- attain.** F. *atteindre*, *atteign-*, L. *attingere*, from *ad* and *tangere*, to touch. See *attainder*, *attaint*.
- attainder.** F. *atteindre* (v.s.), used as noun. Cf. *rejoinder*, *remainder*.
- attaint.** F. *atteint*, p.p. of *atteindre* (v.s.). For the form (\**attinctus* for



*attactus*) and grammatical development cf. *parit* (q.v.). See also *tamit*.

**attar.** Pers *attar-gul*, essence of roses, from Arab. *attar*, perfume

**attempt.** L. *attemptare*, to try. Cf. *tempt*.

**attend.** F. *attendre*, to wait, in OF also in E. senses, L. *attendere*, lit. to stretch towards. Cf. *attention*.

**attenuate.** From L. *attenuare*, to make thin, *tenuus*.

**attest.** From L. *attestari*, to bear witness, *testis*, to

**Attic, attic.** Of *Attica*, Athens; hence, elegant, refined, etc. The architectural *attic*, orig. a small decorative order placed above a greater (usu. Attic) order, is the same word.

**Attila.** King of the Huns (†453), as type of devastating invader. The name (cf. OHG. *Etzel*) appears to have been given to him by the Goths and is dim. of Goth. *atta*, father. This *atta*, found in other Aryan langs., is of the type of *daddy*.

**attire.** Orig. to equip in any way. For mod. restriction cf. *apparel*. F. *attirer*, from *tirer*, to draw, etc.

**attitude.** F. *attitude*, It. *attitudine*, L. *aptitudo*, *aptitudin-*, from *aptus*, fit.

**attorney.** Orig. p.p. of OF. *atorner*, to appoint, constitute (à and *tourner*, to turn). Orig. one duly appointed to act for another.

**attract.** From L. *attrahere*, from *ad*, to, *trahere*, *tract-*, to draw.

**attribute.** From L. *attribuere*, from *ad*, to, *tribuere*, *tribut-*, to pay (tribute).

**attrition.** L. *attritio-n-*, from *atterere*, from *terere*, *trit-*, to rub.

**Atwood's machine** [phys.]. Invented by George Atwood, Camb. mathematician (†1807).

**aubade.** Morning music. F. *aubade*, Prov. *albada*, from *alba*, dawn.

**auberge.** Inn. F., from Prov., ult. ident. with *harbour* (q.v.).

**aubergine.** Fruit. F. *aubergine*, Catalan *albergina*, Arab. *al-bādindjān*; cf. Sp. *berengena*, *alberengena*.

**auburn.** OF. *auborne*, L. *alburnus*, whitish.

**aubusson carpet.** From *Aubusson* (Creuse).

**auction.** L. *auctio-n-*, from *augere*, *auct-*, to increase.

**audacious.** From L. *audax*, *audac-*, from *audere*, to dare, from \**audus*, for *avidus*, greedy.

**audience.** F. *audience*, L. *audientia*, from *audire*, to hear.

**audit.** L. *auditus*, a hearing, hence examination of accounts.

**Augean.** Usu. with *stable*, from the cleansing of the stables of *Augeas*, king of Elis, one of the labours of Hercules.

**auger.** ME. *nauger*, AS. *nafugār*, from *nafu*, nave!, *gār*, borer, spear, with *n-* lost as in *adder*, *apron*; cf. Du. *avegaar*, for older *navegaar*.

**aught.** AS. *āwīht*, from *ā*, ever, *wīht*, thing, creature, "whit," "wight," thus, e'er a whit Cf. *naught*, AS. *nāwīht*, ne'er a whit, and Ger. *nicht*, not, OHG. *neowīht*, for *ni eo wīht*.

**augite** [min.]. G. *αὐγίτης*, from *αὐγή*, lustre.

**augment.** L. *augmentare*, from *augere*, to increase. See *eke*.

**augur.** L., prob. from *avis*, bird (cf. *auspices*). The older L. form was *auger* and the second element is prob. from L. *gerere*, to manage, etc. Hence *inaugurate*, from L. *inaugurare*, to take omens before action.

**August, august.** Month named after Emperor *Augustus* (cf. *July*). The name is L. *augustus*, venerable, from *augur* (q.v.), or perhaps from *augere*, to increase. Hence *Augustan*, period of perfection in literature regarded as due to royal patronage. The *Augustan Confession* was drawn up (1530) by Luther and Melanchthon at *Augsburg* (*Augusti burgus*). The *Augustine*, or *Austin*, *Frars* took their name from St. *Augustine*, bishop of Hippo (fl. 4 cent.).

**auk.** Sw. *alka* or Dan. *alke*, ON. *álka*; cogn. with G. *ἀλκυόν*, halcyon.

**auld lang syne.** Sc., old long since. Cf. *auld Reekie*, Edinburgh.

**aulic** [hist.]. Imperial Ger. council. L. *aulicus*, from G. *αὐλή*, court.

**aumbry.** See *ambry*.

**aunt.** OF. *ante*, L. *amita*, dim. of a lost baby-word of the *papa* type (cf. Ger. *amme*, nurse, and see *amateur*). Mod. F. *tante* is due to infantile reduplication *antante* (cf. *papa*, etc.).

**aura.** L. *aura*, G. *aūpa*, breath, breeze.

**aureate.** L. *aureatus*, from *aurum*, gold.

**aurelia.** Formerly used for *chrysalis* (q.v.). It. *aurelia*, lit. golden, from L. *aurum*.

**aureole.** Golden disc surrounding holy personages in early pictures. L. *aureola* (sc *corona*).

**auricula.** Plant, "bear's ear," from shape of leaves. L., dim of *auris*, ear. Cf. *auricular confession*.

**auriferous.** From L. *aurum*, gold.

**aurist.** See *auricula*.

**auerochs.** Extinct wild ox (*urus* in Caesar). Ger. *auerochs*, OHG. *ūrohso*, whence L. *urus*; cf. AS. *ūr*, Sanskrit *usra*, bull. For second element see *ox*.

**aurora borealis.** L., northern dawn. See *east*, *boreal*.

**auscultation.** From L. *auscultare*, to listen, where *aus-* is for *aur-* (*auris*, ear).

**ausgleich** [*hist*]. Austro-Hungarian compromise. Ger., compromise, "levelling out." See *like*.

**auspice.** F. *auspice*, L. *auspiciūm*, from *auspex*, *auspic-*, from *avis*, bird, *-specere*, to behold. Cf. *haruspex*.

**Aussey** [*war slang*]. Australian soldier.

**austere.** G. *αἰσθηρός*, making the tongue rough, or dry, from *αἶψα*, to dry.

**Austin friar.** See *August*.

**Austral, Australia.** L. *australis*, from *Auster*, the south wind. *Australasia* is F. *Australasie*, as though *Austral Asia*.

**authentic.** G. *αὐθεντικός*, from *αὐθεντης*, one who does things for himself, from *αὐτός*, self, and *-εντης*, cogn. with L. *sons*, *sont-*, guilty, orig. pres. part., "being," the one it was.

**author.** ME. *autor*, *atour*, F. *auteur*, L. *auctor-em*, lit. increaser, promoter, from *augere*, *auct-*, to increase. Incorr. mod. spelling has changed the pronunc., as also in *authority*, *authorize*.

**auto-** G. *αὐτο-*, from *αὐτός*, self.

**autochthon.** Aborigine. Usa. pl., from G. *αὐτόχθονες*, of the land, *χθών*, *χθον-*, itself.

**autocrat.** G. *αὐτοκρατής*, ruling by oneself.

**auto-da-fé.** Port., act of the faith.

**autograph.** G. *αὐτογράφος*, from *γράφειν*, to write.

**Autolycus.** "A snapper-up of uncon sidered trifles" (*Winter's Tale*, iv. 3).

**automaton.** Neut. of G. *αὐτόματος*, self-moving, with obscure second element.

**Automedon.** Skilled driver. Name of charioteer of Achilles. Cf. *Jehu*.

**automobile.** F., from *mobile* (q.v.). Cf. later *autobus*, *autocar*, etc.

**autonomy.** G. *αὐτονομία*, self rule, from *νόμος*, law.

**autopsy.** G. *αὐτοψία*, lit. seeing for oneself. See *optic*.

**autosched-.** From G. *αὐτοσχέδιος*, off-hand. See *sketch*.

**autumn.** F. *automne*, L. *au(c)tumnus*.

**auxiliary.** From L. *auxilium*, help, from *augere*, *aux-*, to increase.

**avadavat.** Indian bird. Prop. *amadavat*. From *Ahmadabad* (Gujerat), i.e. city of Ahmed or Achmet.

**avail.** App. from obs. *vail*, from tonic stem of F. *valoir*, L. *valere*, to be worth, by analogy with other verbs of double form (*mount*, *amount*, *wake*, *awake*, etc.).

**avalanche.** F. *avalanche*, altered, by association with F. *avaler*, to descend (*à val*), from earlier *lavanche*, Prov. *lavanca*; cf. Piedmont *lavanca* (whence by metath. It. *valanga*). Represents, with changed suffix, Late L. *labina*, landslide (from *labi*, to glide), whence also Ger. *lawine*, via Romansh *lavina*.

**avarice.** F. *avarice*, L. *avaritia*, from *avarus*, greedy, from *avere*, to desire; cf. *avidity*.

**avast.** ? Port. *abasta*, it is enough; cf. It. *bastà*, from *bastare*, to suffice, said, by Burton, to be of Arab. origin.

**avatar.** Sanskrit *avatāra*, descent, lit., down-passing (of a Hindu deity).

**avaunt.** Orig. onward. F. *avant*, VL. *ab-ante*.

**ave.** L. imper., from *avere*, to be well. Short for *Ave Maria* (*Luke* 1. 28).

**avenge.** OF. *avengier*, from *vengier* (Mod. *venger*), L. *vindicare*. See *vindicate*.

**avens.** Plant. OF *avenue*; cf. MedJ. *avencia*. Origin unknown.

**aventail** [*antiq*]. Movable front of helmet. OF. *esventail*, from *esventer* (Mod. *éventer*), to air, from L. *ex* and *ventus*, wind.

**aventurine.** Glass, quartz. F. *aventurine*, It. *avventurino*, "la pierre artificielle étant produite par de la limaille jetée à l'aventure sur du verre en fusion" (*Dict. Gén.*).

**avenue.** Orig. an approach. Fem. p.p. of OF. *avenir* (now *advenir*), L. *advenire*.

**aver.** F. *avérer*, to recognize as true, VL. *\*adverare*, from *verus*, true.

**average.** First appears in E. c. 1500; cf. F. *avarie* (12 cent.), Sp. *averia*, It. *avaria*, Du. *haverij*, Ger. *haverei*, etc. It has passed through the meanings of customs impost, extraordinary expenses, damage at sea (usual sense of F. *avarie*), equitable distribution of resulting loss, to the modern math. sense, which is peculiar to E. The E. form may be corrupted from a pl. *avarais*. Origin unknown.

**Avernus.** Bottomless pit. *Lago*

*Averno* in Campania, L. *Avernus*, taken, from its poisonous exhalations, as mouth of Hades (*Aen.* vi. 126).

**averroism.** Doctrine of *Averroes* (Ibn Roshd), Arab. philosopher of Cordova (†1225).

**averruncator.** Gardening tool. From L. *averruncare*, to ward off, through mistaken connection with L. *eruncare*, to weed out.

**avert.** L. *avertere*, *ab* from, and *vertere*, to turn. *Averse* is the p.p. *aversus*.

**Avesta.** Teaching of Zoroaster. See *Zend*.

**aviary.** L. *aviarium*, from *avis*, bird.

**aviator, aviation.** F. *aviateur, aviation*, from L. *avis*, bird.

**avidity.** L. *aviditas*, -*tat*-. See *avarice*.

**aviso.** Despatch boat. Sp., lit. intelligence, advice.

**avizandum, at** [*Sc. leg.*]. For private consideration. From MedL. *avizare*, to advise.

**avocado.** Pear. See *alligator*.

**avocation.** L. *avocatio-n*-, summons, lit. calling away, from *vocare*, to call.

**avocet, avoset.** Bird. Archaic F. *avocette*, It. *avosetta*. Origin unknown.

**avoid.** OF. *esvunder*, to empty out, with change of prefix, as in *award*. See *void*. Mod. sense corresponds to F. *éviter*, with which it may have been confused.

**avoirduois.** Mod. corrupt. of AF. *averdepois*, *averdepois*, OF. *aveir* (Mod. *avoir*) *de pois* (Mod. *pois*), goods sold by weight, i.e. not by measure or number. The infin. *aveir* (Mod. *avoir*), goods, property, survives in Sc. *avers*, farm beasts. *Pois* is L. *pensum* (*pendere*, to weigh), whence OF. *peis*. ModF. *pois* is due to mistaken association with *podus*.

**avoset.** See *avocet*.

**avouch.** Now usu. *vouch* (q.v.). OF. *avochier*, L. *advocare*. This became regularly *avoer*, *avouer*, whence E. *avow*, OF. *avochier* being a learned form.

**avow.** See *avouch*. But F. *avouer* is partly a compd. of *vouer*, to vow (q.v.).

**avulsion.** L. *avulsio-n*-, from *avellere*, to tear away, from *ab* and *vellere*, *vuls*-, to tear.

**avuncular.** Of an uncle (q.v.).

**await.** ONF. *awaitier*, OF. *agaitier*, to be in wait for. See *wait*.

**awake, awaken.** Two separate verbs are mixed up, viz. AS. *āwæcnan*, earlier *on-* (strong), whence past *awohe*, and

*āwacian* (weak), whence *awaked*. The predicative adj. *awake* is for the p.p. *awaken* (cf. *ago*). See also *wake*<sup>1</sup>.

**award.** ONF. *eswarder*, or noun *esward*, for OF. *esgarder*, *esgard* (Mod. *égard*). Orig. decision after examination. See *guard*, *ward*.

**aware.** ME. *ware*, AS. *gewær*; cf. Ger. *gewahr*. Also reduced to *ware* (see *beware*).

**away.** AS. *onweg*, *āweg*, on the way. Also, as prefix, sometimes reduced to *weg-* (see *wayward*).

**awe.** ME. had both *eye*, AS. *ege*, fear, and *aw*, ON. *agr*, the latter of which has prevailed. Com. Teut.; cf. OHG. *egiso*, Goth. *agis*.

**awkward.** Orig. adv., formed with suffix *-ward* from obs. *awk*, back-handed, "froward," etc., ON. *afug*, turned the wrong way (cf. Sw. *afwug*), a derivative of *af*, away, off.

**awl.** AS. *æl*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *aal*, Ger. *ahle* (OHG. *āla*), ON. *alr*; ? cogn. with L. *aculeus*, needle.

**awn.** Beard (of barley, etc.). ON. *ōgn*. Com. Teut.; cf. AS. *egen*, husk, Ger. *ähne* (OHG. *agana*), Goth. *ahana*; cogn. with L. *acus*, needle, G. *ākavos*, thistle.

**awning.** From 17 cent. Origin unknown.

**wry.** Earlier *on wry*. See *wry*.

**axe.** AS. *æx*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *aaks*, Ger. *axt* (OHG. *acchus*), ON. *ōx*, Goth. *agiz*; cogn. with G. *ἀξίον* and perh. with L. *ascia* (? for \**accsia*).

**axil** [*bot.*]. Angle. L. *axilla*, armpit, whence also *axillary* (med.).

**axiom.** G. *ἀξίωμα*, from *ἀξιοῦν*, to think fit, require.

**axis.** L., axle, pivot, from *agere*, to move.

**axle.** First in compd. *axle-tree*, ON. *ōxul-trē*, which in ME. superseded the native *ax-tree*, from AS. *æxs*; cf. Ger. *achse* (OHG. *ahsa*); cogn. with L. *axis* (v.s.).

**axolotl.** Mexican lizard. Aztec, lit. water-servant.

**ay, aye.** Ever. ON. *ei*. Com. Teut.; cf. AS. *ā*, Ger. *je* (OHG. *eo*, *io*), Goth. *aiw*; cogn. with L. *aeuum*, G. *aiōn*.

**ayah** [*Anglo-Ind*]. Port. *aya*, nurse, fem. of *aio*, tutor; cf. Sp. *ayo*, It. *aio*.

**aye.** Yes. Origin uncertain. It may be the pronoun *I*, as *I* is its earliest spelling (cf. ME. *nic*, no, lit. not *I*). Another theory is that it is *ay*, ever (v.s.), used as an intens. affirmation.

Cf. its opposite *nay*. Some regard it is a var. of *yea*.

**aye-aye**. Lemur (Madagascar). From cry.

**azalea**. Fem. of G. ἀζαλέος, dry.

**azarole**. Neapolitan medlar. F. *azerole*, Sp. *azarolla*, Arab. *az-zu'rū'*, where *az* is for *al*, def. art.

**azedarac**. F. *azédarac*, lilas de Chine, via Sp. from Pers. *āzād dirakht*, free tree.

**azimuth** [astron.]. Arc from zenith to horizon. F. *azimut* (cf. It. *azzimuto*), Arab. *as-sumūt*, for *al-sumūt*, pl. of *samī*, way, whence *zenith* (q.v.).

**azote**. Nitrogen. F., from G. ἄ-, neg., ζῳή, life.

**Aztec** [ling.]. Native lang. of Mexico.

**azure**. Orig. the precious stone *lapis lazuli*; F. *azur*; cf. It. *azzurro*, Sp. *azul* (OSp. *azur*); from Arab. *lazward*, Pers. *lazward*, a place in Turkestan whence the stone was procured. The *l* is supposed to have been lost in the Rom langs. through being taken as the def. art.

**baa**. Imit. Cf. *bow-wow*.

**Baal**. Heb. *ba'al*, lord. Cf. *Beelzebub*.

**baas** [SAfr.]. Du., uncle. See *boss*<sup>2</sup>.

**babacote**. Lemur. Malagasy *babakoto*.

**babble**. Imit. of infantile speech; cf. F. *babiller*, to chatter, L. *balbus*, stammerer. Of similar origin are *habe*, *baby*.

**babe, baby**. Earlier *baban* (v.s.).

**babel**. From *Tower of Babel*, app. understood (*Gen.* xi. 9) as confusion (*babble*), but prob. Assyr. *bāb-ilu*, gate of the gods.

**babiana**. Flower. Du. *babianer*, from archaic *babiaen*, because fed on by the baboon (q.v.).

**babiroussa**. Hog-deer. Malay *bābi*, hog, *rūsa*, deer.

**baboo, babu**. Hind. *bābū*. Orig. used like E. Mr.

**baboon**. F. *babouin* (also OF. *babion*); cf. It. *babuino*, Sp. *babuino*; also Du. *bavraan*, Ger. *pavian*, MedL. *papio-n*. The most likely starting-point is the natural base *bab*- (see *babble*). It. *babuino*, besides meaning baboon, occurs in the sense both of babbler and stammerer.

**babouche**. Turk. slipper. F. *babouche*, Arab. *bābūsh*, from Pers. *pā*, foot, *pūsh*, covering.

**baby**. See *babe*.

**baccalaureat**. See *bachelor*.

**baccarat**. F., also *baccara*, card-game at which the ten is called *baccara*. Origin unknown. There is a small French town called *Baccarat* (Meurthe-et-Moselle).

**bacchanal**. L. *Bacchanalis*, from *Bacchus*, G. *Bákchos*.

**bachelor**. F. *bachelier*, MedL. *baccalaris*, and later, as academic term, *baccalaureus*, as though from *bacca*, berry, *laurus*, laurel; hence *baccalaureat*. Cf. It. *baccalare*, Sp. *bachiller*. Oldest F. sense appears to be young man aspiring to knighthood, squire. Origin unknown.

**bacillus**. Late L. dim. of L. *baculus*, var. of *baculum*, rod.

**back**. AS. *bæc*; cf. Du. ON. *bak*. Adv. *back* is for *aback* (q.v.).

**backgammon**. ME. *gamen* (see *gammon*<sup>1</sup>). Cf. Du. *verkeer-spel*, lit. turn back game, and archaic F. *revertier*.

**backsheesh, baksheesh**. Pers. *bakhshish*, present, from *bakhshidan*, to give.

**bacon**. OF. *bacon*, MedL. *baco-n*, OHG. *bahho*, buttock, ham.

**bacterium**. For G. *βακτήριον*, dim. of *βάκτρον*, staff. From shape.

**baculine**. In *baculine* (forcible) argument. From L. *baculum*, staff.

**bad**. ME. *badde*. Origin uncertain. ? AS. *bæddel*, hermaphrodite, used contemptuously, with *-l* lost as in *much* from *micel* (cf. AS. *bæðling*, effeminate man).

**Baddeley cake**. Cut in Drury Lane greenroom on Twelfth Night. Bequest of R. *Baddeley*, 18 cent. actor.

**badge**. ME. *bage*, *bagge*. Origin unknown.

**badger**. Prob. nickname taken from archaic *badger*, a middleman, esp. in the corn and flour trade, often regarded as a furtive and nocturnal individual. Cf. F. *blaireau*, badger, of uncertain origin, but prob. felt as dim. of OF. *blaiier*, corn-dealer.

**badinage**. F. *badinage*, from *badiner*, to jest, *badin*, playful, foolish, Prov. *badin*, prob. orig. gaper. See *bay*<sup>3</sup>.

**badmash, budmash** [Anglo-Ind.]. Ras-cal. Urdu, from Pers. *bad*, evil, Arab. *ma'āsh*, means of livelihood.

**badminton**. From Duke of Beaufort's seat (Glouc.).

**baffle**. Cf. archaic F. *beffier*, to ridicule, and F. *bafouer*, to hold up to public contempt, both of uncertain origin, but generally referred to a radical *baf*, a natural sound of the *pooh*, *bah*.

type. Cf. It. *beffare*, with same meaning, and Ger *ganz baff machen*, to flabbergast.

**baffy** [golf]. From Sc *baff*, blow, cf. OF. *baiffe* and see *buffet*<sup>1</sup>.

**bag**. ME. *bagge*, ON. *baggi*. Cf. archaic F. *bagues*, baggage. Earlier hist. obscure; ? cogn. with *pack*.

**bagatelle**. Orig. (17 cent.) a trifle. F. *bagatelle*, trifle, It. *bagattella*. Prob. from L. *baca*, berry, derivatives of which occur in Rom langs. in sense of valueless object.

**baggage**. F. *bagage*, from *bague* (see *bag*).

**bagno** [hist.]. It. *bagno*, bath, L. *balneum*; later, brothel (cf. *stew*<sup>1</sup>). In sense of convict prison, due to the conversion of an old Roman bath at Constantinople into a prison.

**bah**. Cf. F. *bah*<sup>1</sup>. See *bay*<sup>3,5</sup>.

**bahadur**. Urdu *bahādur*, hero, champion, title of honour orig. conferred by great Mogul. Forms are found also in Russ. (*bogatyr*), Pol., Hung., Manchu, etc. Origin uncertain.

**baignoire**. Lowest tier box at theatre. F., orig. dressing-box at bath. See *bagno*.

**baill** [leg.]. OF. *baill* (now=lease), from *bailler*, to give (still dial. F.), L. *baquillare*, to bear, from *baquius*, porter.

**baill**<sup>2</sup>. Cross-bar in stable, at cricket OF. *baill*, L. *baculum*, staff.

**baill**<sup>3</sup>. To scoop up water. See *bale*<sup>3</sup>.

**bailey** [hist.]. Part of fortress. Cf. MedL *ballium* (belongs to *baill*<sup>1</sup>). Hence *Old Bailey*, London.

**baillie, bailiff**. OF. *baillif* (Mod. *bailiff*), VL. *\*baulivus*, orig. official in charge of castle (see *bailey*). For *bailiwick* see *wick*<sup>2</sup>.

**bain-Marie** [cook.]. F., bath of Mary, MedL *balneum Mariae*.

**bairn**. Sc form of obs. or dial. E. *bern*, *barn*, AS. *bearn*. Com. Teut.; cf. obs. Du. *baren*, OHG, ON. Goth. *barn*; cogn. with *bear*<sup>2</sup>.

**bait**. First as verb. ON. *beita*, to cause to bite, causal of *bita*, to bite. Hence to *bait* (i.e. feed) horses.

**baize**. Earlier *bayes*, pl. of *bay*<sup>4</sup>, from its orig. colour.

**bake**. AS. *bacan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *bakken*, Ger. *backen*, ON. *baka*.

**Bakerloo**. Baker St-Waterloo Railway. Cf. *Peterloo*.

**baksheesh**. See *baksheesh*.

**balaam** [journ.]. Stock paragraphs kept for filling up when news is short. From *Balaam* (Numbers xxii.-xxiv.), but reason obscure.

**balance**. F. *balance*, VL. *\*bilancia* for *bilanx*, *bilanc-*, from *bis*, twice, *lanx*, platter.

**balas** [archaic]. Ruby. F. *balais* (cf. It. *balascro*, Sp. *balaj*), MedL. *balascius*, through Arab. from Pers. *Badakhshān*, district near Samarcand.

**balbriggan**. Stocking from *Balbriggan*, Co. Dublin.

**balcony**. It. *balcone*, from *balco*, scaffold, OHG. *balcho*, balk, beam.

**bald**. Earlier *balled* (Chauc. A. 198), from Welsh *bal*, white on the brow (cf. *Bald-faced Stag*). This Com. Celt. word is cogn. with G. *φαλαρός*, "starred" (of a horse).

**baldachin, baldaquin** [archaic]. Rich stuff, usu. *baudekin* in ME.; later, a canopy. F. *baldaquin*, It. *baldacchino*, MedL *baldakimus*, from *Baldacco*, It. name of Baghdad.

**balderdash**. Orig. (16 cent.) poor mixed drink; hence, jumbled nonsense. MedL *balductum*, strained milk, was similarly used. Origin of both words unknown (cf. *flapdoodle*, *slumgullion*).

**baldric**. Cf. OF. *baudrei*, late OHG. *balderich*. ? Ident. with the OHG. name *Baldarīh* or AS. *Bealdric*, bold rich, whence F. surname *Baudry* and our *Badrick*, *Baldry*, etc. For similar cases see *goblet*, *nickel*, *tankard*, etc.

**bale**<sup>1</sup> [poet.]. Harm. AS. *bealo*, woe, calamity. Com. Teut.; cf. OSax. *balu*, OHG. *balu*, ON. *böl*; also Goth. adj. *balws*. Hence *baleful*. *Balefire*, often understood as belonging to the same word, is AS. *bælfyr*, from *bæl*, blaze, funeral pile, ON. *bäl*.

**bale**<sup>2</sup>. Of goods. AF. var. of F. *balle*, ball<sup>2</sup>, bale.

**bale**<sup>3</sup>. Verb. From archaic *bail*, bucket, F. *baillie*. MedL. *aquae bainula* points to orig. sense of female water-bearer (see *bail*<sup>1</sup>).

**baleen**. Whalebone. Orig. whale. F. *baleine*, L. *balaena*.

**balefire** [poet.]. See *bale*<sup>1</sup>.

**baleful**. See *bale*<sup>1</sup>.

**balistite**. See *ballista*.

**balk, baulk**. AS. *balca*, ridge. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *balk*, Ger. *balken*, ON. *bjálki*, all meaning beam, also ON. *bálkr*, hedge, boundary. With verb to *balk*, i.e. interpose a balk, cf. to *thwart*.

**balkanize** [pol.]. To convert into a set of hostile units.

**ball**<sup>1</sup>. Sphere. ME. *bal*, ON. *böllr*, cogn. with Ger. *ball*, whence F. *balle*.

**ball**<sup>2</sup>. Dance. F. *bal*, from OF. *baler*, to dance, Late L. *ballare*, ? from G. βαλλίζω, to dance. Cf. *ballad*, *ballet*.

**ballad**. F. *ballade*, Prov. *balada*, orig. a dancing-song (see *ball*<sup>2</sup>).

**ballast**. Second element is *last*, burden (whence F. *lest*, ballast), found in all Teut. langs. (see *last*<sup>2</sup>); first element is doubtful, perhaps *bare*, as oldest form appears to be *barlast* (OSw. & ODan.).

**ballerina**. It, dancing girl. Cf. *ballet*.

**ballet**. F. *ballet*, It. *balletto*, dim. of *ballo*, *ball*<sup>2</sup> (q.v.).

**ballista** [hist.]. Catapult. L. *ballista*, from G. βάλλειν, to cast. Hence also *ballistite*, explosive.

**ballium** [hist.]. Latinized form of *barley* (q.v.).

**balloon**. F. *ballon*, augment. of *balle*, *ball*<sup>1</sup>, from Teut.

**ballot**. It *ballotta*, dim. of *balla*, *ball*<sup>1</sup> (cf. *blackball*).

**Ballplatz** [hist.]. Austrian Foreign Office. From address. Cf. *Quai d'Orsay*, etc.

**bally** [slang]. From c. 1885 as euph. for *bloody*. Perh. from music-hall tag *Ballyhooly truth*, suggested as Ir. for *whole bloody truth*.

**ballyrag, bullyrag**. First in US. *bulrag* (1758) with sense of *haze*<sup>2</sup>. Origin unknown ? Hence *rag*<sup>2</sup>.

**balm**. F. *baume*, L. *balsamum*.

**balm-cricket**. Cicada Mistransl. of Ger. *baumgrille*, tree cricket.

**balmoral**. In various trade-names. Sc. residence (Aberdeen) of Queen Victoria

**balmy** [slang]. For earlier *barmy* (q.v.).

**balne**. From L. *balneum*, bath.

**balsam**. It. *balsamo*, L. *balsamum*, G. βάλαμον, of Aram. origin.

**baltimore**. Black and orange starling (US.) Colours of Lord *Baltimore*, proprietor of Maryland (17 cent.).

**baluster, banister**. F. *balustre*, It. *balaustro*, from *balaustro*, flower of wild pomegranate, G. βαλαύστιον. Orig. the bulging colonets of a balustrade. From shape.

**bam**. Humbug. Goes with *bamboozle*.

**bambino**. It., baby, esp. Infant Jesus. Cf. G. βαμβαίνω, to stammer. See *babble*.

**bamboo**. Earlier *bambus*, pl. *bambuses*. As earliest form is *mambu*, it may be for Malay *samambu*, Malacca cane.

**bamboozle**. One of the numerous slang words appearing c. 1700. Also

in shortened form *bam*. Perh. connected with the onomat. *bab-* (*babble*, *baby*, *baboon*, etc.). Florio uses *embabuwinze* to render Montaigne's *embabuiner*, to make a fool (lit. baboon) of.

**Bampton lectures**. At St Mary's, Oxford. Founded by Canon *Bampton* (†1751).

**ban**<sup>1</sup>. To proclaim, etc. AS. *bannan*, to summon by proclamation; later, to curse, excommunicate. Com. Teut.; cf. obs. Du. *bannen*, OHG. *bannan*, ON. *banna*. Cf. *banish*. The proclamation sense survives in *banns of marriage*. See *arrière-ban*, *banal*.

**ban**<sup>2</sup>. Governor of certain districts in Hungary, Croatia, etc. Czech, Pol. *bán*, lord.

**banal**. F, commonplace, orig. for public use, from *ban*, feudal jurisdiction, orig. proclamation, from Teut. (see *ban*<sup>1</sup>).

**banana**. Sp. or Port., prob. from native name (Guinea); but "the coincidence of this name with the Arab. *banān*, fingers or toes, and *banāna*, a single finger or toe, can hardly be accidental" (Yule).

**band**<sup>1</sup>. Ligature. AS. has only *bend* (q.v.), but *band* is found in most Teut. langs. It belongs to the verb to *bind*. Earliest sense, bond, fetter, etc. In sense of flat strip, ribbon, etc., it is F. *bande*, ult. the same word. Hence *bandbox*, orig. (17 cent.) made for bands or ruffs.

**band**<sup>2</sup>. Company. F. *bande*, It. *banda*. Prob. cogn. with *banner* (q.v.) and going back to Goth. *bandwa*, sign, flag.

**bandage**. F., see *band*<sup>1</sup>.

**bandanna**. From Hind. *bāndhnū*, "a mode of dyeing in which the cloth is tied in different places, to prevent the parts tied from receiving the dye" (Shakespear, *Hindustani Dict.*), from Sanskrit, *bandhana*, binding.

**bandar log**. Nation of monkeys in Kipling's *Jungle Book*. Hind. *bandar* monkey (cf. *wanderoo*), *log*, people.

**bandbox**. See *band*<sup>1</sup>.

**bandeau**. F., dim. of *bande*, *band*<sup>1</sup>.

**bandelet**. F. *bandelette* (v.s.).

**banderilla**. Sp., dim. of *bandera*, banner.

**banderole**. F. *banderole*, It. *banderuola*, from *bandiera*, banner.

**bandicoot**. Telugu *pandū kokku*, pig rat.

**bandit.** It. *bandito*, p.p. of *bandire*, to outlaw, banish (q.v.).

**bandog.** For *band-dog* (*band*<sup>1</sup>). Cf. synon. F. *lunier*, from *lun*, bond.

**bandoleer** [*mil.*]. F. *bandoulière*, Sp. *bandolera* or It. *bandoliera*, from *banda*, *band*<sup>1</sup>, strap.

**bandoline.** For the hair. F. *bandoline*, hybrid coinage from *bandeau*, band of hair, and L. *linere*, to anoint.

**bandy**<sup>1</sup>. Verb. From F. *bander* "to bandie, at tennis" (Cotg.); hence, to throw (jests, reproaches, etc.) to and fro. Of Teut. origin and cogn. with *bend*.

**bandy**<sup>2</sup>. Hockey; orig. the curved stick with which it is played. Prob. from *bend*, but influenced by *bandy*<sup>1</sup>.

**bandy**<sup>3</sup>. Or *bandy-legged*. Common sense suggests *bendy*, perh. associated also with *bandy*<sup>2</sup>.

**bane.** Orig. killer, murderer. AS. *banā*. Com. Teut.; cf. OSax OHG. *bano*, ON. *banr*; cogn. with Goth. *banja*, wound, and ult. with G. *phōnos*, murder.

**bang**<sup>1</sup>. To thump, etc. ON. *bangā*, to beat, of imit. origin.

**bang**<sup>2</sup>. Drug. See *bang*.

**bangle.** From Urdu *bangrī*, orig. coloured glass bracelet or anklet.

**banian, banyan.** Port. *banian*, Arab. *banīyān*, from Gujarati *vānyo*, Sanskrit *vanij*, merchant. Man of trading caste (see *bunya*). This caste abstains from animal food, hence naut. *banyan day*. The *banian tree*, a gigantic fig-tree, obtained its E. name from its being an object of veneration to the *banians*, who built their temples under it.

**banish.** F. *bannir*, *banniss-*, to proclaim as an outlaw, from *ban*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.).

**banister.** Corrupt. of *baluster*.

**banjo.** Earlier *banjore*, negro corrupt. of archaic *bandore*, L. *pandura*, G. *πανδούρα*.

**bank**<sup>1</sup>. Of earth. ME. *banke*; cf. ON. *bakki*; cogn. with *bank*<sup>2</sup> and *bench*.

**bank**<sup>2</sup>. For money. F. *banque*, It. *banca*, of Teut. origin and cogn. with *bank*<sup>1</sup>. Orig. money-changers' bench or table; cf. F. *banc*, bench, from OHG.

**bankrupt.** Earlier (16 cent.) *bankrout*, F. *banqueroute*, It. *banca rotta*, broken bank<sup>2</sup>.

**banksia.** Austral. shrub. From Sir Joseph Banks (†1820).

**banlieue.** F., outskirts (of a town). Orig. league (*lieue*) radius under town authority. See *ban*<sup>1</sup>.

**banner.** OF *banere* (Mod. *bannière*); cf. It. *bandiera*, Sp. *bandera*, from MedL. *bannum*, *bandum*, flag. See *band*<sup>2</sup>.

**banneret** [*hist.*]. OF *baneret*, adj., "bannered," with -et from L. -atus. Orig. knight whose vassals fought under his own banner.

**bannock** [*north*]. Loaf of home-made bread. Gael. *bannach*, prob. a loan-word from L. *panis*; cf. AS. *bannuc*.

**banns.** See *ban*<sup>1</sup>.

**banquet.** F., dim. of *banc*, bench, table (see *bank*<sup>2</sup>).

**banquette** [*mil.*]. Ledge inside rampart or trench. F. *banquette*, It. *banchetta*, dim. of *banca*, bench, shelf (see *bank*<sup>2</sup>).

**banstee** [*Ir.*]. Ir. *bean sídhe*, woman of the faeries. See *quean*.

**bant.** See *banting*.

**bantam.** Place in Java, but the bird was orig. Jap. (cf. *guinea-pig*).

**banter.** From 17 cent. (cf. *bamboozle*). Origin unknown.

**banting.** Name of a London cabinet-maker who published (1864) his method of reducing obesity. With back-formation *bant* cf. *maffick*.

**bantling.** Corrupted from archaic Ger. *bänking*, bastard, from *bank*, bench. See *bastard*.

**Bantu** [*ling*]. Group of SAfr. langs., esp. Zulu. Native name for "people."

**banxring.** Squirrel-like animal (Java). Native name.

**banyan.** See *banian*.

**banzai.** Jap. war-cry, lit. ten thousand years; cf. Chin. *wan*, myriad, *sui*, year.

**baobab.** Tree. Prob. native name (EAfr.).

**Baphomet** [*hist.*]. Idol the Templars were accused of worshipping. OF. perversion of *Mahomet*.

**baptize.** G. *βαπτίζω*, to immerse, from *βάπτω*, to dip.

**bar.** F. *barre*; cf. *barra* in other Rom. langs. and in MedL. Origin unknown. Ground-sense, barrier, as in *Temple Bar*, harbour bar.

**barathrum** [*antig.*]. L. *barathrum*, G. *βάραθρον*, pit into which criminals were thrown at Athens.

**barb**<sup>1</sup>. Of arrow. F. *barbe*, L. *barba*, beard, hook.

**barb**<sup>2</sup>. Horse, pigeon. F. *barbe*, from *Barbary*.

**barbara and baralipton.** Subtleties of logic. From mnemonic words used to indicate certain kinds of syllogisms.

**barbarian, barbaric, barbarous.** From G *βάρβανος*, with ref to unintelligible speech (*bar-bar*); cf. Sanskrit *bar-bara*, stammering, non-Aryan.

**Barbary.** In ME. heathenism, etc. (v.s.); now, N. Africa. Hence *bar-bary ape*.

**barbecue.** Sp. *barbacoa*, from lang. of Hayti. Orig. frame-work on posts to sleep on, or to smoke meat on; hence, an animal roasted whole.

**barbed** [archaic]. Of a horse, equipped and caparisoned. Mistake for *barbed*, from F. *barde*, horse-armour, also rough saddle, Sp. Port. *albarda*, pack-saddle, Arab. *al-barda'ah*.

**barbel.** OF. *barbel* (Mod. *barbeau*), VL. \**barbellus*, dim. of *barbus*, from its beard.

**barber.** ME. *barbour*, OF. *barbeor*, VL. \**barbator-em*, from *barba*, beard.

**barberry.** OF. *barbers*, with -s lost as in *cherry*; cf. It. *berberi*, Sp. *berberis*, MedL. *barbaris*. Origin unknown. The -berry is folk-etym.

**barbette** [mil.]. Orig. gun platform. F., dim. of *barbe*, beard.

**barbican** [hist.]. Outer defence. F. *barbacane* (12 cent.); cf. It. *barbacane*, Sp. *barbacana*. ? From Arab-Pers. *bāb-khānah*, gate-house (see *Babel*), the regular name in the East for a towered gateway.

**barcarolle.** F. *barcarolle*, Venet. *barcarola*, It. *barcaruola*, boatman's song, from *barca*. See *bark*<sup>2</sup>.

**bard**<sup>1</sup>. Gael. Ir. *bard*, or Welsh *bardd*, whence G *βάρδος*, L. *bardus* (in Lucan).

**bard**<sup>2</sup>. See *barbed*.

**bare.** AS. *bær*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *baar*, Ger. *bar*, ON. *berr*.

**barège.** Fabric, from *Barèges* (Hautes-Pyrénées).

**baresark.** See *berserk*.

**bargain.** OF. *bargagne*; cf. It. *bar-gagno*, Port. *barganha*. The corresponding verb, OF. *bargagner* (Mod. *barguigner*), found also in the other Rom. langs., is Late L. *barcamare*, to haggle (temp. Charles the Bald). Origin unknown.

**barge.** F. *barge*, Late L. *barga*, var. of *barca*, *bark*<sup>2</sup>.

**barilla.** Plant. Sp. *barrilla*.

**baritone.** See *barytone*.

**barium** [chem.]. From G. *βαρύς*, heavy.

**bark**<sup>1</sup>. Of a tree. ON. *börkr*, prob. cogn. with *birch*.

**bark<sup>2</sup>, barque.** Vessel. F. *barque*, It. *barca*, Late L. *barca*, ship of burden, of doubtful origin.

**bark**<sup>3</sup>. Verb AS. *beorcan*; cf. ON. *berkja*, ? from *barki*, windpipe.

**barley.** Orig. adj., as still in *barleycorn*. AS. *bærylic*, from *bere*, barley (see *bearbire*); cf. ON. *barr*, corn, barley, Goth. *barizems*, of barley; ult. cogn. with L *far*, corn.

**barm.** Yeast, froth. AS. *beorma*, with LG. and Scand. cognates; cf. Ger. dial. *barme*; ult. cogn. with L. *fermentum*. Hence slang *barmy*, now often spelt *balmy*.

**Barmecide banquet.** Allusion to a tale in the *Arabian Nights* of a prince who offered an imaginary feast to a beggar. The *Barmecides* were a family powerful in Baghdad just before Haroun-al-Raschid. Cf. *Alnaschar dreams*.

**barmote** [loc.]. Miners' court. Earlier *bargh-*, Ger. *berg*, mining, lit. mountain. See *moot*.

**barn.** AS. *bern* for *bereærn*, barley-house. See *ransack*, *saltern*.

**Barnaby** [archaic]. Feast of *St Barnabas* (June 11), considered longest day under Old Style.

**barnacle**<sup>1</sup>. For horses. ME. *bernacle*, earlier *bernak*, AF. *bernac*, glossed *camus*, a bit, snaffle. Origin unknown. In sense of spectacles *bar-nacles* seems to be a playful extension of the same word, due to the way in which *barnacles* are fitted to a horse's nose. There may also have been association with archaic F. *besicles*, spectacles, formerly *bercles*. This is rendered *barnacles* in Motteux' transl. of Rabelais (*Pantagruel*, v. 27).

**barnacle**<sup>2</sup>. Kind of wild goose; shell-fish. ME. *bernake*, OF. *bernaque*, MedL. *bernaca*, etc., of unknown origin. The connection of the two senses is due to the ancient superstition that the goose was hatched from shell-fish adhering to trees over the water.

**barnacles.** Spectacles. See *barnacle*<sup>1</sup>.

**barney** [slang]. Lark, spree; earlier (c. 1860), *humbug*. ? From name *Barney* (for *Barnaby*); cf. abstr. sense of *Paddy*. ? Or for *blarney*.

**barometer.** From G. *βαρός*, weight.

**baron.** F. *baron*, Late L. *baro-n-*, used in Salic Law as equivalent to *homo*; cf. double meaning of AS. *mann*, man, warrior, hero. Origin unknown. The *baron* of beef, or double sirloin (q.v.), is a witticism due to the old story of knighting the loin. *Baronet* is used for sirloin by Fielding.



**baroque.** Orig. irregularly shaped pearl. F. *baroque*, Port. *barroco* Origin unknown.

**barouche.** Earlier (1805) *birutsche*, Ger. dial. *barutsche*, *birutsche*, It. *barocco*, for *biroccio*, from L. *birotus*, two-wheeled, from *bis* and *rota*.

**barque.** See *bark*<sup>2</sup>.

**barquentine.** Sp. *bergantín*, brigantine, confused with *barque* (see *bark*<sup>2</sup>, *brig*).

**barracan.** See *barragan*.

**barrack.** F. *baraque*, booth, hut, It. *baracca* or Sp. *barraca*; ? cogn. with *bar*. Cf. *barracoon*, slave pen, Sp. *barracón*.

**barracking.** On the cricket field. Said to come from a native Austral. (NSW.) word *borak* meaning derision. It bears a curious resemblance to *barrakin*, gibberish, formerly used in East End of London. This is F. *baragounn*, jargon.

**barracoon.** See *barrack*.

**barracuda, barracoota.** Large Wind. sea-perch. Origin unknown. Sp. *barrigudo*, big-bellied, does not suit the shape.

**barragan.** Orig. coarse camlet. Earlier *barracan*. OF. *baracan*, *baragant* (Mod. *bouvacan*), Arab. *barrakān*, camlet, from Pers. *barak*, garment of camel's hair

**barrage** [hist.] F., barrier, weir, from *barrer*, to bar.

**barratry** [leg.]. Marine fraud. OF. *baraterie*, from *barate*, fraud, strife; cf. It. *bavattare*, to barter (q.v.), Sp. *baratar*, to sell cheap, OIt. *baratta*, strife. All app. from ON. *barätta*, strife, if this is a genuine ON. word, in which case it may have been taken to the South by the Vikings

**barrel.** F. *baril*, with forms in all Rom. langs. ? Connected with *bar*.

**barren.** Orig. of female. Archaic F. *bréhaigne*, OF. *brehaign*, *baraign*, etc. Origin unknown.

**barret** [hist.]. Cap. F. *barrette* (see *brevita*).

**barricade.** F., from *barrique*, barrel, used in extempore barriers.

**barrico** [naut.]. See *breaker*.

**barrier.** F. *barrière*, from *barre*, bar.

**barrister.** Mod. formation from *bar* (of Inns of Court), app. modelled on *chorister*, *sophister*.

**barrow**<sup>1</sup>. Funeral mound Orig. hill, mountain. AS. *beorg*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *berg*, ON. *berg*, *bjarg*, Goth. *barraheoi*, mountain chain.

**barrow**<sup>2</sup>. Vehicle. AS *beorwe*. Orig. stretcher, bier (q.v.), hand-barrow, cogn with *bear*<sup>2</sup>.

**barter.** F. *barater*, to deceive, in OF to exchange, haggle, from *barat* (see *barratry*).

**bartizan** [poet.]. Sc., app. corrupt. of *bratticing*, timber-work. See *brattice*.

**barton** [dial.] Enclosure in various senses. AS. *beretūn*. See *barley* and *town*.

**barytes** [min.]. From *barium* (q.v.).

**barytone, baritone.** F. *baryton* or It. *baritono*, from G. *βαρύς*, heavy, *τόνος*, tone.

**basalt.** L. *basaltis*, said by Pliny to be an Afr. word. Not connected with *salt*.

**basan, bazan.** Kind of sheep-skin leather (corruptly *basil*, *baril*). F. *basane*, Prov. *bazana*, Sp. *badana*, Arab. *bitānah*, inside, lining.

**bascinet.** See *basinet*.

**bascule** [mech.]. F., see-saw, for earlier *bacule*, from OF *baculer*, from *baitre*, to beat, *cul*, posterior.

**base**<sup>1</sup>. Noun. F. *base*, G. *βάσις*, step, also pedestal, from *βαίνειν*, to step.

**base**<sup>2</sup>. Adj. F. *bas*, VL. *bassus*, stumpy, common in classical L. as cognomen.

**baseball.** Developed from *prisoners' base* (15 cent.), which is for *bars*, the -r- being lost as in *bass*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.). Cf. F. *barres*: "the play at bace; or, prison bars" (Cotg.).

**baseborn.** Altered (on *low-born*) from ME. *a bast ibore*, born on a pack-saddle (see *bastard*).

**basement.** App. from *base*<sup>1</sup>; cf. obs. F. *basement*, It. *basamento*. Vitruvius uses *basis* in same sense.

**bash** [colloq.]. Origin unknown. ? Cf. Sw. *basa*, Dan. *baske*, to beat, ? or mixture of such words as *bang* and *smash*.

**bashaw.** Earlier form of *pasha* (q.v.).

**bashful.** From *abash* (q.v.). Cf. ME. *bashment*, discomfiture.

**bashi-bazouk.** Turk. irregular soldier. Turk. *dāsh-bōzuk*, one whose head is turned. Cf. *bimbashi*.

**basil**<sup>1</sup>. Plant. OF. *basile*, from G. *βασιλικόν*, royal (sovereign remedy).

**basil**<sup>2</sup>. See *basan*.

**Basilian.** Of *St Basil*, bishop of Caesarea (†379).

**basilica.** L. *basilica*, G. *βασιλική* (sc. *οἰκία*), royal dwelling. In Rome

applied spec to the seven churches established by Constantine

**basilisk.** G βασιλίσκος, dim. of βασιλεύς, king, because of a mark depicted on its head resembling a crown. Cf. synonym. L. *regulus*, lit. little king

**basin.** OF. *basin* (Mod *bassin*), VL *bacchinon*, for *baccinum*, from *bacca*, vessel for water (7 cent). Hence also It *bacino*, Sp. *bacín*, Ger. *becken* Ult. origin unknown.

**basinet, bascinet, basnet** [hist.]. Basin-shaped helmet. OF. *bacinnet*, dim. of *bacin*, basin.

**basis.** See *base*<sup>1</sup>.

**bas.** ON. *bathask*, whence ModIce. *bathast*, to bathe oneself, reflex. of *batha*, to bathe. For formation cf. *busk*<sup>2</sup>.

**baskerville** [bibl.]. Name of famous Birmingham printer (†1775).

**basket.** AF. dim. of OF. *basche*, from L. *bascarda*, said (by Martial) to be a British word. Origin unknown.

**basnet.** See *basinet*.

**bason** [Bibl.]. Archaic form of *basin*

**Basque** [ling.]. Non-Aryan lang. of western Pyrenees. Its only contribution to E. is perh. *jingo*.

**basque.** Of a dress. F., earlier *baste*, now associated with *Basque*.

**bas-relief.** F. *bas-relief*, It. *bassorilievo*. See *base*<sup>2</sup> and *relief*.

**bass**<sup>1</sup>. Fish. Earlier *barse* (still in dial), AS. *bærs*; cf. Du. *baars*, Ger. *barsch* (whence *haulbars*, perch); cogn. with *bristle*.

**bass**<sup>2</sup>. Fibre. For *bast* (q.v.). Hence *bass-broom*, *bass-wood*.

**bass**<sup>3</sup> [mus.]. It. *basso*, *base*<sup>2</sup>.

**basset**<sup>1</sup>. Short-legged dog. OF. dim. of *bas*, low (see *base*<sup>2</sup>).

**basset**<sup>2</sup> [archaic]. Card-game. F. *bas-sette*, It. *bassetta*, supposed to be in some way connected with *basso*, low.

**bassinnet(te).** ? Corrupted from F. *bercelonnette*, double dim. of *berceau*, cradle.

**bassoon.** F. *basson*, extended from *basse*, *bass*<sup>3</sup>

**bast.** Inner bark of lime. AS. *bæst*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. ON. *bast*. See *bass*<sup>2</sup>.

**bastard.** OF. *bastard* (Mod. *bâtard*). In OF. also *fils de bast*, son of a pack-saddle. See *-ard*. Cf. synonym. Ger. *bankert*, earlier *bankart*, from *bank*, bench. See *banilung*, *baseborn*. *bat*<sup>3</sup>.

**baste**<sup>1</sup>. To sew. OF. *bastir* (Mod. *bâtir*, to build), OHG. *bastjan*, *bestan*, to sew with *bast* (q.v.).

**baste**<sup>2</sup>. Cooking. From OF. *basser*, to soak, the mod. form being from the p.p. The OF. word is of unknown origin.

**baste**<sup>3</sup>. To beat. Jocular application of *baste*<sup>2</sup>. Cf. Ger. *schmieren*, to drub, lit to anoint.

**bastille** [hist.]. F. *bastille* (earlier *bashe*); cf. It. *bastia*, Prov. *bastida*, from *bastire*, to build (see *baste*<sup>1</sup>).

**bastinado.** For Sp. *bastonada*, beating, from *bastón*, cudgel (see *baton*).

**bastion.** F. *bastion*, It. *bastione*, from *bastia*, fort, from *bastire*, to build. See *bastille*.

**bat**<sup>1</sup>. Cudgel, etc. AS. *batt*, club, ? from Celt. Some senses perh. from F. *batte*, which is usu. connected with *battre*, to beat. *Bat*, lump, clod (as in *brickbat*), is supposed to be the same word.

**bat**<sup>2</sup>. Animal In ME. usu. *bakke* Origin obscure, but app. Scand Cf. Dan. *aftenbakke*, evening bat, Sw. dial. *nattbatta*, night bat.

**bat**<sup>3</sup> [mil.]. Packsaddle. F. *bât*, OF. *bast*, ModL. *bastum*. Hence *batman* Origin unknown.

**batata.** Sweet potato. Sp and Port., prob from Hayti. See *potato*.

**Batavian.** From L. *Batavia*, island of *Betawe*, between the Rhine and the Waal.

**batch.** Orig. a "baking" of bread. ME. *bache*, from *bahe*.

**bate**<sup>1</sup>. Aphet. for *abate* (q.v.).

**bate**<sup>2</sup> [archaic]. Strife. Aphet. for *debate*.

**bath**<sup>1</sup>. For washing. AS. *bæth*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *bad*, ON. *bath*.

**bath**<sup>2</sup>. Liquid measure (*Is. v. 10*). Heb.

**Bath Oliver.** Biscuit. From W. *Oliver*, physician at *Bath* (†1764).

**Bathonian** [geol.]. From ModL. *Bathonia*, Bath.

**bathos.** G. βάθος, depth.

**bating.** From *bate*<sup>1</sup>.

**batiste.** F., cambric. From name of manufacturer (Cambrai, 13 cent.).

**batman.** From *bat*<sup>3</sup>.

**baton.** F. *bâton*, OF. *baston*, of unknown origin. See also *batman*.

**batrachian.** From G. βάτραχος, frog.

**batta** [mil.]. Extra allowance for officers serving in India. Indo-Port., orig from Canarese *bhatta*, rice.

**battalion.** F. *bataillon*, It. *battaglione*, dim. of *battaglia*. See *battle*.

**battels** [Oxf.]. College-bill, esp. for provisions from buttery. Cf. obs.

- battle*, to grow fat, which is app. a var. of *batten*<sup>2</sup> (q.v.).
- batten**<sup>1</sup>. Strip of wood. Var. of *baton* (q.v.).
- batten**<sup>2</sup>. To feed gluttonously. Orig. to thrive, grow fat (see *battels*). ON. *batna*, to improve, grow "better," cogn. with AS. *batian*, to feed, thrive.
- batter**. From F. *battre*, VL. \**battere*, for *battuere*, to beat, of Celt. origin. Hence *battery*, F. *batterie*, orig. act of beating, as in *assault* and *battery*.
- battle**. F. *bataille*, VL. *battualia*, neut. pl. of *battualis*, from *battuere*, to beat.
- battledore**. Orig. a washing beetle. App. from Prov. *bataador* or Sp. *batador*, beater. Cf. synonym. F. *battoir*.
- battlement**. OF. *baitlement*, app. irreg. formed from OF. *bataillier*, to furnish a wall with movable defences, or else for *bastillement*, from *bastiller*, to fortify. See *bastille*. Cf. *embattled*.
- battology**. Needless repetition. From G. *βαττολογία*, stammerer, from personal name *Báttos* (Herod. iv. 155).
- battue**. Fem. p.p. of F. *battre*, to beat (the game). See *batter*.
- batty**. As *batta* (q.v.).
- bauble**. OF. *baubel*, toy, kindred with *babble*, *baby*.
- baudekin, bawdikin** [archaic]. Rich fabric. OF. *baudequin*. See *balda-chin*.
- baulk**. See *balk*.
- bauxite** [min]. Clay from *Les Baux* (Bouches-du-Rhône).
- bawbee** [Sc.]. Halfpenny. Prob. from the *Laird of Sillebawby*, 16 cent mint-master.
- bawd**. Aphet. for *ribaud*, i.e. *ribald*. Cf. *bawdry*, obscene talk, for *ribaldry*.
- bawl**. Orig. of animals. Prob. imit. Cf. *bellow*, Ger. *bellen*, to bark, Icel. *baula*, to low, MedL. *baulare*, to bark.
- bawn** [hist.]. Enclosure (Ir.). Ir. *badhūn*, from *ba*, cows, *dūn*, fortress.
- baxter (prints)**. From *George Baxter*, colour printer (†1867).
- bay**<sup>1</sup>. Tree. Short for *bay-tree* (cf. *myrile*), from archaic *bay*, berry, F. *baise*, L. *baca*. Hence *bay-rum*.
- bay**<sup>2</sup> [geog.]. F. *baie*, Late L. *baia*; cf. Sp. Port. *bahia*. ? Of Iberian origin. For *bay-salt* see col. 74.
- bay**<sup>3</sup> [arch.]. F. *baie*, from *bayer*, to gape, from *ba*, natural sound of astonishment. See *bay*<sup>5</sup> and *abeyance*. Hence *bay-window*; also naut. *sick-bay*.
- bay**<sup>4</sup>. Colour. F. *bai*, L. *badius*.
- bay**<sup>5</sup>. Of hounds. Earlier *abay*, OF.

- abayer* (Mod. *aboyer*), to bark (see *bay*<sup>3</sup>). Hence to *stand at bay*, F. *être aux abois*.
- bayadère**. Hindu dancing-girl. F. *bayadère*, Port. *baileira*, from *bailar*, to dance. See *ball*<sup>2</sup>.
- bayard** [poet.]. Bay steed. See *bay*<sup>4</sup>.
- Bayard**. Hero "sans peur et sans reproche." Famous F. soldier (†1524).
- bayonet**. F. *baïonnette*, trad. from *Bayonne*.
- bayou** [US.]. Creek. F. *boyau*, gut. See *bowel*.
- bay-salt**. From Bourgneuf (mouth of Loire), called *la Baise* by ME. salt traders. See *bay*<sup>2</sup>.
- bay-window**. See *bay*<sup>2</sup>.
- bazaar**. Pers. *bāzār*, market.
- bazan**. See *basan*.
- bazil**. See *basil*.
- bdellium**. Tree and gum-resin. L. *bdellium* (Vulg.), G. *βδέλλιον*, for Heb. *bdolah*. See *Gen.* ii. 12.
- be**. The verb contains three stems, viz. *be-*, cogn. with L. *fu-*, G. *φύ-* (cf. Ger. *du bist*), *es-*, cogn. with L. *esse* (cf. G. *essen*), and *wes-* (cf. OHG. *wesan* and Ger. *gewesen*). *Am*, cogn. with Sanskrit *asmī*, is the solitary survival in E. of a *-m* verb. *Art*, *is* are from the *es-* stem (cf. *was*, *were*), so also *are*. *Was*, *were* are from the *wes-* stem (cf. *lose*, *lorn*).
- be-**. Weakened form of AS. *bē*, by (q.v.). As verb prefix often intens.
- beach**. Recorded late (16 cent.), though prob. old in dial. As AS. *bece*, brook, has become *-beach* in many place-names (*Wisbech*, *Waterbeach*, *Holbeach*, etc.), this may be the same word, with transference of meaning from the brook to the pebbly shore.
- beach-la-mar** [ling.]. "Pidgin" lang. of Western Pacific spoken by *bêche-de-mer* (q.v.) fishers.
- beacon**. AS. *bēacn*; cf. obs. Du. *boken*, OHG. *bauchhan*, Ger. *bake* (from Fris.); cogn. with *beck*<sup>2</sup>, *beckon*.
- bead**. Orig. prayer. AS. *gebed* (see *bid*). Later applied to device used in counting one's prayers.
- beadle**. OF. *bedel* (Mod. *bedeau*), OHG. *bidal*, var. of *butel* (Mod. *büttel*), lit. bidder; cf. AS. *bydel*.
- beagle**. ME. *begle* (15 cent.). The beagle being noted for its loud musical bark, it may be *bégueule*, gaping throat, used in OF. of a noisy person. See *bay*<sup>2</sup>, *gules*.
- beak**. F. *bec*, L. *beccus*, of Celt. origin

**beaker.** ON. *bikarr*; cf. Sc *bicker*. In most Europ. langs.; cf. Du *beker*, Ger. *becher*, It. *bicchere*, MedL. *bicarium*? From G. *βικος*, earthen drinking bowl. See *puicher*.

**beam.** AS. *bēam*, tree (cf. *hornbeam*). WGer.; cf. Du. *boom*, Ger. *baum*. Beam of light is the same word, AS. *bēam* being used to render *columna* in ref. to the Bibl. pillar of fire. See also *boom*<sup>2</sup>.

**bean.** AS. *bēan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *boon*, Ger. *bohne*, ON. *baun*.

**bear**<sup>1</sup>. Animal. AS. *bera*. WGer.; cf. Du. *beer*, Ger. *bär*; cogn. with ON. *björn*.

**bear**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. AS. *beran*. Aryan; cf. OSax. *beran*, Ger. *gebären*, to bring forth, ON. *bera*, Goth. *barran*, L. *ferre*, G. *férew*, Sanskrit *bhṛ*. For two main groups of senses cf. relationship of cogn. L. *ferre* and *fertilis*.

**beardbine.** Convolvulus. From obs. *beare*, barley. See *barley*, *bmd*, *bme*.

**beard.** AS. *beard*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *baard*, Ger. *bart*, ON. *barthr* (only in names); ult. cogn. with L. *barba*.

**beast.** OF. *beste* (Mod. *bête*), VL. *\*besta* for *bestia*.

**beat.** AS. *bēatan*; cf. OHG. *bōzan* (whence Ger. *amboss*, anvil), ON. *banita*.

**beatitude.** L. *beatitudo*, state of blessedness, from *beatus*, p p of *beare*, to bless.

**Beatrice.** Inspiring mistress. From Dante's *Beatrice*.

**beau, belle.** F. *beau, belle*, VL. *bellus, bella*

**beau idéal.** F. *beau idéal*, where *idéal* is the adj.

**beaulonais.** Wine. District in the Lyonnais.

**beaune.** Wine. From place of origin (Côte-d'Or).

**beauregard.** Bird. For *budgerigar*, of Austral. origin.

**beauty.** F. *beauté*, VL. *\*bellitas, -tat*, from *bellus*, beautiful

**beaver**<sup>1</sup>. Animal. AS. *beofor*. Aryan; cf. Du. *bever*, Ger. *biber*, ON. *björr*, L. *fiber*, Sanskrit *babhrū*, lit. brown.

**beaver**<sup>2</sup> [*hist*]. Lower part of vizor. OF. *bavière*, bib, from *baver*, to slobber.

**beaver**<sup>3</sup> [*neol*]. Bearded man. Origin unknown

**beaver**<sup>4</sup>. See *bever*.

**beaverteen.** Fabric. From *beaver*<sup>1</sup> (after *velveteen*).

**because.** Earlier by *cause*.

**beccafico.** Bird. It, lit. "peck-fig."

**bechamel.** Sauce. From *Marquis de Béchamel*, 17 cent. epicure.

**bêche-de-mer.** Sea-slug, also called *trepang*. F. *bêche*, Port. *bicho*, worm.

**beck**<sup>1</sup> [*dial*]. Stream. ON. *bekkr*. Com. Teut.; cf. OSax. *beht*, Du. *beek*, Ger. *bach*.

**beck**<sup>2</sup>. Gesture. From obs. verb *beck* used in ME for *becon* (q.v.).

**becket.** [*naut.*]. Loop of rope. Origin unknown.

**beckon.** AS. *bicnan*, from *bēacn*, sign, beacon (q.v.).

**become.** AS. *becuman*, from *come*. For sense of suiting, cf. Ger. *bequem*, convenient (from *bekommen*).

**bed.** AS. *bedd*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *bed*, Ger. *bett*, Norw. dial. *bed*, Goth. *badi* *Bedrīden* is for earlier *bedrid*, AS. *bedrida*, lit. bed-rider.

**bedad** [*Anglo-Ir.*]. For "by Gad."

**bedeguar.** Moss-like excrescence on rose-bush. Archaic F. *bédégear*, Pers. *bād-āwar*, wind-brought.

**bedell** [*univ.*]. See *beadle*.

**bedight.** See *dight*.

**bedizen.** For earlier *dizen*, lit. to put flax on a distaff (q.v.).

**bedlam.** Hospital of St Mary of Bethlehem (1247), converted into state lunatic asylum (1547).

**bedlington.** Terrier from *Bedlington*, Northumb.

**Bedouin.** F. *bédouin*, Arab. *badāwīn* (pl), desert dwellers, from *badāw*, desert. For pl. form cf. *assassin*.

**bedridden.** See *bed*.

**bedstead.** From AS. *stede*, place, etc.

**bee.** AS. *bēo*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *bij*, Ger. *biene* (in which the *n* was orig. inflexional), ON. *bý*.

**beech.** AS. *bēce* (earlier *bōc*). Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *beuk*, Ger. *buche*, ON. *bōk*; cogn. with L. *fagus* and prob. with G. *φαγεῖν*, to eat, from mast. See also *book*, *buckwheat*.

**beef.** OF. *beuf* (Mod. *bœuf*), L. *bos*, *bov*, ox; cf. G. *bofs*. See *cow*<sup>1</sup>. Hence *beef-eater*, servant, well-fed menial, and esp. Tower warder; cf. AS. *hlāfsta*, loaf-eater, servant.

**Beelzebub.** Orig. god of Ekron. Heb. *ba'al-zub*, fly-lord (2 Kings i. 2).

**been.** See *be*.

**beer.** AS. *bēor*. WGer.; cf. Du. Ger. *bier*.

**beeregar** [*dial*]. From *beer* (after *vinegar*); cf. *alegar*.

**beestings** [*dial*]. First milk of cow after calving. From synonym. AS.

*bēost*. Cf. Ger. *brestmilch*, OHG. *beost*.

**beet**. AS *bēte*, L *bēta*.

**beetle**<sup>1</sup>. Mallet. AS *bīel*, beater.

**beetle**<sup>2</sup>. Insect AS *bitela*, prob. "biter." *Beetle-browed*, orig. with bushy eye-brows, is due to the tufted antennae of certain species. Hence *beetle*, to overhang (*Hamlet* 1. 4).

**before**. AS. *beforan*, from *bi*, by, *foran*, in front.

**beg**<sup>1</sup>, **beggar**. The verb is evolved from the noun (cf. *cadge*), OF *begard*, MedL. *begardus*, member of mendicant order founded (early 13 cent.) in Netherlands, in imitation of the earlier *béguines* (see *biggin*), who were of the rule of *Lambert le Bègue* (Liège, 12 cent.).

**beg**<sup>2</sup>. Title. Osmanli *beg*, now *bey*.

**begad**. For by God. Cf. *bedad*.

**beget**. AS. *begitan*, from *get* (q.v.).

**beggar**. See *beg*<sup>1</sup>.

**begin**. AS. *beginnan*, of which the simplex is not found in any Teut. lang. Cf. Du. Ger. *beginnen*, Goth. *daginnan*.

**beglerbeg**. Title. Turk., *beg* of *begs*. See *beg*<sup>2</sup>.

**begone**. For *be gone* (imper.)

**begonia**. Named from *Michel Begon*, 17 cent. governor of Saint-Domingo.

**begorra** [*Anglo-Ir.*]. For by God. For -v. cf. *praty*.

**beguine**. Member of still existing lay sisterhood. See *beg*<sup>1</sup>.

**begum**. Princess. Fem. of *beg*<sup>2</sup>, *bey*.

**behalf**. Orig. prep. or adv., by (the) side, a common AS. and ME. meaning of *half*.

**behave**. Formed in ME. as intens. from *have*. Cf. Ger. *sich behaben*.

**behemoth**. Heb. *b'hēmōth*, as though pl. of *b'hēmāh*, beast, but prob. adapted from Egypt. *p-eh-mau*, water-ox, i.e. hippopotamus. Cf. *levrathan*.

**behest**. AS. *behēs*, vow, promise, from *behātan*, to promise, with ex-crescent -t.

**behind**. AS. *behindan*. Cf. *before*, and see *hind*<sup>2</sup>.

**behold**. AS. *behealdan*, to hold (q.v.) in view.

**behoove, behoof**. AS. *behōfian*, to need, require, from *behōf*, advantage; cf. Du. *behoef*, Ger. *behuf*.

**beige**. F. dial. form of *bis*, yellowish grey, dingy; cf. It. *bigio*. See *bice*.

**bekko-ware**. Jap., tortoise-shell, N. Chin. *pick-cha*, tortoise case.

**belabour**. From *labour* with intens. prefix. For sense cf. Ger. *bearbeiten*, to *belabour*, from *arbeiten*, to work.

**belay**. From *lay*<sup>1</sup>. Obs. exc. in naut. sense of making fast a rope, which is prob. borrowed from cogn. Du. *beleggen*.

**belch**. ? AS. *bealcan*; cf. Du. *balcken*, to bawl.

**belcher** [*archaic*]. Blue and white spotted handkerchief, "bird's eye wipe" From *Jim Belcher*, pugilist (†1811).

**beldam**. Orig. grandmother. F. *belle* and *dame*; cf. *grandam*.

**beleaguer**. Du. *belegeren*, from *leger*, camp, leaguer (q.v.).

**belemnite**. Fossil. From G. *βέλεμνον*, dart.

**bel esprit**. F., fine wit See *beau*, *spirit*.

**belfry**. OF. *berfrei*, *belfrei* (Mod. *beffroi*), OHG. *bergfrid*, guard peace. Hence MedL. *belfredus*. Orig. tower used in warfare. The -l-, due to dissim. (cf. *pilgrim*), has prevailed in E. by popular association with *bell*.

**Belgravian**. Of fashionable district round *Belgrave Square*, named from *Belgrave* (Leic.), seat of ground-landlord.

**Belial**. Heb. *b'li*, not, *ya'al*, use.

**belie**. Orig. to deceive. AS. *belēogan* (see *lie*<sup>2</sup>).

**believe**. ME. *beleven*, from obs. *leven*, AS. *geliefan*; cf. Du. *gelooven*, Ger. *glauben* (OHG. *glouwan*), Goth. *galaubjan*; cogn. with Ger. *erlauben*, to allow, *loben*, to praise, and ult. with E. *love*, ground-sense being approval.

**belike** [*archaic*]. For by *like*, according to appearance.

**bell**<sup>1</sup>. Noun. AS. *belle*. A LG. word; cf. Du. *bel*. Perh. cogn. with *bellow*.

**bell**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. See *bellow*.

**belladonna**. It., lit. fair lady; cf. synon. F. *belle-dame*. Prob. from its use for dilating the pupil of the eye.

**bellarmine** [*hist.*]. Drinking-jug designed by Netherland Protestants as caricature of Cardinal Bellarmine (17 cent.).

**belle**. See *beau*.

**belletrist** [*neol.*]. Ger. *belletrist*, coined from F. *belles-lettres*.

**bellicose**. L. *bellicosus*, from *bellum*, war.

**belligerent**. Earlier *belligerant*, from pres. part. of L. *belligerare*, from *bellum*, war, *gerere*, to wage. See *duel*.

**Bellona.** Goddess of war. L., from *bellum*, war.

**bellow.** ME. *belwen*, AS *bylgan*; cogn. with *bell*<sup>2</sup>, still used of cry of stag; cf. Ger. *bellen*, to bark.

**bellows.** Earlier also *bellow* (cf. *gallows*), ME. *bely*, AS. *bralg*, *belg*, lit. belly (q.v.), the full AS. name being *blæst-belg*, from *blāwan*, to blow.

**belly.** See *bellows*. Cf. Ger. *balg* (*blastbalg*, bellows), Goth *balgs*, wine-skin, AS. *belgan*, OHG. *belgan*, to swell, be angry, ON. *bolgenn*, swollen, angry.

**belong.** ME, for earlier *long*, app. to "go along with."

**beloved.** From obs. verb *belove*; cf. Ger. *beliebt*.

**below.** For *by low*; cf. *beneath*.

**belt.** AS. *belt*; cf. OHG. *balz*. Both from L. *balteus*.

**Belt** [geog.]. In *Great (Little) Belt*. Norw. Dan. *bælt*, cogn. with *Baltic*.

**Beltane** [Sc.]. Old May-Day, celebrated by bonfires. Gael. *bealltunn*, bright fire, first element cogn. with AS. *bæl*, as in *bale-fire* (see *bale*<sup>1</sup>).

**beluga.** Great sturgeon, white whale. Russ., from *bel*, white; cf. *Belgrade*, white city.

**belvedere.** It. *belvedere*, "a place of a faire prospect" (Flor.), from L. *bellus*, beautiful, *videre*, to see.

**bema** [eccl.]. Chancel, tribune. G. *βήμα*, step, from *βαίω*, to go.

**bemuse.** From *muse*<sup>2</sup>. Cf. *amuse*.

**ben**<sup>1</sup> [Sc.]. Coupled with *but*, the inner and outer rooms of a Scotch hut. ME. *binne*, AS. *binnan*, *bi innan*, within (cf. Du. Ger. *innen*), and ME. *but*, AS. *būtan*, *bi ūtan*, without.

**ben**<sup>2</sup> [geog.]. Gael. *beann*, mountain-peak.

**bench.** AS. *benc*; cf. Ger. *bank* and see *bank*<sup>2</sup>.

**bend.** AS *bendan*, for \**bandjan*. Earliest sense, to bind, constrain, by tension. The her. *bend* is cogn. OF. *bende* (Mod. *bande*), OHG. *binda*. See *band*<sup>1</sup>, *bind*.

**bene** [poet.]. Prayer. AS. *bēn*; cogn. with ON. *bōn*, whence *boon*<sup>1</sup>.

**beneath.** AS. *beneoþan*, from *bi*, by, *neothan*, below. See *nether*.

**benedicite.** Imper. of L. *benedicere*, to bless, from *bene*, well, *dicere*, to say.

**benedick, benedict.** Married man. See *Much Ado*, v. 4.

**benedictine.** Liqueur made by monks of order of *St Benedict*.

**benedictus.** Imt. word of L. version (*Luke* i. 68), p p. of L. *benedicere*, to bless.

**benefactor.** L., well-doer.

**benefice.** Orig. good deed, L. *beneficium*; hence, grant to church, ecclesiastical living.

**benefit.** Partial re-construction of AF. *benfet* (F. *bienfait*), L. *benefactum*, well done.

**benevolent.** From L. *bene* and pres. part. of *velle*, to wish.

**Bengali** [ling.]. One of the Aryan vernaculars of India.

**benighted.** From archaic verb *benight*, to cover with darkness.

**benign.** L. *benignus*, for \**bene-genus* (*gignere*, to beget).

**benison** [archaic]. OF. *beneison*, L. *benedictio-n-*. Cf. *mahson*.

**Benjamin.** Beloved youngest son. *Gen* xli. 4.

**benjamin** [archaic]. Kind of over-coat. Prob. a playful variation on the earlier *joseph* (q.v.). See also *benzoin*.

**bennet, herb bennet.** OF. *herbe beneite*, L. *herba benedicta*, from supposed qualities

**ben**<sup>1</sup>. Grass. AS. *beonot-*, only in place-names, e.g. *Beniley*, and surviving as dial. *bennet*. Cf. Ger. *binse*, rush, OHG. *bmuz*.

**bent**<sup>2</sup>. Inclination, etc. From *bend*.

**benth-**. From. G. *βένθος*, depth of the sea.

**benhamism.** From *Jeremy Beniham* (†1832).

**ben trovato.** It., well found, invented (even if not true).

**benumb.** Orig. p.p. *benumen* of AS. *benuman*, to deprive, from *niman*, to take. *Numb* (q.v.) is evolved from it.

**benz-** [chem.]. See *benzoin*.

**benzoin.** Resinous gum; cf. F. *benjoin*, Sp. *benjui*, It. *benzoi*; all from Arab. *lubān jāwī*, frankincense of Java. Popularly *benjamin*.

**bequeath.** AS. *becwethan*, from *cwethan*, to say (see *quoth*). Hence *bequest*, app. influenced by *request*, *behest*.

**Berber.** Race and langs. of NAfr. Var. of *Barbar* (see *Barbary*).

**bereave.** AS. *berēafian*, from *rēafian*, to rob, whence *reave*, *reive* (q.v.).

**Berenice's hair** [astron.]. From *Berenice*, Egypt. queen (3 cent. B.C.).

**beret.** Basque cap. See *biretta*.

**berg.** For *iceberg* (q.v.).

**bergamask, bergomask** [archaic]. It.

*bergamasca*, rustic dance of *Bergamo* (Venice).

**bergamot**<sup>1</sup>. Tree and essence. Perh. from *Bergamo* (Venice), but by some identified with *bergamot*<sup>2</sup>.

**bergamot**<sup>2</sup>. Pear. F. *bergamotte*, It. *bergamotta*, corrupted from Turk. *berg-armûdi*, prince's pear (see *beg*<sup>2</sup>, *bey*).

**bergschrund** [*geol.*]. Ger., mountain cleft.

**beriberi**. Disease. Redupl. of Sinhal. *beri*, weakness.

**Berkeleian**. From Bishop Berkeley (†1753).

**berlin, berline**. Carriage. Introduced by an officer of the Elector of Brandenburg (c. 1670).

**berm** [*fort.*]. Ledge. F. *berme*, of Teut. origin; cf. Du. *berm*. Cogn. with *brim*.

**Bernardine**. Cistercian monk. From St *Bernard*, abbot of Clairvaux (12 cent.).

**berretta**. See *biretta*.

**berry**. AS. *berie*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *bes*, *bezie*, Ger. *beere*, ON. *ber*, Goth. *bas*; cogn. with L. *juni-per*.

**bersagliere**. Italian sharpshooter. Cf. OF. *berser*, to shoot with the bow, *bersail*, target. Origin unknown.

**berserk**. ON. *bersekr*, bear sark, bearskin. Cf. ON. *úlfrhæðinn*, lit. wolf-doublet, in similar sense.

**berth**. Oldest sense (16 cent.), convenient sea-room. From *bear*<sup>2</sup>, in naut. sense of direction, and hence ult. ident. with *birth*.

**bertha, berthé**. Lace collar. F., from Queen *Berthe*, mother of Charlemagne.

**Bertha** [*hist.*]. Nickname, *die dicke Bertha* (fat Bertha), of long-range gun used to bombard Paris (1918). From *Frau Bertha Krupp*, of Essen.

**Bertillon**. System of criminal anthropometry. Name of F. anthropologist (†1914).

**beryl**. F. *béryl*, L. *beryllus*, G. *βήρυλλος*, of Eastern origin.

**besant, bezant** [*hist.*]. F. *besant*, gold coin of *Byzantium*.

**beseech**. ME compd. of *sechen*, southern form of *seek* (q.v.).

**besee**. From *seem* (q.v.). Cf. *seemly*.

**beseen** [*archaic*]. Provided for, etc. From obs. *besee*, to furnish, from *see*<sup>2</sup>. Cf. Ger. *versehen*, to provide.

**beset**. AS. *besettian*, from *set*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.). Cf. Ger. *besetzen*, to encompass.

**beshrew**. ME compd. of earlier *shrew*, to curse, from noun *shrew* (q.v.).

**beside, besides**. AS. *bi sidan*, dat. of *side*, side.

**besiege**. With altered prefix from ME. *asege*, F. *assiéger*, VL. \**adsediare* (*sedere*), to sit down before. Or formed directly from *siege*.

**besom**. AS. *besema*; cf. Du. *bezem*, Ger. *besen*, broom; ? ult. cogn. with L. *ferula*, broom-plant, rod.

**besprent** [*poet.*]. Besprinkled. From obs. *bespreng*, AS. *besprengan*, from *sprengan*, to sprinkle, causal of *springan*, to spring; cf. Du. Ger. *besprengen*.

**Bess, brown**. Musket (18 cent.). Reason unknown.

**bessemer steel**. Process invented (1856) by Sir H. Bessemer (†1898).

**best**. AS. *bet(e)st*. See *better*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *best*, ON. *bast*, Goth. *batista*.

**bestead**<sup>1</sup> [*archaic*]. To help. App. 16 cent. compd. for earlier *stead*, to prop, support. See *stead*.

**bestead**<sup>2</sup>, **bested**. Now only with *ill*, *sore*, *hard*. ME. *bistad*, situated, compd. of *stad*, placed, from p p of ON. *stethja*, to place, cogn. with *bestead*<sup>1</sup>.

**bestial**. L. *bestialis* (see *beast*).

**bestow**. ME. compd. of *stow* (q.v.).

**bestride**. AS. *bestridan*, to sit a horse. See *stride*.

**bet**. App. aphet. form (16 cent.) of *abel* (q.v.), in sense of backing.

**bête noire**. F., orig. wild boar or wolf, as distinguished from *bête fauve*, stag, hart, roebuck.

**betel**. Plant. Port. from Tamil.

**bethel**. Heb. *bēth-ēl*, house of God (*Gen.* xxvii. 17). Hence nonconformist chapel (19 cent.). Cf. *betsheda*, house of mercy (*John* v. 2), similarly used, esp. in Wales.

**betide**. ME. *betiden*, from *tiden*, to happen. See *tide*, *tidings*.

**betimes**. Earlier *betime*, by time. Cf. *beside-s*.

**beton**. Kind of concrete. F. *béton*, L. *bitumen*.

**betony**. Plant. F. *bêtonne*, L. *betonica*, for *vetonmica*. Trad. from a Spanish tribe called *Vettones*.

**betray**. ME. *betrauen*, compd. (perh. suggested by *beuray*), from OF. *trair* (Mod. *trahir*), from L. *tradere* (*trans dare*), to hand over.

**betroth**. ME. *bitreuthien*, from *treuthe*, truth. Later form influenced by *troth* (q.v.).

**better**. AS. *betera*, compar. of a lost \**bat-* stem (see *batten*<sup>2</sup>) Com. Teut. ;

cf. Du. *beter*, Ger. *besser*, ON. *betri*, Goth. *bataza*

**Betty Martin, my eye and.** Origin unknown.

**between, betwixt.** *Between* is AS. *betwēonum*, from prep. *be*, by, and dat. plur. of *twēon*, *twain* (q.v.). *Betwixt* comes, with excrement-*i* (as in *against*, etc.), from AS. *betweox*, earlier in dat. form (*betweoxn*, King Alfred), from an unrecorded *\*twisc*, twofold, of which the Ger. cognate appears in prep. *zwischen*, between, orig. a dat. pl.

**Beulah** [*Bibl.*]. Happy land (*Is. lxii. 4*).

**beurre.** Pear F., lit. "buttered."

**bevel.** OF. *\*bevel* (Mod. *biveau*), *biveau* in Cotg., prob. related to L. *bis* and to *bias*, *bezel*, all three words being unsolved. Cf. OF. *\*bever*, to diverge

**bever** [*dral.*]. Orig. drink; now, luncheon OF. *beivre* (Mod. *boire*), to drink, L. *bibere*.

**beverage.** OF. *bevrage* (Mod. *breuvage*), VL. *\*biberaticum* (v.s.).

**bevy.** In late ME. a company of roes, larks, quails, or ladies. One of the numerous fantastic terms of venery. AF. *bevee*, of unknown origin.

**beware.** From *ware*<sup>2</sup>. Survival of compd. is due to frequent imper. use (cf. *begone*).

**bewilder.** Orig. as p.p. (*bewildered*), from obs. *wildern*, wilderness (see *wild*). Cf. *belated*, *benighted*, etc.

**bewray** [*archaic*]. ME. *bewreien*, to divulge, orig. to accuse, from *wreien*, AS. *wrēgan*, to accuse; cf. Ger. *rügen*, ON. *rægja*, Goth. *wrōhjan*. Later sense influenced by *betray*.

**bey.** Mod. pronunc. of Turk. *beg*, prince.

**beyond.** AS. *begeondan*, from AS. *geondan*, beyond. See *yonder*.

**bezant.** See *besant*.

**bezantler** [*ven.*]. Second branch of deer's horn. From *aniler* (q.v.) and *bes-*, *bis-*, as in F. *bisaieul*, great grandfather.

**bezel.** OF. *bisel* (Mod. *biseau*, *béseau*). Cf. *bevel*, *bias*, both of which approach *bezel* in sense.

**bezesteen.** Eastern market-place. Turk. *bazistān*, from Pers.

**beziqque.** F. *bésique*, also *bésy*, earlier *bassequ* (1660). Cf. It. *bazzica*, card game.

**bezoar** [*archaic*]. Bezoar-stone, intestinal calculus found in some animals and credited with medicinal powers.

Cf. F. *bézoard*, Port. *bezoar*. From Arab. *bāzahr* or *bādāzahr*, Pers. *pād-zahr*, counter-poison.

**bezonian** [*archaic*]. Earlier also *besonio*. It. *bisogno*, "need, want; also, a fresh needy souldier" (Flor.). Cf. F. *besoin*, need.

**bhang, bang.** Narcotic from hemp. Hind. *bhang*, Sanskrit *bhaṅgā*, hemp.

**bheesty** [*Anglo-Ind*]. Water-bearer. Urdu *bhīstī*, Pers. *bīshkī*, from *bīshī*, paradise

**bi-**. L. prefix *bi-* for earlier *dui-*, cogn. with G. *du-*, from *duo*, two. Cf. *bin-*, from *bim*, two at a time; also *bis-* for OL *duis*.

**bias.** F. *biais*, slant, etc., of unknown origin. Cf. *bevel*, *bezel*.

**bib.** ME. *bibben*, to tipple, L. *bibere*. With child's *bib* cf. F. *biberon*, feeding-bottle.

**ibelot.** Trinket. F., earlier *beubelet*, etc., prob. from infantile redupl. *bel-bel*, pretty-pretty.

**Bible.** F. *bible*, Late L. *biblia* (f.), orig. neut. pl., G. τὰ βιβλία, the books, βιβλίον being dim. of βίβλος, inner bark of the papyrus.

**biblio-.** See *Bible*.

**bibulous.** From L. *bibulus* (see *bib*).

**bicameral** [*pol.*]. See *bi-* and *chamber*.

**bice.** Pigment. Earlier *blewe bis*, F. *bleu bis*, dull blue. F. *bis*, dingy, It. *bigio*, are thought to be from the second syllable of L. *bombyceus*, of cotton (see *bombasine*)

**biceps** [*anat.*]. L., lit. two-headed, from *bis* and *caput*.

**bicker**<sup>1</sup>. Sc. form of *beaker* (q.v.).

**bicker**<sup>2</sup>. To quarrel. In ME. to skirmish. Origin obscure. Senses correspond pretty well with those of F. *piquer*. Cf. OHG. *bicchan*, to hack, stab, etc. From a base *bic*, *pic*, found in both Teut. and Rom. (cf. *peck*<sup>2</sup>, *pick*<sup>2</sup>).

**bicycle.** F. *bicycle*, from *bi-* and G. κύκλος, wheel.

**bid.** Confusion of two Com. Teut. verbs, viz. AS. *bēodan*, to announce, command, offer, etc. (cf. Du. *bieden*, Ger. *beten*, ON. *bjōtha*, Goth. *biudan*; cogn. with *bode*), and AS. *biddan*, to request (cf. Du. *bidden*, Ger. *bitten*, ON. *bithja*, Goth. *bidjan*; cogn. with *bead*).

**bide.** AS. *bīdan*, to remain. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *beiden*, Ger. dial. *beiten*, ON. *bītha*, Goth. *beidan*.

**bield** [*dral.*]. Shelter. ? Ident. with obs. *bield*, courage, assurance, AS.



*beldo*, from *bold*, ? or connected with *build*.

**biennial**. From L. *biennium*, two years, from *bi-* and *annus*, year.

**bier**. AS. *bær*, *bier*, litter, from *bear*<sup>2</sup>. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *baar*, Ger. *bahre*, ON. *barar* (pl.) Mod. spelling is due to F. *bière*, of Teut. origin.

**biestings**. See *beestings*.

**biff** [slang]. To shove, etc. ? Thinned form of *buff* (see *buffet*<sup>1</sup>). Cf. *bulge*.

**biffin**. Apple (Norf.). ? For *beefing*, from its deep red colour; cf. *goldring*, *sweeting*. The old etymologists explained it from F. *beau fin*, which is at least as likely.

**bifid**. Divided. L. *bifidus*, from *bi-* and root of *findere*, to cleave.

**bifurcate**. From *bi-* and L. *furca*, fork.

**big**. In AS. recorded only as name, *Biega* (11 cent.). This is prob. cogn. with earlier *Bucga*, and with Norw. dial. *bugga*, great man, *bugga*, rich, important, whence E. dial. *buggy*, proud, and pleon. *big bug*.

**bigamy**. MedL. *bigamia*, from G. *γάμος*, marriage.

**bigaroon**. Cherry. Earlier *bigarreau* (F.), from *bigarré*, parti-coloured, of unknown origin.

**biggin**<sup>1</sup> [archaic]. Cap. F. *béguin*, head-dress of *béguine* nuns. See *beg*<sup>1</sup>, *beguine*.

**biggin**<sup>2</sup>. Kind of coffee-pot (Little Dorrit, xxv). From inventor's name (c. 1800).

**bight** [naut.]. AS *byht*, from *būgan*, to bow, bend. Cf. Ger. *bucht*, bay<sup>2</sup> (from LG.) See *bow*<sup>2</sup>.

**bigonia**. Flower. Named after the abbé Bignon, librarian to Louis XIV.

**bigot**. In OF. a term of abuse applied to the Normans (Wace). From a Teut. oath "by God." Cf. OF. *god-dam*, an Englishman.

**bijou**. F. *bijou*, Bret. *bizou*, ring with stone; cf. Corn. *bisou*, finger-ring, Bret. *bez*, finger, Welsh *bys*, finger.

**bike**. Slang perversion of *bicycle*.

**bilander** [naut.]. Coasting vessel. Du. *bylander*, by lander.

**bilberry**. Adapted from dial. form of Dan. *bolleber*, prob. ball-berry, from shape.

**bilbo** [hist.]. Sword. From *Bilbao*, Spain.

**bilboes** [naut.]. Shackles. Earlier *bilbowes*. Naut. perversion (associated with *bilbo*) of OS. *boyes*, fetters, later *bowes*, OF. *bore*, *buie*, fetter, L. *bona*. See *buoy*.

**bile**. F. *bile*, L. *bilis*.

**bilge**. Lowest part of hull; hence, foulness that collects there. Thinned form of *bulge* (q.v.).

**bilious**. From *bile*.

**bilk**. Thinned form of *balk* (q.v.).

**bill**<sup>1</sup> [hist.]. Weapon. AS. *bil*, sword. WGer.; cf. OSax. *bil*, OHG. *bill* (Ger. *bille*, hoe). Obs. exc. in *bill-hook*.

**bill**<sup>2</sup>. Of a bird. AS. *bile*, ? cogn. with *bill*<sup>1</sup>.

**bill**<sup>3</sup>. Document, orig. sealed. AF. *bille*, Late L. *billā*, *bullā*, seal (see *bull*<sup>2</sup>, *bulletin*).

**billet**<sup>1</sup>. Note. Dim. of *bill*<sup>3</sup>.

**billet**<sup>2</sup>. Block of wood. OF. *billete* (cf. F. *billot*), dim. of *bille*, log, MedL. *billā*; perh. Celt. (cf. Ir. *bile*, tree, mast).

**billiards**. F. *bille*, the ball, *billard*, the cue; cf. It. *biglia*, *bigliardo*. Origin unknown.

**billikin**. App. dim. of *billy*.

**billingsgate**. Language employed at fishmarket near *Billing's gate*, one of the old gates of London.

**billion**. Coined (with *trillion*, *quadrillion*, etc.) in F. (16 cent.) to express second (thrd, fourth, etc.) power of *million*.

**billon**. Inferior alloy or coin. F., orig. lump, ingot, from *bille*, log. Cf. or (argent) *en bille* (*en barre*). See *billet*<sup>2</sup>.

**billow**. ON. *bylga*, from *belgja*, to swell (see *bellows*).

**billy**. Pet form of name *William* in various fig. senses, e.g. fellow, brother (Sc.), bushman's tea-can (Austral), male goat (cf. *nanny goat*).

**billyboy**. Barge (east coast). Perh. connected with *buoy* In Ger. a somewhat similar craft is called *bojer*, from *boje*, buoy.

**bullycock**. Hat. Earlier (1721) *bully-cocked*, i.e. worn in aggressive manner.

**biltong** [SAfr.]. Strip of dried beef. Du. *bil*, buttock, *tong*, tongue, being cut from the buttock and looking like a smoked tongue.

**bi-manuficient** [neol.]. Able to work with both hands. See *manufacture*.

**bimbashee**. Colonel (in Egypt army). Turk. *bing-bāshī*, thousand head.

**bin**. AS. *bin*, manger, prob. Celt.

**binary**. L. *binarius*, from *bini*, two at a time.

**bind**. AS. *bindan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *binden*, ON. *binda*, Goth. *bindan*; also Sanskrit *bandh* Cogn. with *band*<sup>1</sup>, *bend*.

**bine.** In *hop-bine*, *woodbine*. Dial. form of *bind*.

**bing** [*dial.*]. Heap. ON. *bingr*

**binge** [*slang*]. Spree. Origin unknown.

**bingo** [*slang*]. Brandy. App. coined from *b* (brandy) and *stingo* (q.v.).

**binacle** [*naut.*]. Earlier *bitacle*, Port. *bitacola*, L. *habituaculum*, a small shelter.

**binocular.** From L. *bini*, two together, *oculus*, eye.

**binomial** [*math.*]. From *bi-* and G. *νόμος*, law.

**bio-.** G. *βίο-*, from *βίος*, life.

**biped.** L. *bipes*, *biped-*, from *bi-* and *pes*, foot.

**biplane.** See *bi-* and cf. *aeroplane*.

**bipontine** [*bibl.*]. Editions of classics printed (18 cent.) at *Zweibrücken* (Latinized *Bipontium*) in Bavaria.

**birch.** AS. *byrce*, whence *birch*, and *beorc*, ON. *bjork*, whence northern *birch*. Aryan; cf. Du. *berk*, Ger. *birke*, Sanskrit *bhūrja*. Prob. cogn. with *bark*.

**bird.** AS. *bridd*, young bird, chick, used in ME. also for young of other animals.

**bireme** [*hist.*]. L. *biremis*, from *bi-* and *remus*, oar.

**biretta.** It. *berretta* or Sp. *birreta*, Late L. *birretum*, from *birrus*, *byrrhus*, red, G. *μυρρός*, flame-coloured; cf. F. *béret*.

**birrell** [*neol.*]. To gossip pleasantly on literature. From Mr. A. Burrell (born 1850).

**birth.** App. ON. *byrth*, for AS. *gebyrd*, from *bevan*, to bear; cf. Ger. *geburt*, from *gebären*. Cf. *berth*.

**bis-.** See *bi-*.

**biscuit.** F. *biscuit*, L. *bis coctus* (*panis*), twice baked.

**bise.** Cold N.E. wind. F. *bise*, OHG. *bisa*.

**bisect.** From *bi-* and L. *secare*, *sect-*, to cut.

**bishop**<sup>1</sup>. Noun. AS. *biscop*, G. *ἐπίσκοπος*, overseer, from *ἐπί*, on, *σκοπός*, watcher (cf. *scope*). Second element of *bishopric* is AS. *rice*, power, realm (cf. Ger. *reich*, and see *rich*).

**bishop**<sup>2</sup> [*slang*]. Verb. (1) From name of horse-dealer (c. 1700), (2) from name of murderer (1831).

**bisk.** F. *bisque*, crayfish soup.

**bismillah.** Arab. *bi-sm-illāh*, in the name of Allah.

**bismuth.** Ger. *wismut*. For init. *b-* cf. *bison*. Origin unknown.

**bison.** F. *bison*, L. *bison*, *bisont-* (Martial), from OHG. *wisunt* (Mod.

*wisunt*), the aurochs; cf. AS. *wesend*, ON. *visundr*; prob. of Balto-Slav. origin.

**bisque.** At tennis. F., earlier *biscaye*, which suggests connection with the province of *Biscay*, the inhabitants of which are great ball-players.

**bissextile.** Leap-year. L. *bissextilis* (*annus*), the year containing the *bissextus*, twice sixth, the day intercalated every four years in the Julian calendar after the sixth day before the Calends of March.

**bistoury.** Surgeon's scalpel. F. *bistourn*, OF. *bistorne*, dagger (cf. surg. use of *lance*). As it is described as double-edged, the first element is prob. L. *bis*.

**bistre.** F., of unknown origin.

**bit**<sup>1</sup>. Morsel. AS. *bīta*, from *bītan*, to bite.

**bit**<sup>2</sup>. Of horse. AS. *bite*, bite, cutting.

**bitch**<sup>1</sup>. Animal. AS. *bicce*; cf. ON. *bikkja*. Origin unknown.

**bitch**<sup>2</sup> [*slang*]. To bungle. Thinned form of *boich*<sup>2</sup> (q.v.). Cf. *bilk*, *bilge*.

**bite.** AS. *bītan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *bijten*, Ger. *beissen*, ON. *bīta*, Goth. *bētan*; ult. cogn. with L. *findere*, to cleave.

**bitt** [*naut.*]. Usu. pl. Two posts on ship's deck for fastening cables, etc. Prob. ON. *bitr*, cross-beam (in house or ship), ? orig. contrivance with a "bite." Hence naut. *bitter*, "the turn of a cable about the *bitts*" (Capt. John Smith), and *bitter end*, which has acquired fig. sense by association with adj. *bitter*.

**bitter.** AS. *biter*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *bitter*, ON. *bitr*, Goth. *baitrs*; cogn. with *bite*.

**bittern.** With excrescent *-n*, from ME. *bitour*, earlier *botour*, F. *butor* (cf. dial. *butterbump*). Prob. imit. of bird's booming cry.

**bitumen.** L., orig. mineral pitch from Palestine. An Osco-Umbrian word.

**bivouac.** F. *bivouac*, Swiss-Ger. *biwacht*, by watch.

**biz** [*slang*]. Late 19 cent. for *business*.

**bizarre.** F. *bizarre*, Sp. *bizarro*, brave, its earlier F. meaning. Prob. from Basque *bizar*, beard, the valiant man being "bearded like the pard."

**blab.** Imit.; cf. Ger. *plappern* and see *babble*.

**black.** AS. *blæc*, black, ink; cf. OHG. *blach*, ON. *blakkr*. Already confused in AS. with *blāc*, white,

bright (see *bleach*, *bleak*). The two words are prob. related, the common meaning being lack of colour. The *black guard* (16 cent) consisted of the lowest menials of a large household. For *blackmail* see *mail*<sup>3</sup>.

**bladder.** AS. *blæddre*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *blaar* (earlier *blader*, Flem. *bladder*), Ger. *blatter*, ON. *blāthra*; cogn. with *blow*<sup>1</sup>.

**blade.** AS. *blæd*, blade (of oar) Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *blad*, Ger. *blatt*, leaf (*schutterblatt*, shoulder-blade), ON. *blath*; cogn. with *blow*<sup>2</sup>.

**bleberry, bleaberry** [*dral*]. Bilberry North. dial. *blae*, cogn. with *blue*

**blague.** Humbug. F. *blague*, prob. ident. with *blague*, tobacco pouch, Ger. *balg*, skin. See *belly*, *bellows*.

**blain.** In *chilblain*. AS. *blegen*; cf. Norw. Dan. *blegn*, archaic Du. *blein*, LG. *bleien*.

**blame.** F. *blâmer*, OF. *blasmer*, Late L. *blasphemare* See *blaspheme*

**blamed** [US]. Euph. for *blasted*. Cf. *darn*<sup>2</sup>.

**blanch.** F. *blanchir*, to whiten. See *blank*.

**blancmange.** ME. *blancmangere* (Chauc. A 387), a kind of galantine of meat, F. *blanc manger* See *mange*.

**blandish.** OF. *blandir*, *blandiss-*, from L. *blandiri*, from *blandus*, bland, smooth.

**blank.** F. *blanc*, white, OHG. *blanch* (cf. AS. *blanca*, ON. *blakkr*, steed); cogn. with G. *flégen*, to blaze, shine.

**blanket.** AF. *blanquette*, from *blanc*, white

**blare.** Cf. Du. *blaren*, MHG. *bleren*, *blerven*, Ger. *plärren*; all of imit. origin.

**blarney.** From a stone at *Blarney Castle*, near Cork, the kissing of which confers magic powers of cajolery.

**blasé.** F., from *blaser*, to wear out (17 cent). Origin unknown.

**blason.** See *blazon*.

**blaspheme.** G. *βλασφημῆν*, to speak evil, from *φημί*, I say, with doubtful first element.

**blast.** AS. *blæst*, strong gust of wind. See *blaze*<sup>3</sup>

**blasto-** [*biol.*]. From G. *βλαστός*, germ. **blatant.** Coined by Spenser. He may have had dial. *blate*, to bellow, or L. *blaterare*, to babble, in his mind. Cf. *stippant*.

**blatherskite.** Orig. US. See *blether*, *bletherskate*.

**blaze**<sup>1</sup>. Of fire. AS. *blase*, *blæse*, torch, fire; cf. MHG. *blas*, torch; prob. cogn. with *blaze*<sup>2</sup> (q.v.), with orig. sense of shining.

**blaze**<sup>2</sup>. White mark on horse's face Du. *bles* (see *blesbok*); cf. synon. ON. *blest*, Ger. *blässe*, from *blass*, pale; prob. cogn. with *blaze*<sup>1</sup> Later applied to white marks made on trees to indicate track.

**blaze**<sup>3</sup>. To proclaim, as with a trumpet (*Mark* 1 45). ON. *blāsa*, to blow. Com. Teut., though AS. has only the corresponding noun *blast*; cf. Du. *blazen*, Ger. *blasen*, Goth. *-blēsan*; cogn. with L. *flare*.

**blazon.** F. *blason*, heraldry, orig. shield. As the "blazing" appearance of arms and armour is constantly emphasized in OF. poetry, it is possible that *blazon* is connected with *blaze*<sup>1</sup> The use of *blazon* for proclamation (cf. to *blazon forth*) is due to mistaken association with *blaze*<sup>3</sup>.

**bleaberry.** See *bleaberry*.

**bleach.** AS. *blæcan*, from *blāc*, pale (see *bleak*<sup>1</sup>).

**bleak**<sup>1</sup>. Adj. Orig. pale. Parallel form (ON. *bleskr*) of ME. *bleche*, pale (AS. *blāc*, *blāc*); cf. Du. *bleek*, colourless, Ger. *bleich*, pale, and see *bleach*.

**bleak**<sup>2</sup>. Fish. ON. *bleikja*, from its colour (see *bleak*<sup>1</sup>).

**bleared, blear-eyed.** From ME. *bleren*, to have inflamed eyes, also to dim the eyes, hoodwink. Cf. LG. *blarr-oged*, *bleer-oged*.

**bleat.** AS. *blētan*. WGer.; cf. Du. *blaten*, MHG. *blazen*. Imit.

**bleb.** Imit. of action of forming bubble with lips; cf. *blob*, *blubber*, *bubble*.

**blee** [*poet.*]. Hue AS. *blēo*, with LG. cognates, used poet. in ME., esp. in *bright of blee*.

**bleed.** AS. *blēdan*, from *blood*.

**blemish.** F. *blémir*, *blémis-*, to turn pale, OF. *blesmir*, to wound. Origin unknown.

**blench.** Orig. trans., to deceive, elude. AS. *blencan*, to deceive, make to blink (cf. *drench*, *drink*).

**blend.** ME. *blenden*, ON. *blanda*, to mix (pres. *blend-*); cf. AS. *blandan*, to mix, *gebland*, mixture.

**blende** [*min.*]. Ger. from *blenden*, to blind, deceive, because a deceptive mineral.

**blenheim orange, spaniel.** From Duke of Marlborough's seat (Oxf.).

**blenny.** Fish. From G. *βλέννος*, mucus, descriptive of its scales.

**blepharo-**. From G. *βλέφαρον*, eye-lid.  
**blesbok**. Antelope. SAfrDu., blaze<sup>2</sup> buck.  
**bless**. AS. *blēssan*, *blædsian*, to consecrate (with the *blood* of sacrifice). Sense-development is partly due to mistaken association with *bliss* (q.v.).  
**blether, blather** [Sc.]. ON. *blathra*, to talk stupidly, from *blathr*, nonsense, ? orig. windbag (see *bladder*). Hence US. *blether-skate*, *blatherskite*, orig. Sc.  
**blight**. Perh. related to obs. *blichen-ing*, blight, from obs. *blíkne*, to turn pale (see *bleak*<sup>1</sup>).  
**blighter**. Recent (late 19 cent.) euph. for an uglier word.  
**blighty**. Urdu *bilati* (adj.), foreign, Arab. *wilāyatī*, from *wilāyat*, government, esp. England, from *wah*, governor. Cf. *vlayet*.  
**blimp** [neol.]. Dirigible balloon. An ex-armian suggests *bloody limp*.  
**blimy** [slang]. For *Gawblimy*, God blind me.  
**blind**. AS. *blind*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *blind*, ON. *blindr*, Goth. *blinds*. *Blindfold* is for *blindfeld*, p.p. of ME. *blind-fellen*, to strike (*fell*) blind. *Blind-man's-buff*, formerly *blindman-buff*, -buffet, is from obs. *buff*, OF. *bufe*, a blow (see *buffet*<sup>1</sup>).  
**blink**. ME. usu. *blenk*, AS. *blencan*, to deceive (dazzle); cf. Du. Ger. *blinken*, to shine; cogn. with *blank*, in sense of bright, dazzling (cf. ON. *blakra*, to blink). *Blinking* (slang) is prob. for *blanking*, euph. for *bleeding*, with vowel thinned as in *bilk*.  
**bliss**. AS. *blīths*, from *blīthe*.  
**blister**. OF. *blestre*, ON. *blāstr* (dat. *blāstri*), swelling, from *blāsa*, to blow.  
**blithe**. AS. *blīthe*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *blijde*, *blj*, OHG. *blīdi*, ON. *blīthr*, Goth. *bleiths*. Cf. *bliss*.  
**blithering**. Thinned form from *blather*, *blether* (q.v.).  
**blizzard**. ? Ult. cogn. with *blaze*<sup>3</sup>.  
**bloat**. Earliest as adj., soft, flabby. ON. *blautr*, soft, whence Sw. *blöt*, as in *blötfisc*, soaked fish (*bloater*). Cf. AS. *bleath*, Ger. *blöde*, feeble, bashful.  
**blob**. Orig. a bubble; cf. *bleb*.  
**bloc** [pol.]. F., block (v.i.).  
**block**. F. *bloc*, OHG. *block* (Mod. *block*), with cogn. forms in Du. Sw. Dan. *Blockade* (17 cent.) is archaic Ger. *blocquade*, formed by analogy with mil. words of It. origin at time of Thirty Years' War.  
**bloke** [slang]. A Shelta word.  
**blond**. F. *blond*, MedL. *blundus*; cf. It. *biondo*, Sp. *blondo*. Origin unknown.

**blood**. AS. *blōd*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *bloed*, Ger. *blut*, ON. Goth. *blōth*. The vulgar *bloody* was orig. adv., occurring esp. in the phrase *bloody drunk* (common c. 1700). It is an intens. of the same type as *awfully*, *thundering*, etc., and may have been suggested by the use as intens. prefixes of Du. *bloed*, Ger. *blut*; e.g. Ger. *blutarm*, "bloody" poor.  
**bloodwite** [hist.]. AS. *blōdwīte*, blood penalty. See *wit*.  
**bloom**<sup>1</sup>. Flower. ON. *blōm*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *bloem*, Ger. *blume*, Goth. *blōma*; cogn. with *blow*<sup>2</sup> and ult. with L. *flos*, *florēre*.  
**bloom**<sup>2</sup> [techn.]. Mass of hammered iron. AS. *blōma*.  
**bloomer**<sup>1</sup>. Costume (US. c. 1850). From Mrs. Bloomer (†1894), an American lady.  
**bloomer**<sup>2</sup>. Slang for *blooming indiscretion*.  
**blooming**. Euph. for *bloody* (see *blood*). Cf. *bleeding*, *blinking*.  
**blossom**. AS. *blōstm*; cf. Du. *bloesem*, ON. *blōmstr*; cogn. with *bloom*<sup>1</sup>.  
**blot**<sup>1</sup>. Blemish, etc. In ME. also *plot*. Earliest sense (14 cent.), blemish. Perh. ident. with *plot* (q.v.); for sense cf. Ger. *fleck*, piece of ground, blot.  
**blot**<sup>2</sup> [archaic]. Exposed piece at back-gammon. ? Dan. *blot*, bare (cf. Ger. *bloss*), ? or same as *blot*<sup>1</sup>, in sense of "weak spot."  
**blotch**. Earliest sense (17 cent.) boil, pustule. OF *bloche*; prob. of Teut. origin, and cogn. with *blow*<sup>1</sup> (cf. *blister*). Partly due also to earlier *botch*<sup>2</sup>.  
**blouse**. F. (18 cent.), workman's smock. Origin unknown.  
**blow**<sup>1</sup>. Of wind. AS. *blāwan*; cf. Ger. *blāhen*, to inflate; ult. cogn. with L. *flare*.  
**blow**<sup>2</sup>. Of flowers. AS. *blōwan*. WGer.; cf. Du. *bloeien*, Ger. *blühen*; cogn. with *bloom*<sup>1</sup>.  
**blow**<sup>3</sup>. Noun. Earliest form *blaw*. Cf. Ger. *blauen*, to beat (OHG. *bluwan*), Du. *blowwen*; but the E. word only occurs as a noun, while the Du. and Ger. are verbs only. It is perh. rather a peculiar application of *blow*<sup>1</sup>. Cf. F. *soufflet*, box on the ear, from *souffler*, to blow.  
**blowzy**. From obs. *blouse*, "a ruddy, fat-faced wench" (Johns.). Origin unknown.  
**blubber**. Orig. bubble. Of imit. formation. See *bleb*, *blob*.

- blucher.** Boot. Named after *Marshal Blucher*. Cf. *wellington*.
- bludgeon.** Perh. OF *bougeon*, *bouyon*, dim. of OF. *bolge*, *bouge*, club. Mod. form may be due to association with *blood*.
- blue**<sup>1</sup>. Adj. F. *bleu*, Ger *blau*. Com Teut., cf. AS. *blāw*, Du. *blauw*, ON. *blār*; ult. cogn. with L *flavus*, yellow.
- blue**<sup>2</sup> [slang]. Verb, to cause to dis-appear. Cf. synon. F. *faire passer au bleu*, ? orig. to send into the sky.
- bluff**<sup>1</sup>. Of a countenance or ship. Corresponds to synon. obs Du. *blaf*. US. *bluff*, steep cliff, etc., is the same word.
- bluff**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. Orig. US. ? From Du. *verbluffen*, "to baffle, to put out of countenance" (Sewel).
- blunder.** ME. *blondren*, to confuse, to flounder; cf. Norw Sw. dial. *blundra*, frequent. of ON. *blunda*, to shut the eyes, cogn. with *blind*.
- blunderbuss.** Perversion of Du. *donderbus*, thunder-box. See *arquebus*, *bush*<sup>2</sup>.
- blunt.** Earliest sense, dull, esp. of sight. Origin unknown. ? Cogn. with *blind*.
- blur.** Of obscure origin. ? Cogn. with *blear*.
- blurt.** Prob. imit. Cf. Sc. *blurt*, gust, sudden weeping.
- blush.** AS. *blyscan*, to shine, *āblysian*, to blush, from *blysa*, torch, fire; cf. Du. *blozen*, LG. *blūshen*, Norw. Dan. *blusse*, to blaze, blush. Oldest sense is to shine forth, cast a glance (cf. *at the first blush*).
- bluster.** Prob. imit., with suggestion of *blow*<sup>1</sup>, *blast*. Holthausen gives LG. *blūstern*, to blow.
- bo, boh.** Natural exclamation intended to surprise or frighten. See also *peep*<sup>2</sup>.
- boa.** L. (Pliny). Origin unknown.
- boanerges.** Vociferous preacher. G. *βοανεργές* (Mark iii. 17), Heb. *b'nē regeš*, sons of thunder.
- boar.** AS *bār* WGer; cf. Du. *beer*, OHG *bēr* (ModGer. dial. *bār*), which also mean bear.
- board.** AS. *bord*, board, plank, table, side of a ship. Com. Teut.; cf. Du *boord*, Ger. *bort*, ON. *borth*, Goth. *baurd*. Some E. senses are due to F. *bord* (from Teut.).
- boast.** AF. *bost*, clamour, ostentation. Perh. via an unrecorded OF. \**boster* from a Teut. root meaning swelling.
- boat.** AS. *bāt*, whence ON. *bātr* and

- Du Ger. *boot*. Cf. F. *bateau*, dim. of OF. *bat*, from AS.
- bob.** The oldest meaning of the noun seems to be a pendent cluster, hence perh. *bob-wig*, *bob-tail*, that of the verb is to mock and strike, the first from OF *bober*, to mock (cf. Sp *bobo*, fool). In some slang senses it is the name *Bob*.
- Bobadil** [archaic]. Braggart. Character in Jonson, *Every Man in his Humour*. From *Boabdil*, last Moorish king of Granada, Sp. corrupt. of *Abū Abd'illāh*.
- bobbery** [Anglo-Ind]. Hind. *bāp re*, O father! Cry of dismay.
- bobbin.** F. *bobine*, of unknown origin, but prob. connected with some sense of *bob*. With *bobbinet* cf. *stockinet*.
- bobbish** [slang]. App. from *bob*, to bounce, etc.
- bobby** [slang]. From *Robert Peel*, Home Secretary (1828). Cf. *peeler*.
- bobolink.** N.Amer. singing bird. From its cry, app. first understood as *Bob o' Lincoln*. Cf. *whippoorwill*.
- boche, bosche** [hist.]. F. for *alleboche*, argotic perversion of *allemand*, German; in use long before the War.
- bock.** F., glass of beer. Ger., for earlier *ambock*, beer from *Embeck*, Hanover.
- bocking.** Fabric. From *Bocking*, Essex.
- bode.** AS. *bodian*, to announce, from *boda*, messenger. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *bode*, Ger. *bote*, messenger, ON. *bothr*; cogn. with *bid*, to offer.
- bodega.** Wine-shop. Sp. *bodega*, G. *ἀποθήκη* (see *apothecary*); cf. F. *boutique*, shop.
- bodge.** Var. of *botch*<sup>2</sup> (q v.).
- bodice.** For (pair of) *bodies*.
- bodkin.** ME. *boidekin*, *bortequin*. Origin unknown. The ME. form suggests an AF. \**bortekin*, little box, and sense-development as in *tweezers* (q v.), but this is only my conjecture.
- Bodleian library.** Restored and enriched (1597) by Sir Thomas Bodley.
- body.** AS. *bodig*; cf. OHG. *botah*, whence Ger. *botich*, brewing-tub.
- Boeotian.** Dull clown. From reputation of *Boeotia*, in ancient Greece.
- boer.** Du., farmer. Cf. *boor*, *bond*<sup>2</sup>.
- bog.** Ir. Gael. *bogach*, from *bog*, soft.
- bogey.** See *bogie*, *bogy*.
- boggart** [dial.]. Goblin, bugbear. Cf. *boggle*, *bogy*, *bogle*, *bug*<sup>1</sup>.
- boggle.** Orig. to start with fright, as though at sight of a spectre. See *bogle*.

**bogie.** Truck (19 cent.). Origin unknown.

**bogle** [archaic]. Spectre. Prob. Celt. Cf. Welsh *bugwl*, threat, terror. See *bug<sup>1</sup>*, also *boggart*, *boggle*, *bogy*.

**bogus.** US. slang. Origin unknown.

**bogy, bogey.** App. related to *bogle* (q.v.) and *bug<sup>1</sup>* (q.v.) Perh. ult. cogn. with *Puck*.

**bohea.** Tea. Anglicized Amoy pronunc. of Chin. *Wu-i*, hills north of Fuhkien.

**bohemian.** From F. *bohémien*, gipsy, name given under a misapprehension (cf. *gipsy*), the tribe having reached Western Europe (15 cent.) through *Bohemia*.

**boil<sup>1</sup>.** Swelling. Orig. *bile*, AS *bȳl*; cf. Ger. *beule*, Goth. *ufbauljan*, to blow up.

**boil<sup>2</sup>.** Verb. OF. *boillir* (Mod. *bouillir*), L. *bullire*, from *bulla*, bubble.

**boisterous.** Lengthened from ME. *boistous*, orig. rough, coarse, in gen. sense, AF. *bustous*, rough (of a road), ? aphet. from L. *robustus*, rendered *boistuous* in 15 cent. translation.

**bolás** [Samer]. Missile lasso. Pl. of Sp *bola*, ball<sup>1</sup>.

**bold.** AS. *bald*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *boud*, OHG. *bald*, ON. *ballr*, Goth. *balthis* (in compds.).

**bole<sup>1</sup>.** Of a tree. ON. *bolr*; cf. Ger. *bohle*, plank, and see *bulwark*.

**bole<sup>2</sup>.** Earthy clay. G. *βῶλος*, clod.

**bolection** [arch]. Raised moulding. Orig. form (? *bol-*, *bal-*, *bel-*) and origin unknown.

**bolero.** Dance. Sp. Cf. *cachucha*, *fandango*.

**boletus.** Fungus. L. *boletus*, G. *βωλίτης*, mushroom.

**bolide.** Meteor. F. *bolide*, L. *bolis*, *bolid-*, G. *βολίς*, missile, from *βάλλειν*, to throw.

**boll<sup>1</sup>.** Rounded pod (*Ex. ix 31*). Var. of *bowl<sup>1</sup>* (q.v.).

**boll<sup>2</sup>** [Sc.]. Measure. ? ON. *bolli*, *bowl<sup>1</sup>*.

**Bollandist.** Writer continuing *Acta Sanctorum* of John Bolland, Flemish Jesuit (17 cent.).

**bullard.** Strong post for securing hawser. Cf. Norw. *puller*, Dan *pullert*, LG. *poller*, Du. *polder*, ? all from OF. *poltre* (Mod. *poutre*), beam, Late L. *pullertrum*, from *pullus*, foal, young animal.

**bolo.** Mil. slang for *Bolshevist* (NRuss. campaign, 1918).

**bolo-**. From G. *βολή*, beam of light.

**bolism** [hist.]. Pacifist propaganda

financed from Germany. From *Bolo Pasha*, convicted of similar proceedings in France (Sept 1917).

**bolshevik, bolshevist** [Russ.]. Orig. majority socialist. Cf. Russ. *bolshinstvo*, majority, *bolshe*, greater, more.

**bolster.** AS *bolstier*. Com Teut.; cf. Du. *bolster*, Ger. *polster*, ON *bolstr*; from a Teut. root meaning to swell.

**bolt<sup>1</sup>.** Noun. AS *bolt*, heavy arrow. Com Teut; cf. Du. *bout*, Ger. *bolzen*, ON. *bolte*. The door-bolt is the same word. With verb to *boll* cf to *dart*.

**bolt<sup>2</sup>, bould** [archaic]. To sift (flour, etc.). OF. *buileter* (Mod. *bluier*), app. for \**bureter*, cogn. with It. *burattare*, from *buratto*, sieve, fine cloth, perh. dim. of *buira*, for which see *bureau*.

**boltel, bowtell** [arch]. Round moulding, shaft of clustered pillar. Cf. F. *emboutin*, "bouldied" (Cotg), of unknown origin.

**bolus.** Late L. *bolus*, G. *βῶλος*, clod. See *bole<sup>2</sup>*.

**bomb.** F. *bombe*, Sp *bomba*, from L. *bombus*, humming, G. *βόμβος*, of imit. origin (cf. *boom<sup>1</sup>*). Hence *bombard-er*.

**bombasine** [archaic]. F. *bombasin*, Late L. *bombasinum*, for *bombycinum*, from *bombyx*, *bombyc-*, silkworm, G. *βόμβυξ*.

**bombast.** Earlier *bombace*, OF. *bombace*, cotton wool, padding, Late L. *bombax*, *bombac-*, for *bombyx* (v s).

**Bombay duck.** Sailor's nickname for fish called *bummalo*.

**bombilation, bombination.** Variations on L. *bombizatio*, buzzing. See *bomb*.

**bona-fide.** L., in good faith, i.e. genuine.

**bonanza.** Successful mine, lucky enterprise (US.). Sp. *bonanza*, fair weather, prosperity, from L. *bonus*, good.

**bona-roba.** Courtesan. It. *buonaroba*, lit. good stuff.

**bonbon.** F. baby lang., with the usual redupl.

**bond<sup>1</sup>.** Shackle, restraint, etc. Var. of *band<sup>1</sup>* (from *bind*).

**bond<sup>2</sup>** [archaic]. Serf. Hence *bondage*, *bondman*, etc. Orig. a farmer. Late AS. *bōnda*, ON. *bōndi*, for *biānda*, pres. part. of *būa*, to dwell, till; cogn. with Ger. *bauer*, peasant, and Du. *boer* (q.v.). Change of meaning is due partly to mistaken association with *bond<sup>1</sup>*.

**bond<sup>3</sup>.** Confederation (SAfr.). Du., from *binden*, to bind; cf. Ger. *bind*.

**bone.** AS. *bān*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *been*, Ger. ON. *bein*, these usu. meaning leg.

**bonfire.** For *bone-fire*, ME. and Sc. *bane-fire*, perh. originating in some heathen rite. Cf. synon. F. *feu d'os*

**bonhomie.** F., good-fellowship. Cf. *Jacques Bonhomme*, trad. nickname of F. peasant.

**boniface.** Name of innkeeper (*Bonny-face*) in Farquhar's *Beaux' Stratagem* (1707). Cf. *abigail*.

**bonito.** Fish, kind of tunny Sp. Port. *bonito*; cf. F. *bonite* and MedL. *bonitum*

**bon mot.** F., good word (saying).

**bonne bouche.** F., nice (taste in the) mouth.

**bonnet.** F. *bonnet*, for *chapeau de bonnet*, ? some unknown material, MedL. *bonetum*. But earlier is Late L. *abonnis*, cap (7 cent.)

**bonny.** Formed, with E suffix -y, from F. *bon*, by analogy with *jolly*, *pretty*, etc.

**bontebok** [SAfr]. Antelope. Du. *bont*, pied. Cf. *bunier*

**bonus.** For *bonum*, something good. Stock Exchange Latin.

**bonze.** Buddhist priest. F. *bonze*, Port. *bonzo*, Jap. *bonzi*, Chin. *fan seng*.

**bonzoline.** Arbitrary trade coinage (c. 1882).

**boo.** Instinctive. Cf. *bo*.

**booby.** From Sp. *bofo*, fool, ? from an imit. *bob* (cf. *baby*, *babble*, etc.), ? or from L. *balbus*, stammerer (which is of similar origin).

**boodle** [US]. ? Du. *boedel*, estates, effects, cogn. with *booth* and AS *both*, house Cf. *caboodle*.

**boo-hoo.** Instinctive. Cf. *boo*.

**book.** AS. *bōc*, beech-tree, whence *bōcstaf*, beech-staff, letter, character; cf. synon. Du. *boekstaf*, Ger. *buchstabe*, ON. *bōkstafr*. See *beech*

**boom**<sup>1</sup>. Sound, ME *boomen*, to hum. Imit., cf. Ger. *bummen*, Du. *boommen*, and see *bomb*.

**boom**<sup>2</sup> [naut]. Du. *boom*, beam (q.v.), tree.

**boom**<sup>3</sup>. Good business. ? Ident with *boom*<sup>1</sup>, ? or from obs. naut phrase "to come booming," i.e. under full sail, from *boom*<sup>2</sup> (cf. *vogue*).

**boomerang.** From some obs. Austral. native name. ? Cf. *woomerah*.

**boon**<sup>1</sup>. Favour. ON. *bōn*, petition, prayer to God, "bene" (q.v.).

**boon**<sup>2</sup>. Adj. F. *bon* Usu. with *compagnon*.

**boor.** Orig. husbandman. Du. *boer* or LG. *bur*. See *boer*, *bond*<sup>1</sup>, *neighbour*.

**boost.** Hoist (US.). Origin unknown.

**boot**<sup>1</sup>. For foot. F. *botte*; cf. Sp. Port. *bota*, MedL. *botia*. Origin unknown.

**boot**<sup>2</sup>. Profit. AS. *bōt*, profit, advantage, cogn. with *better*. Cf. Du. *boete*, Ger. *busse*, atonement, etc., ON. *bōt*

**Bootes** [astron.]. G. *βούτης*, waggoner, lit. ox-driver, from *βοῦς*, ox.

**booth.** ODan. *both*, ON. *būth*, from *būa*, to dwell; cf. Ger. *bude* (from Dan.)

**booty.** F. *buthn*, influenced by *boot*<sup>2</sup> Of Teut. origin; cf. Du. *burt* (see *free-booter*), Ger. *beute*, ON. *být*, exchange

**booze** [slang]. Du. *buizen*, to drink to excess; cf. LG *busen*, Ger. *bausen*.

**bo-peep.** See *bo*, *peep*<sup>2</sup>, and cf. Du. *kiekeboe spelen*, "to play at bo-peep" (Sewel), also *piepbeu*.

**bora.** North wind in Adriatic. It. dial. *bora*, for *borea*, north wind (see *boreal*).

**boracic.** See *borax*.

**borage.** F. *bourrache*, Sp. *borraja*, Arab *abū raj*, father of sweat (from med. use).

**borax.** F. *borax*, with OF. vars. and MedL. forms, Arab. *būraj*, Pers. *būrah*.

**border.** F. *bordure*, from *border*, to edge, from *bord*, edge (see *board*).

**bore**<sup>1</sup>. Verb. AS. *borian*, to pierce. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *boren*, Ger. *böhren*, ON. *bora*; cogn. with L. *forare* Sense of wearying may have started by a punning allusion to *boring the ears*, in token of servitude (*Ex* xxi 6) Cf. Ger. *drillen*, to drill, bore, plague (sec *drill*<sup>2</sup>).

**bore**<sup>2</sup>. Tidal wave. ? From *bore*<sup>1</sup>. See *eagre*.

**boreal.** L. *borealis*, from *Boreas*, north wind, G. *Βορέας*.

**borecole.** Du. *boerenkool*, peasant's cabbage. See *boer*, *cole*, *kale*.

**boreen** [Ir.]. Narrow lane. Ir., from *bōihar*, road, with dim. -een; cf. *colleen*, *squireen*, etc.

**borough.** AS. *burg*, *burh*, castle, manor-house, cogn. with AS *beorgan*, to protect. Com. Teut., cf. Du. Ger. *burg*, ON *borg*, Goth. *baurgs*; also Late L. *burgus*, from Teut., whence forms in Rom. langs. *Burrow* (q.v.) is the same word, and *bury* (*Canterbury*, etc.) is from the AS. dat. *byrig*. Cf. Sc. *burgh* (*Edinburgh*, etc.).

**borrel** [archaic]. Rude, unlettered. Ident. with ME. *buvel*, rough clothing. See *bureau* and cf. fig. use of *homespun*.

**borrow.** AS. *borran*, from *borg*, *borh*, pledge. Cf. Du. *borg*, pledge, Ger. *borgen*, to borrow, late ON. *borga*, to stand security. Ult. cogn. with *borough*, with ground-sense of security.

**Borstal system.** Established (1902) at *Borstal* (Kent).

**borzoi** [Russ.]. Hound. Orig. adj., swift; cf. Czech *brzy*, also Serbo-Croat. *brzo*, quickly.

**bosch.** Du. for *bush*<sup>1</sup>, whence SAfr. *boschbok*, bush-buck, *boschman*, Bushman, *boschwarb*, bush hog.

**bosche.** See *boche*.

**bosh.** Turk., empty, worthless Popularized by Morier's *Ayesha* (1834).

**bosky**<sup>1</sup>. Bushy. For ME. *busky*, from *busk*, northern form of *bush*<sup>1</sup>, refashioned under It. influence (*bosco*, *boscoso*, etc.). See *bouquet*.

**bosky**<sup>2</sup> [slang]. Drunk. ? Ident. with *bosky*<sup>1</sup>.

**bosom.** AS. *bōsm* WGer.; cf. Du. *boezem*, Ger. *busen*.

**boss**<sup>1</sup>. Protuberance (cf. *emboss*). F. *bosse*, hump, with cognates in Rom. langs., but of unknown origin. *Boss-eyed* may be an imit. of obs. *boss-backed*, hump-backed, and have given rise to *boss-shot*, *boss*, to miss, etc.

**boss**<sup>2</sup>. Master. US., from Du. *baas*, orig. uncle; cf. Ger. *base*, aunt, cousin.

**boston** [archaic]. Card game (F.). From siege of *Boston* (1775-6) during Amer. War. of Independence.

**Boswell.** Admiring biographer. From *Boswell's* "Life of Dr. Johnson" (1791).

**bot, bott** [dial.]. Parasitic worm attacking horses and cattle. Origin unknown. ? Hence *botty*, conceited, orig. from stable slang, troubled with the botts.

**botanic.** G. *βοτανικός*, from *βοτάνη*, plant.

**botargo.** Kind of caviare. Obs. It. *botargo* (Mod. *bottarga*), Arab. *butarkhah*, Coptic *butarakhon*, from Coptic *bu*, the, and G. *ταρίχιον*, pickle.

**botch**<sup>1</sup> [archaic]. Protuberance, ulcer, etc. ONF. *boche*, var. of *bosse* (see *boss*<sup>2</sup>).

**botch**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. ME. *bocchen*, to patch, ? F. *boucher*, to stop up.

**both.** ME. *bathe*, ON. *bāthir* (m.), *bāthar* (f.), *bāthi* (n.). First element as in AS. *bāgen* (m.), *bā* (f. & n.), with which cf. Goth. *bai*, *ba*. Second represents def. art.; cf. Ger. *beide*, both the. Ult. cogn. with L. *am-bo*, both.

**bother.** First in Anglo-Ir. writers. Cf. Ir. *bodhráim*, I deafen.

**bothy** [Sc.]. Hut. From Gael. *both*, *bothan*, hut, booth, from Scand.

**bo-tree.** Corrupt., through Sinhalese, of Pali *bodhitaru*, perfect-knowledge tree, under which Gautama, founder of Buddhism, meditated.

**botry-.** From G. *βότρυς*, cluster of grapes.

**bottine.** F., dim of *botte*, boot<sup>1</sup>.

**bottle**<sup>1</sup>. For liquids. F. *bouteille*, Late L. *butricula*, dim. of *buttis*, cask (see *butt*<sup>2</sup>).

**bottle**<sup>2</sup>. Bundle (of hay, etc.). OF. *botel*, dim. of *botte*, truss, MHG. *bote*, bundle.

**bottom.** AS. *botm*. WGer.; cf. Du. *bodem*, Ger. *boden*; ult. cogn. with L. *fundus*.

**bottomry.** Marine contract or speculation. From *bottom*, in the sense of ship (after cogn. Du. *badmerij*).

**botty** [colloq.]. See *bot*.

**botulism** [neol.]. Food-poisoning. Ger. *botulismus*, from L. *botulus*, sausage.

**boudoir.** F., lit. sulking-room, from *bouder*, to sulk, "pout," from the same root (idea of swollen) as *pudding*, *pout*. Cf. Prov. *pot*, lip.

**bouffe.** In *opera bouffe*. F. *bouffe*, It. *buffa*, joke. Cf. *buffoon*.

**bougainvillea.** Plant. From *Bougainville*, F. navigator (†1811).

**bough.** AS. *bōg*, *bōh*, shoulder, arm; bough. Ident. with *bow*<sup>3</sup> (q.v.).

**bougie.** Wax candle; fig. catheter, etc. F., from *Bougie* (Algeria), Arab. *Buḡyah*, where made.

**bouillabaisse.** Fish soup in Provence. F. (cf. Mod. Prov. *boumabaisso*), said to be for OF. *bouille-abaisse*, lit. abbess' bowels.

**bouillon.** F., soup, from *bouillir*, to boil.

**boulder.** For *boulder-stone*, ME. *bulderston*; cf. Sw. dial. *bullersten*, noise stone (in stream), (as opposed to *klappersten*, rattle stone, pebble), from Sw. *bullra*, to roar.

**boule.** See *buhl*.

**boulevard.** F., orig. rampart, "bulwark" (q.v.). For final dental cf. F. *gerfaut*, OF. *gerfauç*, *gerfalcon*.

**boult.** See *bolt*<sup>2</sup>.

**boun** [poet.]. See *bound*<sup>3</sup>.

**bounce.** ME. *bunsen*, to thump. Imit., cf. Du. *bonsen*, to beat or strike.

**bound**<sup>1</sup>. Boundary. AF. *bounde*, OF. *boāne* (Mod. *borne*), MedL. *boāina*, prob. of Celt. origin. See *bound*<sup>2</sup>.



**bound**<sup>2</sup>. To leap. F. *bondir*, orig. to re-echo, VL. \**bombiture*, for *bombutare*, to hum. See *bomb*.

**bound**<sup>3</sup>. Adj., as in *homeward bound*. Earlier *boun*, ready, ON. *bünn*, p p. of *büa*, to get ready (see *bush*<sup>3</sup>).

**bounder**. From *bound*<sup>2</sup>; cf. fig. senses of *bounce*.

**bounty**. F. *bonté*, L. *bonitas*, -*tat*-, goodness.

**bouquet**. F, orig. little wood; cf. F. *bosquet*, grove, It. *boschetto*. See *bush*<sup>1</sup>.

**bouquetin**. Ilex. F. *bouquetin*, OProv. *bocestann*, app. inversion of Ger. *steinbock*, stone-buck.

**bourbon** [US]. Whisky. From *Bourbon county* (Kentucky).

**burdon**. Bass stop in organ. F., see *burden*<sup>2</sup>.

**bourg**. F., see *borough*.

**bourgeois**. F, from *bourg* (q.v.), the ending -*ois* representing L. -*ensis*. Cf. *burgess*. *Bourgeois* type is said to be from name of a F. printer. See also *burgee*.

**bourgeon**. See *burgeon*.

**bourignon**-. From *Antoinette Bourignon*, Flemish mystic (17 cent).

**bourne**<sup>1</sup>. Stream. Southern form of *burn*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.).

**bourne**<sup>2</sup>. Boundary. F. *borne* (see *bound*<sup>1</sup>).

**bourse**. F., Stock Exchange, esp. at Paris. See *purse*.

**bouse**<sup>1</sup>, **bowse**. See *booze*.

**bouse**<sup>2</sup>, **bowse** [naut.]. To hoist. ? Back-formation from 15 cent. *bowse-synge*, from *bow*<sup>3</sup> and *seize*, to secure.

**boustrophedon**. Written alternately from left to right and right to left, like course of a plough. G, ox-turning. See *bulmy*, *sirophe*.

**bout**. For earlier *bought*, bend, turn (see *bight*), which is LG. *bucht*, Du. *bogt*, or Norw. Dan. *bugt*; cogn with *bow*<sup>1</sup>.

**boutade**. Outburst; orig. fencing term. F., *boutade*, It. *buttata*; cogn. with *butt*<sup>5</sup>.

**bouts-rimés**. F, rimed ends. See *butt*<sup>3</sup>.

**bovate** [hist.]. OXgang. MedL. *bovata*, from L. *bos*, *bov*-, ox.

**bovine**. L. *bovinus*, of the ox (v.s.).

**bovril**. Coined from L. *bos*, *bov*-, ox, ? and *vril*, magic power, the latter (Lytton's *Coming Race*) perh. suggested by L. *vis*, *vires*, or *virilis*.

**bow**<sup>1</sup>. Anything bent. AS. *boga*, cogn. with *bügan*, to bow, bend (see *bow*<sup>2</sup>). Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *boog*, Ger. *bogen*, ON. *bogi*.

**bow**<sup>2</sup>. Verb AS. *bügan*. Com Teut.; cf. Du. *bugen*, Ger. *biegen*, ON. *bjuga*, Goth *bugan*.

**bow**<sup>3</sup>. Of ship. Borrowed from LG. *bug*, Du. *boeg*, Dan. *boug*, *bov*, or Sw. *bog*, all meaning shoulder, and bow of ship. Ult. ident. with *bough* (q.v.).

**Bow-bells**. Cf. *St Mary-le-Bow*, or *of the Arches*, London. See *bow*<sup>1</sup>.

**bowdlerize**. Dr T. Bowdler published (1818) an expurgated Shakespeare

**bowel**. OF. *boel*, *bonel* (Mod. *boyau*), L. *botellus*, pudding, dim. of *botulus*, sausage.

**bower**<sup>1</sup>. Retreat AS. *būr*, dwelling. Com. Teut.; cf. OSax. *būr*, Ger. *bauer*, bird-cage, ON. *būr*, cogn. with *boor*, *byre*.

**bower**<sup>2</sup> [naut.]. For *bower anchor*, suspended at *bow*<sup>3</sup>.

**bower**<sup>3</sup>. Knave at euchre (US.). Ger. *bauer*, peasant, also knave at cards; or perh. cogn. Du. *boer*. Cf. *Bowery* (New York), orig. a homestead.

**bowie-knife**. Popularized by Colonel James Bowie (†1836).

**bowl**<sup>1</sup>. Basin. AS. *bolle*; cf. Du. *bol*, ON. *bolli*.

**bowl**<sup>2</sup>. Ball. F. *boule*, L. *bullā*, bubble, round knob (see *bull*<sup>2</sup>). Hence verb to *bowl*.

**bowler**. Hat. From *bowl*<sup>1</sup>; cf. *basinet*.

**bowline**. OF. *boulina*, *buslina* (Wace, 12 cent.). Cf. It. Sp. Port. *bolina*. Connection with *bow*<sup>3</sup> is doubtful.

**bowse**. See *bowse*<sup>2</sup>.

**bowsprit**. Du. *boegspriet* or LG. *bog-spret*. See *bow*<sup>3</sup>, *sprit*.

**Bow-street runner** [hist.]. Police officer (18 cent.), from principal metropolitan police office.

**bowtell**. See *bollet*.

**bow-wow**. Infantile imit. redupl.

**box**<sup>1</sup>. Orig. the tree. AS. *box*, L. *buxus*, G. *πύξος* (see *pyx*). Hence receptacle made esp. of box-wood; cf. Du. *bus*, Ger. *büchse*, also from L.

**box**<sup>2</sup>. A blow. Perh. G. adv. *πύξ*, with clenched fist, as in *πύξ ἀγῶνός*, good at boxing, if the E. word originated among students or school-boys.

**boxer**. Member of Chinese anti-foreign movement (c. 1900). Anglicized from Chin. *I-Ho-Chau*, lit. righteous-uniting-fist, orig. secret society at Shantung.

**boy**. ME. *boi*, not found in AS., exc. perh. in personal name *Bofa*; cf. EFris. *boi*, young gentleman, Du. *boef*, knave, MHG. *buobe*, OHG.

*Buobo* as personal name, whence Ger. *bube*, Bav. *bua*, lad. Perh. a baby word of the *papa, mamma* class

**boyar, boyard.** Title of nobility. Russ. *boyare*, pl. of *bojarn*, grandee, of doubtful origin.

**boyau** [mil.]. Communication trench. F., gut, bowel (q.v.).

**boycott.** From the treatment (1880) of Capt. Boycott by the Ir. Land League

**Boyle.** In *Boyle's law* (phys.), lectures, from Hon. R. Boyle (†1691) In *Boyle controversy* (Epistles of Phalaris), from Hon. C. Boyle (†1731).

**brabanconne.** Belgian national song, lit. woman of *Brabant*. Cf. surname *Brabazon*.

**brace.** F. *brasse*, L. *brachia* (pl.), two arms, fathom (cf. *embrace*). Hence used of devices for fastening, tightening, coupling, etc.

**bracelet.** F. *bracelet*, dim. of OF. *bracel*, L. *brachiale*, armlet, from *brachium*, arm.

**bracer** [archaic]. Wrist-guard, esp. for archers. OF. *brasseure* and F. *brasard*, derivatives of *bras*.

**brach** [archaic]. Bitch hound (1 *Hen. IV*, iii 1). Shortened from ME. and OF. *brachet*, dim. of OF. *brac*, hound, OHG. *bracco* (Mod. *bracke*), sleuth-hound.

**brachiopod** [biol.]. From G. *βραχιών*, arm, *πούς*, *πόδ-*, foot.

**brachycephalic** [eihn]. From G. *βραχύς*, short, *κεφαλή*, head.

**bracken.** ME. *braken*, prob. ON., cf. Sw. *bråken*, Dan. *bregne*, fern. See also *brake*<sup>1</sup>.

**bracket.** Orig. support in building. Earlier *bragget*, dim. of F. *brague*, "a kind of mortaise, or joyning of peeces together" (Cotg), app. a fig. use of archaic *brague(s)*, breeches, L. *braccæ*. Senses have been affected by association with L. *brachium*, arm (see *brake*<sup>4</sup>).

**brackish.** From Du. *brak*, *brakwater*, of obscure origin.

**bracteate.** L. *bracteatus*, from *bractea*, thin plate.

**brad.** ME. *brod*, ON. *broddr*, spike; cf. AS. *brōd*, point. Hence *brad-awl*.

**bradbury** [hist.]. Treasury note (from 1914) signed by John Bradbury, secretary to the Treasury.

**bradshaw.** Name of Manchester printer, who published first railway timetable (1839).

**brady-.** From G. *βραδύς*, slow.

**brae** [dial.]. ON. *brā*, cogn. with AS. *brāw*, brow<sup>1</sup>.

**brag.** Earliest as adj., valiant, boastful. Also used of the "bray" of the trumpet. Prob. from a root *brag* (cogn. with *break* and L. *fragor*, crash), expressing explosive noise.

**braggadocio.** Coined by Spenser from *brag* by analogy with It. words in *-occio*.

**bragget** [archaic]. Kind of mead. Welsh *bragod*, from *brag*, malt.

**brahma, brahmapootra.** Fowl. From Lakhimpur on the river *Brahmaputra*.

**brahman.** Sanskrit *brāhmaṇa*, from *brahman*, praise, worship

**braid.** First as verb AS. *bregdan*, to move quickly, jerk, etc., hence, weave. See *upbraid*, *broider*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *breien* (earlier *breiden*), OHG. *brettan*, ON. *bregtha*.

**braidism.** Hypnotism. Investigated (1842) by Dr James Braid.

**brail** [naut.]. OF. *bravel*, usu. breech-girdle. L. *bracale*, but used also in naut sense. See *breech*.

**braille.** Writing, etc., for blind. Name of F. inventor (c. 1834).

**brain.** AS *brægen*; cf. Du. *brein*; ? cogn with G. *βρέγμα*, sinciput.

**braise.** F. *braiser*, from *braise*, hot charcoal (cf. *embraser*, to kindle). Of obscure origin, but prob. Teut. Cf. *braze*<sup>2</sup>, *breeze*<sup>3</sup>

**brake**<sup>1</sup>. Fern. Prob. shortened in south from northern *brachen* (q.v.).

**brake**<sup>2</sup>. Thicket, as in *cane-brake*. Associated with *brake*<sup>1</sup>, but orig. distinct. Cf. LG. *brake*, as in *bush unde brake*, bush and brake; cogn. with *break*.

**brake**<sup>3</sup>. Instrument for beating, crushing (flax or hemp). Cf. synon. Du. *braak*, Ger. *breche*; cogn. with *break*.

**brake**<sup>4</sup>. Retarding instrument. Perh. ident. with archaic *brake*, bridle, curb, lever, pump-handle, etc., ? OF. *brac*, L. *brachium*, arm. It is uncertain whether a four-horse *brake* (*break*) belongs here or to the use of such a vehicle for "breaking" horses.

**bramah press, lock.** From Joseph Bramah, E. mechanician (†1814).

**bramble.** AS. *bræmbel*, earlier *bræmel*, from *brōm*, broom (q.v.).

**bran.** F., prob. of Celt. origin; cf. Welsh *brann*, Breton *brenn*.

**brancard.** Horse-litter. F., litter, shaft, from *branche*, branch.

**branch.** F. *branche*, Late L. *branca*, paw (cf. orig. meaning of *bough*), prob. of Teut. origin.

**branchiopod** [*brɔl*] From G βράγχια, gills, πούς, ποδ-, foot.

**brand.** AS. *brand*. Com. Teut.; cf Du. Ger *brand*, ON. *brandr* (poet sword), cogn. with *burn*<sup>2</sup>. Hence *brand-new* (corruptly *bran-new*), fresh from the forge.

**brandish.** F. *brandir*, *brandiss-*, to flourish a sword, for which *brand* (from ON) is commonly used in OF. epic

**brandling** [*angling*] Worm. Dim. of *brand*, from marking.

**brandreth** [*dial*]. Gridiron, trivet, etc. ON. *brandreith*, burning-carriage; cf. AS. *brandrída*, OHG *brandreita* See *brand*, *ríde*

**brandy.** Short for *brandewine*, Du. *brandewijn*, burnt wine, cf Ger. *branntwein* Brandy *paumee*, Anglo-Ind for brandy and water, is from Hind *pāni*, water.

**branks** [*just*]. Scold's bridle (Sc.). Orig bridle for horse improvised from halter by means of two wooden "cheeks," corresponding to the *branches* of a bridle, *branks* representing Norm. form *branques*.

**brankursine.** Plant. MedL. *branca ursina*, bear's claw (see *branch*)

**bran-new.** See *brand*.

**brant-geese, brent-geese.** Cf. Ger. *brandgans*. Prob. from *brand*, with ref to marking Cf. obs. *branded*, *brindled* (q v).

**brash.** Fragments, esp. of ice. F. *brèche*; cf It. *breccia* Of Teut. origin (*break*). *Brash*, sickness, vomiting, is perh. the same word (cf. Ger. *brechen*, to vomit, lit to break).

**brasier.** See *brazier*.

**brass.** AS. *bræs*, with no known cognates

**brassage.** Mint-charge for coining. F, from *brasser*, to brew, to stir molten metal (? cf *bulhon*). F. *brasser*, MedL. *braciare*, from Late L. *bracis*, corn from which malt is made, of Celt. origin (see *bragget*)

**brassard.** Orig armour from shoulder to elbow. F., see *bracer*.

**brasserie.** F., brewery, tavern See *brassage*.

**brassière.** F., from *bras*, arm. See *bracer*.

**brat.** Perh. ident. with dial. *brat*, cloak, pinafore, "skin" on porridge, etc., OIr *bratt*, cloth.

**brattice** [*archaic*]. Temporary defence, battlement, etc.; hence *bratticing* (see *bartizan*), still used of timber-

work in mine, etc. F *bretèche*, prob. from Ger. *brett*, board The alternative etym. from MedL. *britisca*, British, accounts better for the various forms, but lacks hist. explanation

**bravado.** From Sp. *bravada*, p.p. fem. of *bravare*, to brave.

**brave.** F. *brave*, It *bravo*, and in most Europ langs. Origin unknown (? cf. Ir *breagh*, Sc. *braw*, Welsh *braf*, brave)

**bravo.** It, brave (q.v.), fine.

**bravura.** Brilliancy (esp mus). It, bravery, spirit See *brave*.

**brawl**<sup>1</sup>. Quarrel F. *brailler*, to shout noisily, frequent of *brave*, to bray

**brawl**<sup>2</sup> [*archaic*] Dance Formerly *brangle*, F. *branle*, from *branler*, to shake, totter, for *brandeler*, frequent. of *brandir* (see *brandish*).

**brawn.** Ong flesh, muscle. OF. *braon*, fleshy part, esp. buttock, OHG *brāto-n-*, ham.

**braxy** [*dial*] Diseased (of mutton). ? Ult from AS. *bræc*, cough, catarrh, lit break.

**bray**<sup>1</sup>. Of ass. F. *braire* (cf. Prov. *braire*, MedL. *bragire*), prob. imit. See *brag*.

**bray**<sup>2</sup> [*archaic*]. To pulverize (Prov. xxvii. 22) OF *breier* (Mod. *broyer*), OFrankish *brekan* (Ger. *brechen*), to break

**braze**<sup>1</sup>. To cover with, make like, brass Formed from *brass* by analogy with *grass*, *graze*.

**braze**<sup>2</sup>. To fire, solder F. *braser*, to solder, ON *brasa*, to harden in the fire. See *braise*.

**brazen.** AS *bræsen*, from *bræs*, brass.

**brazier**<sup>1</sup>. Brass-worker. From *brass*.

**brazier**<sup>2</sup>. Pan for charcoal F. *brasier*, from *braise* (q v).

**brazil.** Dye-wood. Sp Port. *brasil*; cf It. *brasile*, F *brésil*, MedL. *brasillum* Origin unknown.

**breach.** F. *brèche*, of Teut. origin (*break*<sup>1</sup>).

**bread.** AS *brēad* Com Teut.; cf. Du. *brood*, Ger. *brot*, ON. *brauth*. Earliest sense perh fragment, crumb, the orig. Teut. word being *loaf*<sup>1</sup>. Cf. Ger. *brödeln*, to crumble

**breadth.** For earlier *brede*, AS. *brēðu*, by analogy with *length*. See *broad*.

**break**<sup>1</sup>. AS. *brecan*. Com. Teut, though the verb is not found in ON; cf Du *breken*, Ger. *brechen*, Goth. *brikan*; cogn. with L. *frag* (*frangere*).

**break**<sup>2</sup>. At billiards. From *break*<sup>1</sup>, in archaic sense of taking new direction.

**break**<sup>3</sup>. Vehicle. See *brake*<sup>4</sup>.  
**breaker** [*naut.*]. Small cask. Sp. *barreca*, cask (see *barrel*, *barricade*).  
**bream**<sup>1</sup>. Fish. F. *brème*, OF. *bresme*, of Teut. origin; cf. Du. *brasem*, Ger. *brassen*.  
**bream**<sup>2</sup> [*naut.*]. To clean a ship's bottom with burning furze, etc. From Du. *brem*, furze, var. of *braam*, broom (see *bramble*, *broom*).  
**breast**. AS. *brēost* Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *borst*, Ger. *brust*, ON. *brjōst*, Goth. *brusts*. Orig. dual.  
**breastsummer**, **bressummer** [*archaic*]. Horizontal beam. From *breast* and dial. *summer*, beam, F. *sommier* (see *sumpter*).  
**breath**. AS. *bræth*, *brēth*, odour, exhalation; cf. Ger. *brodem*, vapour. Replaced AS. *æthm*, ME. *ethem* (cf. Ger. *atem*, *odem*), which points to the *br-* of *breath*, *brodem* being a worn-down prefix.  
**breccia**. Composite rock, pudding stone. It., see *brash*.  
**brech** [*anat.*]. AS. *brēc*, of obscure origin (v.i.).  
**breches**. Double pl., *brech* being AS. *brēc*, pl. of *brēc* (as *foot*, *feet*). Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *broek*, Ger. *bruch*, ON. *brök*. See also *brogue*<sup>1</sup>.  
**breed**. AS. *brēdan*; cf. Ger. *brüten*, to hatch, and see *brood*. The ground-idea is that of warmth; cf. Ger. *brühen*, to boil, make broth, which in dial. means also to hatch.  
**brecks** [*dial.*]. ON. *brækr*, pl. of *brök*.  
**breeze**<sup>1</sup> [*archaic*]. Gadfly (*Ant. & Cleop.* iii. 10). AS. *brēosa*.  
**breeze**<sup>2</sup>. Wind. Earlier *brize*, F. *brise*; cf. Sp. *brisa*. App. a sailors' alteration of F. *bise* (q.v.).  
**breeze**<sup>3</sup>. Small coke. F. *braise*, as in *brasse de boulanger*, baker's breeze. See *braise*.  
**brehon** [*hist.*]. Ancient Irish judge. From genitive pl. of Ir. *breitheamh*, from *breth*, judgment.  
**brent-goose**. See *brant-goose*.  
**brer**. In *Brer Rabbit*. Negro corrupt. of *brother*.  
**bressummer**. See *breastsummer*.  
**brethren**. See *brother*.  
**bretwalda** [*hist.*]. AS. *bretenwealda*, Britain ruler (wielder).  
**breve** [*mus.*]. It., brief, though it is now the longer note.  
**brevet**. F., dim. of *bref*, short (see *brief*).  
**breviary**. L. *breviarium*, summary, from *brevus*, short. Hence *brevier* type (cf. *long primer*, *pica*).

**brevier** [*typ.*]. See *breviary*.  
**brevity**. AF. *breveté* (cf. F. *brève*), L. *brevitas*, -*tat*-, from *brevus*, short, brief.  
**brew**. AS. *brēowan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *brouwen*, Ger. *brauen*, ON. *brugga*. See *broth*, *umbrue*.  
**brewis**, **browis**, **brose** [*dial.*]. Broth, etc. OF. *broez*, pl. of *broet*, dim. of OF. *bro*, broth, OHG. *brod*.  
**briar**, **brier**. Earlier *brere*, AS. *brær*, *brēr*. Origin unknown.  
**briar pipe**. Earlier *bruyere*, F. *bruyère*, heather, Late L. *brugaria*, prob. Celt.  
**briarean**. From *Briareus*, hundred-handed giant of G. myth.  
**bribe**. F. *brûbe*, broken meat, fragment, OF. also *brimbe*, from OF. *briber*, *brimber*, to beg, of unknown origin. Cf. Sp. *bríbar*, to be a vagabond, It. *birbare*, "to play the sly knave" (Flor.).  
**bric-a-brac**. Things collected at hazard. F. *à bric et à brac*, *de bric et de broc*, by hook or by crook. Prob. the starting-point is OF. *broc*, fork (see *broach*).  
**brick**. App. OF. *brigue*, fragment, of Teut. origin (*break*). For *brickbat*, see *bat*<sup>1</sup>.  
**bricole**. "Cushion" stroke at tennis or billiards. Orig. military catapult. F. *bricole*, It. *briccola*, prob. of Teut. origin and cogn. with *break*.  
**bridal**. AS. *brýdealh*, bride-feast (lit. ale).  
**bride**<sup>1</sup>. Wife. Earlier also betrothed (as still Ger. *bräut*). AS. *brýð*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *bruid*, Ger. *bräut*, ON. *brúthr*, Goth. *brúths*. Bridegroom was substituted for ME. *bridegome*, as *gome*, man (cogn. with L. *homo*), became obs. This is AS. *brýðguma*; cf. Du. *bruidgom*, Ger. *bräutigam*, ON. *brúðgumi*.  
**bride**<sup>2</sup>. Bonnet-string. F., *bridle* (q.v.).  
**bridewell** [*hist.*]. Prison. From *Bride-well*, i.e. *St Bride's* (*Bridget's*) Well, London, house of correction.  
**bridge**<sup>1</sup>. Across water. AS. *brycg*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *brug*, Ger. *brücke*, ON. *bryggja*, landing-stage. Cf. *brow*<sup>2</sup>.  
**bridge**<sup>2</sup>. Card-game. For earlier (1836) "*biritch*, or Russian whist." Origin unknown.  
**Bridgewater prize**. Instituted by *Earl of Bridgewater* (1825).  
**bridle**. AS. *bridel*, for earlier *brigdel*, from *bregdan*, to pull, turn (see *braid*).

WGer.; cf. Du. *bredel*, OHG. *brutzel*. F. *bride* is from Teut.

**bridoon** [mil.]. Snaffle. F. *bridon*, from *bride*, bridle (v.s.).

**brief**. ME. *bref*, OF. *brief* (Mod. *bref*), L. *brevīs*, short; cogn. with G. *βραχύς*. For noun sense cf. Ger. *brief*, (orig. short) letter.

**brier**. See *brvar*.

**brig**. Short for *brigantine* (q.v.)

**brigade**. F. *brigade*, It. *brigata*, "company, crew, rout of good fellows" (Flor.), from *brigare*, to fight, wrangle, from Late L. *briga*, strife, dubiously connected with the Teut. *break* group.

**brigand**. F. *brigand*, It. *brigante*, from *brigare* (v.s.).

**brigandine, brigantine** [archaic]. Light coat of mail (Jer. xlv. 4). F., from *brigand* (q.v.).

**brigantine**. F. *brigantin*, It. *brigantino*; cf. MedL. *brigantinus*. Perh. orig. a skirmishing or pirate ship (cf. *yacht*). See the preceding words.

**bright**. AS. *beorht*, also *breht*, *bryht*. Com. Teut.; cf. OSax. *berht*, OHG. *beraht*, ON. *bjartir*, Goth. *bairhts*.

**Bright's disease**. Diagnosed (1827) by Dr R. Bright.

**brigue**. F., intrigue, orig. strife. See *brigade*.

**brill**. Kind of turbot. ? Cf. Bret. *brell*, *brezel*, Corn. pl. *brilli*, mackerel, for *brithelli* (cf. Welsh *brithyll*, trout), app. from a Celt. root, "spotted," whence also *bret*, *birt*, *burt*, obs. names for turbot.

**brilliant**. F. *brillant*, from *briller*, to shine, It. *brillare*, ? VL. \**beryllare* (see *beryl*).

**brim**. ME. *brymme*, edge of the sea. Cf. ON *barmr*, brim, MHG. *brem*, whence Ger. *verbrämen*, to border with lace. Cf. *berm*.

**brimstone**. ME. *bern-* (*brin-*, *brim-*) *ston*, burn stone. Cf. ON. *brennsteynn*.

**brindle, brindled**. Also *brinded*, earlier *brended*, ? orig. marked as though by branding or burning, ? or from ON. *brandr*, brand, in sense of staff (cf. ON. *stafathr*, striped).

**brine**. AS. *brýne*; cf. Du. *brijn*; ? ult. cogn. with L. *marinus*.

**bring**. AS. *bringan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *brengen*, Ger. *bringen*, Goth. *briggan*.

**brink**. ME. *brink*, *brenk*; cf. Du. LG. *brink*, hill-side, Dan. *brink*, precipice; cogn. with ON. *brekka*, hill-side.

**brío** [mus.]. Vivacity. It., of doubtful origin, but prob. Celt.; ? cf. Ir. *brígh*, power.

**briony**. See *bryony*.

**briquette**. F., dim. of *brigue*, brick (q.v.).

**brisk**. F. *brusque*, It. *brusco*, rough.

**brisket**. OF. *bruschet*, *brischet* (Mod. *brechet*). The fact that it is glossed *pectusculum* in ME. suggests an irregular dim. from Ger. *brust*, breast.

**bristle**. ME. *brustel* (cf. Du. *borstel*), dim. of AS. *byrst*, cogn. with Ger. *borste*, ON. *borst*. Cf. also Ger. *bürste*, brush.

**brittle**. ME. *brutel* (also *brotel*, *brutel*), from AS. *brēotan*, to break.

**britzka**. Vehicle (*Vanity Fair*, lxii.). Pol. *bryczka*.

**broach**. Spit, and hence, various sharp or tapering objects. Cf. *brooch*, which is the same word. F. *broche*, spit, cogn. with L. *broccus*, projecting (of teeth), prob. of Celt. origin. Hence to *broach* (a cask).

**broad**. AS. *brād*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *breed*, Ger. *breit*, ON. *breithr*, Goth. *brathrs*.

**broddingnagian**. Coined by Swift (*Gulliver's Travels*, 1726).

**brocade**. Sp Port. *brocado*. Orig. p.p. of verb corresponding to F. *brocher*, to work with needle. See *broach*, *brooch*, *brochure*.

**brocard** [archaic]. Gibe, orig. maxim. F., from *Burchard*, bishop of Worms (11 cent.), author of *Regulae Ecclesiasticæ*.

**broccoli**. It., pl. of *broccolo*, sprout, dim. of *brocco*, spike (see *broach*).

**broch** [antiq.]. Prehistoric building (N.E. Scotland). ON. *borg*, fort, borough (q.v.).

**broché**. F., stitched (v.i.).

**brochure**. F., from *brocher*, to stitch. See *brocade*.

**brock** [dial.]. Badger. AS. *brocc*, of Celt. origin; cf. Welsh *broch*, badger, *broc*, of mixed colour, Gael. *broc*, badger.

**brocket** [ven.]. Stag in second year. Archaic F. *brocard*, from *broche*, spike (see *broach*). Cf. *pricket*.

**brodrick** [mil. slang]. Cap introduced by St John Brodrick, Secretary for War (1900-3).

**brogue**<sup>1</sup>. Shoe. Ir. Gael. *bróg*, shoe, ? ON. *brók*, breeches (q.v.). OIr. *bróc* occurs in compds. for various nether garments.

**brogue**<sup>2</sup>. Accent. ? Ir. *barróg*, cramp, knot (in tongue), assimilated to above.

**broider** [archaic]. Lengthened from earlier *browd*, F. *broder*, OF. *broder*,

from a root (of unknown origin) which appears in MedL. *brosdus*, "opus phrygium acupictum." The *-oi-* is due to ME. *broiden*, AS. *brogden*, p p. of *bregdan* (see *braid*).

**broil**<sup>1</sup>. Quarrel. From obs. *broil*, to mix up, F. *brouiller*; cf. It. *imbroglio*. The F. and It. forms suggest connection with F. *breuil*, thicket, jungle, from Gaulish *brogilos*.

**broil**<sup>2</sup>. Orig. to burn, char. Earlier *brule*, F. *brûler*, to burn, OF. *bruster*, of unknown origin. For *-oi-* cf. *recoil*.

**broker**. AF. *brokour*, OF. *brocheor*. Supposed to have meant orig. a *broacher*, and seller, of wine (see *broach*), but the hist. of the word is very complicated.

**broily** [colloq.]. Perversion of *umbrella*.

**brom-** [chem.]. From G. *βρώμος*, stink.

**bronchitis**. From G. *βρόγχος*, wind-pipe.

**bronco**. Half-tamed horse. Sp. *bronco* (adj.), rough. Origin unknown.

**bronze**. F. *bronze*, It. *bronzo*, ? from *Brundisium* (Brindisi).

**brooch**. Var. of *broach* (q.v.), in sense of pin.

**brood**. AS. *brōd*, cogn. with *breed* (q.v.) WGer.; cf. Du. *broed*, Ger. *brut*.

**brook**<sup>1</sup>. Noun AS. *brōc*; cf. Du. *broek*, marsh, Ger. *bruch*, marsh; prob cogn with *break*. In *brooklime*, kind of speedwell, the second element is not *lime*<sup>2</sup>, but AS. *hleomoc*, name of the plant.

**brook**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. AS. *brūcan*, to use. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *bruken*, Ger. *brauchen*, Goth. *brūkan*; ult. cogn. with L. *frui*, *fruct-*, to enjoy.

**broom**. Orig. plant. AS. *brōm*; cf. Du. *braam*, Ger. *bram*. See *bramble*.

**brose**. See *brewis*.

**broth**. AS. *broth*, cogn. with *brew*; cf. OHG. *brod*, ON. *broth*. See also *brewis*, *imbrue*.

**brothel**. ME *brothel*, vile person, from AS. *brēothan*, to go to ruin. Mod. sense springs from a confusion of *brothel*-house with obs. *bordel*, F. *bordel* (cf. It. *bordello*), little house, of Teut. origin (*board*).

**brother**. AS. *brōthor*. Aryan; cf. Du. *broeder*, Ger. *bruder*, ON. *brōthir*, Goth. *brōthar*, L. *frater*, G. *φάτρης*, Sanskrit *bhrātrī*, Gael. Ir. *bráthair*. *Brethren* is a mixture of two pl. forms, *brether* and *brothren*.

**brougham**. From Lord Brougham (†1868).

**brow**<sup>1</sup>. Of eye or hill. AS. *brū*, eye-

lash, -lid, -brow; cf. ON. *brūn*, OHG. *brū*, Sanskrit *bhrū*.

**brow**<sup>2</sup> [naut.]. Landing-plank. Dan. or Sw. *bru*, bridge, ON. *brū*; cogn. with *bridge*. Used in offic. account of Zeebrugge raid (Apr. 23, 1918).

**browis**. See *brewis*.

**brown**. AS. *brūn*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *bruun*, Ger. *braun*, ON. *brūnn*. See *burnish*.

**browning**. Revolver. Name of inventor (c. 1900).

**Brownist** [hist.]. Adherent of Robert Browne (c. 1581), puritan theologian.

**browse**. From obs. noun *browse*, young shoots on which cattle feed, OF. *brouz*, pl. of *broust*, from *broustier* (Mod. *brouter*), to browse.

**bruin**. Du, brown, name of the bear in *Remeke Vos*, Reynard the Fox.

**bruise**. OF. *bruinsier*, var. of *briser*, to break, prob. of Celt. origin; cf. Ir. *brūgham*, I shatter.

**bruit**. F, orig. p p. of *bruire*, to sound, prob of imit. origin (cf. *bray*<sup>1</sup>).

**brummagem**. For *Bromurcham*, corrupt. of *Brimdigham*, for *Birming(e)ham*.

**brumous**. From L. *bruma*, mist.

**brunette**. F., dim. of *brune*, brown, from Teut.

**brunt**. Ong (c. 1325) a blow, whence stock phrase at the first *brunt*. ? From ON. *brundr*, sexual heat, as in *brund-títh*, rutting time, cogn. with *burn*<sup>2</sup>; cf. Ger. *brunst*, ardour.

**brush**. Orig. loppings of trees, faggots, etc. OF *brousse*, whence F. *broussailles*, thicket, brushwood, of Teut. origin; cf. Ger. *bürste*, a brush, *borste*, a bristle. For implement sense (F. *brosse*) cf. *broom*.

**brusque**. F., see *brisk*.

**brute**. F., fem of *brut*, L. *brutus*, dull, stupid.

**brutus**. Wig and style of hair-dressing (19 cent.) From L. name *Brutus*.

**bryology** [bot.]. Study of mosses. From G. *βρύον*, mossy sea-weed.

**byrony**. G. *βρυωνία*, from *βρύειν*, to burst forth.

**Brythonic** [ethn. & ling.]. From Welsh *brython*, Briton.

**bub**<sup>1</sup> [archaic slang]. Drink. For *bib*.

**bub**<sup>2</sup> [slang]. Breast (of woman). For earlier *bubby*; cf. Ger. dial. *bubbi*, teat. From baby lang.

**bubble**. Earlier *burble*. Of imit. origin; cf. *babble*, *blab*, etc.

**bubbly-jock** [Sc.]. Turkey-cock. Imit., cf. *gobbler*. *Jock* is Sc. for *Jack* (q.v.).

- bubonic.** From Late L *buho*, G. *βουβών*, groin, swelling in groin.
- buccaneer.** Orig. French hunter in San Domingo who smoked the flesh of wild oxen by means of a framework called a *boucan*, a Brazil word taken to Hayti by early travellers.
- buccinator** [*anat.*]. Cheek-muscle L, trumpeter, from *buccina*, trumpet.
- bucellas.** Wine. From name of village near Lisbon.
- bucentaur** [*hist*]. State-barge of Doge of Venice. It. *bucentoro*, supposed to allude to the figure-head, ox-centaur. See *bucephalus*, *centaur*.
- bucephalus.** Horse of Alexander the Great. G. *βουκέφαλος*, ox-headed, from *βοῦς*, ox, *κεφαλή*, head.
- buck**<sup>1</sup>. Animal. AS *bucc*, male deer, *bucca*, he-goat Com Teut., cf Du. *bok*, Ger. *bock*, ON *bokkr*, all orig. he-goat. Hence verb to *buck* (up).
- buck**<sup>2</sup> [*dial*]. Body of vehicle, as still in US. *buckboard*. AS. *būc*, trunk, belly (cf. Ger. *bauch*).
- buck**<sup>3</sup> [*dial*]. To wash clothes Cf. Sw *byka*, Ger. *bauchen* (MHG. *buchen*, whence F. *buer*), It. *bucare*; prob. cogn. with AS *būc*, pitcher.
- bucket.** AF. *boket*, *buquet*, dim., from AS *būc*, pitcher (see *buck*<sup>3</sup>).
- bucket, to kick.** From dial *bucket*, beam, yoke (cf to *kick the beam*), OF. *buquet*, balance, which survives in F. *trébucet*.
- buckle**<sup>1</sup>. Of belt. F. *boucle*, which in OF. meant cheek, strap of helmet, boss of shield (see *buckler*), L. *buccula*, dim. of *bucca*, cheek.
- buckle**<sup>2</sup>. To bend. ? Cf. Du *beugel*, semi-circle, stirrup, Ger. *buckel*, hump, cogn. with *bow*<sup>1</sup>. ? Or from *buckle*<sup>1</sup>.
- buckler.** F. *boucher*, VL \**buccularium* (sc. *scutum*), with a boss (see *buckle*<sup>1</sup>).
- buckra.** Master, in negro patois of Surinam. Calabar *bakra*, master.
- buckram.** OF. *boquerant* (Mod *bougran*); cf. MedL. *boquerannus* and forms in most Europ langs. Origin doubtful, perh. from *Bokhara* (cf *astrakhan*, etc.). Some regard it as a corrupt. of obs. *barracan* (see *barragan*).
- buckwheat.** Du *boekweit*, lit. beech-wheat, from shape of grains.
- bucolic.** L. *bucolicus*, G. *βουκολικός*, from *βουκόλος*, herdsman, from *βοῦς*, bull.
- bud.** ME. *bodde*. Cf. Du. *bot*, Ger. *buiten*, in *hagebuiten*, hips and haws, lit. hedge-buds. Origin unknown.

- Buddhism.** From *Buddha*, lit. the enlightened, awakened, p.p. of Sanskrit *budh*, to awake, perceive.
- budge.** F. *bouger*, to stir, VL. \**bullicare*, from *bulhre*, to boil; cf. Prov. *bolegar*, to budge.
- budget.** OF. *bougette*, wallet, dim of *bouge*, L. *bulga*, of Celt. orig.; cf. OIr. *boig*, bag.
- budmash.** See *badmash*.
- buff.** Colour. Orig. buffalo, then, buffalo-hide (whence *buff-coat*) and its colour. F. *buffle* (see *buffalo*).
- buff, blind man's.** See *blind*.
- buffalo.** Port *bufalo*, VL. \**bufalus*, G. *βούβαλος*, from *βοῦς*, ox, bull.
- buff-coat.** See *buff*.
- buffer**<sup>1</sup>. Fellow. In ME stammerer, in Sc foolish fellow. Prob. belongs to an imit *buff*; cf. *puff* and see *buffoon*.
- buffer**<sup>2</sup>. Of engine, etc. From verb to *buff*, imit. of muffled blow. Cf. synon. Ger. *puffer* and see *buffet*<sup>1</sup>.
- buffet**<sup>1</sup>. Blow. OF. *buffet*, dim. of *buffe*; see *buffer*<sup>2</sup>, *buffoon*, and cf. Ger. *puffen*, to jostle, hustle.
- buffet**<sup>2</sup>. Side-board. F., of unknown origin; cf. It. *buffetto*. Perh. the same word as *buffet*<sup>3</sup>. OF. *buffet* is used of a bench for displaying goods.
- buffet**<sup>3</sup>. Low stool, hassock. Now dial. or in ref. to *Little Miss Muffet*. OF. (v.s.), of unknown origin.
- buffo.** Comic, etc. It, see *buffoon*.
- buffoon.** F. *bouffon*, It. *buffone*, from *buffa*, jest, from *buffare*, to puff, with allusion to cheeks puffed out in grimacing; cf. F. *pouffer de rire*.
- bug**<sup>1</sup>. Spectre, as in *bugbear*, Welsh *bug*, ghost. See *bogy*, *boggle*.
- bug**<sup>2</sup>. Insect. Irreg. corrupt. of AS. *budda*, beetle. Cf dial. *shornbug* for AS. *scearnbudda*, dung-beetle.
- bug**<sup>3</sup>. In colloq *big-bug*. See *big*.
- bugaboo.** Welsh *buci-bo*, elaboration of *bug* (see *bug*<sup>1</sup>). Cf. OF. *bugibu*.
- bugbear.** From *bug*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.).
- bugger.** F. *bugre*, L. *Bulgarus*, Bulgarian. Orig. sect of heretics who came from *Bulgaria* in 11 cent.
- buggy.** Vehicle. Origin unknown.
- bugle**<sup>1</sup>. Plant. F. *bugle*, Late L. *bugula*. Related to *bugloss*, with which it is identified by ME writers.
- bugle**<sup>2</sup>. Buffalo or wild ox. OF. *bugle*, L. *buculus*, dim. of *bos*, ox. Hence mus instrument, for *bugle-horn*.
- bugle**<sup>3</sup>. Bead ornament. Ident. with *bugle*<sup>2</sup>, from horny appearance.
- bugloss.** Plant. From G. *βούγλωσσος*, ox-tongued. See *bugle*<sup>1</sup>, *glossary*.

**buhl.** For *Boule*, F. wood-carver (fl. temp. Louis XIV).

**build.** AS *byldan*; cf. AS. *bold*, house.

**bulb.** L. *bulbus*, G. *βολβός*, onion

**bulbul.** Eastern song-thrush Pers Arab., imit. of note. Cf. *jug*<sup>2</sup>.

**bulge.** First as noun. ? Ident. with obs. *bulge*, wallet, etc. (see *budget*).

**bulimy.** Unnatural hunger. G. *βουλιμία*, from *βοῦς*, ox, *λιμός*, hunger.

**bulk.** Earliest sense, cargo. Late ON. *būlki*, heap, cargo, or Dan. *bulk*, lump, clod. In ME., by association with *boulc*, AS. *būc*, belly (cf. Ger. *bauch*), it came to mean trunk of body.

**bulkhead.** First element is ME. *balk*, *bolc*, ON. *bálkr*, beam, balk, whence Norw. *balk*, *bolc*

**bull<sup>1</sup>.** Animal ME. *bole*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *bol*, Ger. dial. *bulle*, ON. *bolr*. In AS. only the dim. *bulluc* is recorded. ? Cogn. with *bellow*. *John Bull* as personification of England dates from Arbuthnot's satire (1712).

**bull<sup>2</sup>.** Papal. Orig. seal attached to document. L. *bullā*. See *bul<sup>1</sup>* and *bulletin*.

**bull<sup>3</sup>.** Irish. Earlier, jest; not at first associated with Ireland. Cf. rare ME. *bul*, falsehood, and rare 16 cent *bull*, bubble, both prob. from F. *boule*, bubble, L. *bullā*, whence also perh. obs. Du. *bol*, "garrulitas, loquacitas" (Kil).

**bulbace.** Wild plum. OF. *beloce*, prob. of Gaulish origin.

**bullet.** F. *boulette*, dim. of *boule* (see *bowl<sup>2</sup>*). Cf. F. *boulet*, cannon-ball

**bulletin.** F. *bulletin*, It. *bulletino*, double dim. from L. *bullā* (see *bull<sup>2</sup>*).

**bullion.** AF. *bullion*, *boillon*, F. *bouillon*, boiling ? of precious metal. Cf. *bullion* (lace), F. *bouillon*, "fil d'or ou d'argent tourné en rond" (Littré), also going back to L. *bullā*, bubble, etc.

**bullock.** See *bul<sup>1</sup>*.

**bully.** Oldest sense is brother, dear fellow, etc. Du. *boel*, lover, brother, etc., from MHG. *buole* (Mod. *buhle*), lover, OHG. *buolo*, as personal name only. Prob. orig. brother.

**bully-beef.** Orig. naut. For earlier *bull-beef*.

**bully-rag.** See *bally-rag*.

**bulrush.** *Bul-* is prob. *bole<sup>1</sup>*, stem. But it may be *bull*, as intens., like horse- in horse-radish, cow in cow-parsley.

**bulwark.** Orig. rampart (*Deut.* xx. 20). See *bole<sup>1</sup>* and *work*. Cf. Du.

*bolwerk*, Ger. *bollwerk*, whence F. *boulevard*. The E. word is from Du. or Ger.

**bum.** ME. *bom*, Du. dial. *boem*, for *bodem*, bottom. With *bumbauliff* cf. synon. F. *pousse-cul*. *Bumboat* is sailors' slang.

**bumbaze** [*archaic*]. To flabbergast. Playful elaboration of obs. *baze*, to stupefy, from Du. *verbazen*, to amaze.

**bumbledom.** From *Bumble*, the beadle (*Oliver Twist*).

**bumble-bee.** Imit. See *bomb*, *boom<sup>1</sup>*.

**bumble-puppy.** Unscientific whist. From obs. *bumble*, to bungle, blunder, and *puppy*, but reason unknown.

**bumbo.** Weak cold punch. Cf. It. *bumbo*, baby name for drink, and obs. E. *bum* in same sense.

**bumkin** [*naut.*]. See *bumpkin*.

**bummalo.** Fish. "Bombay duck." From Mahratti *bombila*.

**bummaree.** Middleman in Billingsgate fish trade. ? F. *bonne marée*, good sea-fish, as salesman's cry.

**bummer** [US.]. Loafer. For Ger. *bummler*, stroller, etc., orig. from student slang.

**bump.** Imut. of a dull blow and its result. Hence *bumper*, full glass (cf. *thumping*, *whopping*, etc.).

**bumpkin.** Prob. dim. of Du. *boom*, tree, *boom<sup>2</sup>*, etc., as in naut. *bumkin*, a short boom. Cf. *blockhead*.

**bumptious.** App. jocular coinage from *bump*.

**bum<sup>1</sup>.** Cake. ME. *bunne*, small round loaf. Origin unknown. Perh. simply a spec. use of F. *bon*; cf. hist. of *scone* (q.v.).

**bum<sup>2</sup>, bunny.** Pet name for rabbit, squirrel. Perh F. *bon*, common as personal name in ME., whence surname *Bunn*.

**bunch.** Orig. hump (on the back). Perh. suggested by obs. *bulch*, the same, and *hunch*.

**buncombe.** See *bunkum*.

**bund** [*Anglo-Ind.*] Embankment. Urdu *band*, from Pers.

**Bundesrat** [*hist.*]. Federal council of Ger. empire. From *bund*, league (see *bond<sup>3</sup>*), *rat*, council (see *riddle*).

**bundle.** From *bind*; cf. Ger. *bündel*.

**bung.** Obs. Du. *bonghe*, from F. *bonde*, of Ger. origin; cf. Ger. dial. *punt*, *bunte*, prob. L. *puncta*, office.

**bungalow.** Hind. adj. *bangla*, belonging to Bengal.

**bungle.** ? Combined from *boggle* and obs. *bumble* (see *bumble-puppy*).



**bunion.** Properly a corn on the ball of the great toe. ? F. *bouillon*, "a lump or excrescency of flesh that grows either upon or just by the frush (see *frog*<sup>2</sup>) . . . and makes the horse halt" (*Gent. Dict.* 1705), which was in E. vet. use. The change of -l- to -n- is easily paralleled (see *bamster*). For the etym. of the F. word see *bulhon*.

**bunk.** Sleeping-berth. Perh. Du *bank*, bench. For vowel change cf. *bulkhead*. ? Hence to *bunk*, abscond (? by sea).

**bunker** [Sc.]. Origin unknown. Norw. Dan. *bunke* means heap, cargo, earlier also hold of ship.

**bunkum, buncombe.** *Buncombe* is a county in N. Carolina, the member for which once insisted (1820) on "making a speech for Buncombe."

**bunny.** See *bun*<sup>2</sup>.

**bunsen burner.** Invented by Prof. *Bunsen*, of Heidelberg (†1899).

**bunt.** "Belly" of a sail, pouch of a net. Origin unknown.

**bunter** [geol.]. Ger. *bunter sandstein*, variegated sandstone.

**bunting**<sup>1</sup>. Bird. ME. *bountyng*, ? for *bonneton*, double dim. of F. *bon*. It may be that this was a pet name for the bird (cf. *yobin*), as also for a child in *Baby bunting*.

**bunting**<sup>2</sup>. Flag material. ? From obs *bunt*, to sift. Cf. F. *étamine*, bunting, sifting material.

**bunyip** [Austral.]. Native name for fabulous water-monster; hence, impostor.

**buoy.** Du. *boei* or OF. *boie* (replaced by *bouée*), L. *boia*, chain, fetter (by which the buoy was secured).

**bur, burr.** ME. *borre*, *burre*; cf. Dan. *borre*, bur, Sw. *hårdborre*, burdock, the latter a compd. of *bur* (see *dock*<sup>1</sup>). In the sense of north country accent it perhaps comes from the idea of a *bur* in the throat, a phrase occurring in *Piers Plowm.* *Burr*, rough edge, as in the dentist's *burr-drill*, and *burr*, whetstone, clinker, etc., may be the same word, from the idea of roughness. Origin unknown.

**burberry.** Overcoat. Maker's name (20 cent.).

**bubble.** Cf. obs. *burble*, to bubble (with parallels in Rom. langs.), and obs. Sc. *barbulye*, to muddle, F. *barbouiller*, "to jumble, confound, muddle" (Cotg.). All of imit. origin.

**burbot.** Fish. F. *barbote*, *bourbotte*,

from *barbote*, to flounder, from *bourbe*, mud, but the first form is perh. rather connected with *barbe*, beard, the *burbot* being a bearded fish (cf. *barbel*).

**burden<sup>1</sup>, burthen.** AS. *byrthen*, from *bear*<sup>2</sup>.

**burden<sup>2</sup>.** Of a song. F. *bourdon*; cf. It. *bordone*, Sp. *bordón*. Prob. imit.; cf. Late L. *burdo*, drone bee

**burdock.** See *bur*.

**bureau.** F. *bureau*, office, the earliest sense (18 cent.) in E. (cf. *bureaucracy*); earlier, desk, and orig. cloth covering desk. OF. *burel*, a coarse cloth, is dim. of *bure*, supposed to be from G. *μπύρός*, fiery, tawny

**urette.** Small graduated glass measure. F., cruet bottle, dim. of *buire*, vessel, of doubtful origin.

**burgage** [hist.]. Mode of tenure. MedL. *burgagium*, from *borough* (q.v.).

**burgee.** Orig. owner's flag. Formed (like *Chinee*, *marquee*, etc.) from OF. *burgers* (Mod. *bourgeois*), a name once applied to the owner of a vessel

**burgeon** [poet.]. Bud. F. *bourgeon*, ? VL. \**burrio-n-*, from *burra*, rough wool.

**burgess.** Norm. form of F. *bourgeois* (q.v.).

**burgh.** Var. of *borough* (q.v.), preserved in Sc

**burgher.** Du. *burger*, citizen (see *borough*).

**burglar.** Cf. AL. *burglator*, prob altered (on L. *latro*, thief) from *burgator*. Earliest (c. 1200) is AL. *burgaria*, burglary, from *burg*, dwelling (see *borough*).

**burgomaster.** From Du. *burgemeester*, borough master.

**burgonet** [hist.]. Helmet. Archaic F. *bourguignotte*, of Burgundy.

**burggrave** [hist.]. Ger. *burggraf*, castle count.

**burial.** False sing. from ME. *burials*, AS. *byrgels*, tomb, formed (with suffix as in OSax. *burgisli*) from *byrgan*, cogn. with *beorgan*, to cover, hide.

**Buridan, ass of.** An ass equidistant between two bundles of hay as experiment in free will. From *Buridan*, 14 cent. F. philosopher.

**burin.** Graver. F. *burin*, It. *borino*; cf. Sp. *buril*. ? From OHG. *boro*, borer.

**burke.** To stifle. *Burke* (executed at Edinburgh 1829) suffocated people in order to sell their bodies for dissection.

**burl** [*techn.*]. To dress cloth, removing the "burls" OF. *bourle*, dim. of *bourre*, L. *burra*, shaggy wool.

**burlep** [*archaic*]. Coarse canvas. Compd. of *lap*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.), clout, flap, etc. First element may be *boor*. Cf. slang *wraprascal*, fabric.

**burlesque**. F. *burlesque*, It. *burlesco*, from *burla*, jest, mockery, perh. ult. from L. *burra*, flock of wool, and fig. nonsense. Cf. hist. of *bombast*.

**burletta**. Farce. It., dim. of *burla* (v.s.).

**burly**. Orig. stately, massive, etc. Northern form of ME. *borlich*. Not found in AS. or ON., but cf. OHG. *burlih*, lofty, from *burjan*, to lift up.

**burn<sup>1</sup>**. Stream. AS. *burne*, *burna*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *born*, Ger. *born* (poet.), *brunnen*, ON. *brunnr*, Goth. *brunna*; prob. cogn. with *burn<sup>2</sup>* (cf. *torrent*).

**burn<sup>2</sup>**. Verb. AS. *bærnan* (weak trans), causal of *biernan* (strong intrans.). Com. Teut.; cf. OSax. OHG. ON. Goth. *brinnan* (intrans.), and OSax. OHG. *brennan* (Mod. *brennen*), ON. *brenna*, Goth. *brannjan* (trans.).

**burnet**. Plant. OF. *burnete*, *brunete*, dim. of *brun*, brown.

**burnish**. F. *brunir*, *bruniss-*, OF. also *burnir*, from *brun*, brown, also bright.

**burnous**. Arab cloak. F. *burnous*, Arab. *burnūs*.

**burro**. See *bur*.

**burro** [US.]. Donkey. Sp. *burro*, app. back-formation from *borrico*, L. *burricus*, small shaggy horse, prob. cogn. with *burrus*, reddish-brown (see *beureau*), cf. F. *bourrique*, donkey.

**burrow**. Var. of *borough* (q.v.).

**barsar**. MedL. *barsarius*, purse-bearer. See *purse*.

**burst**. AS *berstan*. Com Teut.; cf. Du *bersten*, Ger *bersten*, ON. *bresta*.

**burthen**. See *burden<sup>1</sup>*.

**burton** [*naut.*]. Tackle. Perh. for *Breton*, regularly spelt *burton* by early writers on navigation (cf. *garnet<sup>2</sup>*).

**bury<sup>1</sup>**. Verb. AS. *byrgan*. See *burial*.

**bury<sup>2</sup>**. In place-names. See *borough*.

**bus**. For *omnibus* (q.v.).

**busby**. Hussar fur head-dress (19 cent.), large bushy wig (18 cent.). Prob. from surname *Busby*.

**bush<sup>1</sup>**. Thicket, etc. ME. *bush*, *bush*, ON. *bushkr*; not found in AS.; cf. Du. *bosch*, Ger. *busch*, also Late L. *boscus*, F. *bois*, It. *bosco*. Earlier hist. uncertain.

**bush<sup>2</sup>**. Axle-box. Du. *bus*, box<sup>1</sup> (q.v.). **bushel**. OF. *boissel* (Mod. *boisseau*), dim. of *boiste* (Mod. *botte*), VL. *\*buxida*. See box<sup>1</sup>, *pyx*.

**bushido**. Samurai chivalry. Jap., from Chin. *wu-shi-tao*, lit. military officer way.

**busk<sup>1</sup>**, **bust**. These are the same word, a *busk* being a support for the *bust*, the latter orig. meaning a torso, a body without a head. Origin uncertain, but the analogy of It. *torso* (q.v.), *fusto*, *tronco*, all explained by Florio as "a bodie without a head," suggests identity with Prov. *bust*, tree-trunk, of unknown origin. The form *busk*, with differentiation of sense, is F. *busc*, "a buske; or buste" (Cotg.)

**busk<sup>2</sup>** [*dial.*]. To prepare ON. *būask*, from *būa*, to prepare, with reflex. pron *sik* (cf. *bask*)

**busk<sup>3</sup>** [*slang.*]. To be an itinerant performer. OF. *busquer*, as in *busquer fortune*, "to goe seeke his fortune" (Cotg), It. *buscare*, to prowl, filch, ? orig. to pick up wood (see *bush<sup>1</sup>*).

**buskin**. Metath. of *buck-shin* (sc. shoe)

**buss<sup>1</sup>**. Vessel, esp *herring-buss*. Cf. AS. *butse*, in *butsecarl*, sailor, Du *buis*, OHG. *būzo*, ON *būza*; also OF. *busse*, from Teut.

**buss<sup>2</sup>** [*dial.*]. Kiss Replaces earlier *bass*, F. *baiser*, L. *basiare*. But is a separate word; cf. Ger. dial. *buss*, Sp. *buz*, Gael. *bus*, orig. mouth.

**bust<sup>1</sup>**. Of body. See *bush<sup>1</sup>*.

**bust<sup>2</sup>**. Vulgar for *burst* (cf. *fust* for *first*).

**bustard**. OF. has *bistarde*, *oustarde* (Mod. *outarde*), both app. from L. *avis tarda* (Pliny), with cognates in other Rom. langs. But the L. name is prob. folk-etym. for some other name, the bustard being really very swift. ? Ult. from G. *āris*, *āriδ-*, bustard.

**bustle<sup>1</sup>**. Tumult. Prob. altered from obs. *bushle*, to make hurried preparations, frequent. of *bush<sup>2</sup>* (q.v.).

**bustle<sup>2</sup>**. Article of dress. Prob. Ger. *büschel*, bunch, pad, dim. of *bausch*, pad, bolster, etc.

**busy**. ME. *bisi*, AS. *bysig*; cf. Du. *bezig*. Origin unknown.

**but**. AS *būtan*, *bi ūtan*, outside. Cf. Sc. *but the house* (see *ben<sup>1</sup>*).

**butcher**. F. *boucher*, from *bouc*, goat, Ger. *bock*. See *buck<sup>1</sup>*.

**butler**. Norm. form of OF. *bouteillier*, *bottler*.

**butt<sup>1</sup>**. Flat fish, as in *hahbut* (q.v.), *turbot*. Cf. Sw. *butta*, L.G. *butte*, Du. *bot*, "flounder" (Sewel) Orig. sense unknown, perh. thick, stumpy, see *butt<sup>3</sup>*.

**butt<sup>2</sup>**. Cask. F. *botte*; cf. It. *botte*, Sp. Port. *bota*, MedL. *butis*, *butus*, *butina*. Ult. from G. *πυτήν*, wine-flask. See also *bottle<sup>1</sup>*.

**butt<sup>3</sup>**. Thick end. Cf. ON. *bütr*, log, Du. *bot*, blunt, stump, whence F. *pied-bot*, club foot.

**butt<sup>4</sup>**. Boundary, target. F. *but*, end, aim, parallel form to *bout*, end (see *button*). Partly also from fem. form *butte*, mound.

**butt<sup>5</sup>**. Verb. F. *bouter*, to thrust, push Of Teut. origin; cf. OHG. *bōzan*, to beat.

**butt<sup>6</sup>** [Sc.]. See *ben<sup>1</sup>*, *but*.

**butte** [geog.]. F., mound. Cf. *butt<sup>4</sup>*.

**butter**. AS. *butere*, L. *butyrum*, G. *βούτυρον*, regarded as from *βούς*, ox, cow, *τύπος*, cheese, but prob. folk-etym for some foreign word.

**butterbump** [dial.]. See *buttern*.

**butterfly**. AS. *buterflēoge*, cf. Du. *boter-vlieg*, Ger. dial. *butterfliege*, *buttervogel*, also *milchdieb*, *molkendieb* (usual Ger. is *schmetterling*, from dial. *schmetten*, cream). Perh. orig. from colour of commonest kind.

**butterscotch**. Also *butterscot*. ? Of Scotch manufacture.

**buttery**. ME. *boterie*, *botelrie*, OF. *botellerie*. Cf. *butler*.

**buttock**. App. dim. of *butt<sup>3</sup>*, though recorded much earlier.

**button**. F. *bouton*, orig. bud. Prob. like *bout*, end, from *bouter*, to thrust (see *butt<sup>5</sup>*).

**butress**. OF. *bouterez*, pl. of *bouteret*, a support, from *bouter*, to thrust, prop (see *butt<sup>5</sup>*).

**butty** [loc.]. Middleman in coal-mining. Earlier sense, confederate, sharer. For *booty* (q.v.).

**butyric**. Of butter (q.v.).

**buvette**. F., app. from *buffet<sup>2</sup>* (q.v.) and stem *buw-* of *boire*, to drink.

**buxom**. Orig. obedient. Earlier *buck-some*, ME. *buhsum*, from AS. *būgan*, to bow; cf. Du. *buigzaam*, Ger. *biegsam*.

**buy**. AS. *bycgan*; cf. OSax. *buggian*, Goth. *bugjan*.

**buzz<sup>1</sup>**. Sound. Imit.

**buzz<sup>2</sup>** [archaic]. Wig. Short for *busby* (q.v.).

**buzzard**. Inferior hawk. OF. *busard*, from *buse*, L. *buteo* (Pliny).

**by**. Earliest as adv., as in to *put by*, *stand by*! AS. *bī* (stressed), *be* (unstressed); cf. Du. *bij*, Ger. *bei*, Goth. *bi*.

**bye**. Noun. Subst. use of *by* (q.v.).

**bye-bye**. Baby redupl.; cf. *lullaby*, *hushaby*, *bye baby bunting*.

**by-law**. ME. *bi-law*, from *bi*, borough, as in *Derby*, etc., ON. *býr*.

**byre**. AS. *býre*, cattle-stall, cogn. with *bower<sup>1</sup>* (q.v.).

**byrnie** [poet.]. ME. *brnie*, coat of mail, ON. *brynja*; cf. OF. *bronie*, *broigne*, from Teut. ? Cogn. with *brown* (see *burnish*).

**byssus**. Fine fabric. L. *byssus*, G. *βύσσος*, of Heb. origin.

**Byzantine**. Of *Byzantium*, Constantinople.

**c-**. Some words of foreign origin not included here may be found under *k-*.

**C 3** [hist.]. Lowest physical grading for army purposes (Great War). Cf. *A 1*.

**caaba**. Moslem "holy of holies" at Mecca, containing the "black stone." Arab. *ka'bah*, cubical house.

**cab<sup>1</sup>**. Heb. dry measure (2 *Kings* vi. 25). Heb. *qab*, hollowed out.

**cab<sup>2</sup>**. Short for *cabriolet* (q.v.).

**cab<sup>3</sup>** [school slang]. To crib. Short for *cabbage<sup>2</sup>* (q.v.).

**cabal**. MedL. *cabbala*, Heb. *qabbālāh*, tradition. Mystical interpretation of OT.; hence, mystery, secret intrigue, etc. In most Europ. langs. Applied by Pepys to the junto of the Privy Council (1665), i.e. some years before the nicknaming of the 1672 ministry (Clifford, Arlington, Buckingham, Ashley, Lauderdale), whose names happened to fit it.

**caballero**. Sp., cavalier (q.v.).

**cabana**. Cigar. Name of Sp. exporters.

**cabaret**. Southern F., ? of Eastern origin.

**cabbage<sup>1</sup>**. Vegetable. F. *caboche*, head (chump), It. *capocchia*, augment. of *capo*, head, L. *caput*.

**cabbage<sup>2</sup>**. Shreds and remnants appropriated by tailor as perquisite; hence, to pilfer. Cf. OF. *cabasser*, to steal, from *cabas*, theft, lit. basket, a Prov. word, ? from L. *capax*, *capac-*, holding. Cf. to bag.

**cabbala**. See *cabal*.

**caber** [Sc.]. For tossing. Gael. *cabar*,

pole, rafter, VL. \**capro-n-*, rafter (see *chevron*).

**cabinn.** F. *cabane*, Late L. *capanna*, hut, of doubtful origin.

**cabinet.** Dim. of *cabin*. Orig. small hut, den; hence, private room.

**cabble.** F. *câble*, Late L. *capulum*, halter, app. from *capere*, to seize. In most Europ. langs.

**cabob.** Meat on skewers. Arab. *kabāb*.

**caboched** [her]. Head (of deer, bull, etc.) cut off close behind the ears. From F. *cabochu*, head (see *cabbage*<sup>1</sup>).

**cabochon.** Precious stone cut without facets F. (v.s.).

**caboodle** [US]. ? Port. *cabedal*, "a stock, what a man is worth" (Vieyra), ident. with *capital*<sup>3</sup>, influenced by *boodle* (q.v.).

**caboose.** Kitchen of small merchant ship. Du. *kabuis*, *kombuis*, earlier *cabuse*, *combuse*, LG. *kabhuse*. Early described as a kind of cowl, so it may be cogn. with *capote*, *capuchin*.

**cabotage** [naut.]. Coasting trade. F. *cabotage*, ? from Prov. *cap* or Sp. *cabo*, as going from cape to cape.

**cabriole.** Style of furniture (v.i.).

**cabriole.** F. *cabriole*, from *cabriole*, *capriole*, leap as of a goat, It. *capriola*, from L. *capere*, goat.

**caçador** [mil.]. Port., lit. hunter, chaser.

**ca canny.** Sc. *ca canny*, drive gently, from Sc. *ca*, to drive cattle, with which cf. Norw. *kaue*, cry of summons to cattle.

**cacao.** Earlier and correct form of *cocoa*. Sp. *cacao*, from Mex. *cacauatl*, cocoa-tree.

**cachalot.** Sperm-whale. F., from dial. of Bayonne (17 cent.). Perh. "toothed," from Gasc. *cachau*, tooth. Another plausible conjecture is L. *cacabus*, pot, which has Rom. derivatives meaning pot, skull, etc. The two characteristics of the sperm-whale are its teeth and cranial reservoir. A third suggestion, supported by synonym. Catalan *capgros*, connects it with Port. *cachola*, head, "chump."

**cache.** F. *cache*, from *cachier*, to hide, ? VL. \**coacticare*, for *cogere* (co-agere), to force together.

**cachet.** F., stamp, "sign manual," from *cachier*, in obs. sense of pressing (v.s.).

**cachexy** [med.]. Morbid condition. F. *cachexie*, G. *καχεξία*, from *κακός*, bad, *έξίς*, state, from *έχω*, to have.

**cachinnation.** From L. *cachinnare*, to laugh, of imit. origin (cf. *cackle*).

**cachou.** For smokers. F. form of *catechu* (q.v.).

**cachucha.** Dance. Sp.

**cacique.** Sp., ? from Haytian.

**cack-handed** [slang]. Left-handed, clumsy. ? Connected with dial *cack*, stercorare, L. *cacare*.

**cackle.** Imut., cf. Du. *kakelen*, Ger. *gackeln*.

**caco-**. From G. *κακός*, bad.

**cacoethes.** Usu. with *scribendi* (Juvenal, Sat. vii. 52). G. *κακοήθης*, bad habit, itch, from *κακός*, bad, *ήθος*, character. Cf. *ethic*.

**caiolet** [archaic]. Horse-litter for wounded. F. dial. word (Pyrenees).

**cacophony.** G. *κακοφωνία*. Cf. *euphony*.

**cactus.** L. *cactus*, G. *κάκτος*.

**cad.** Shortened from *caddie*, pop. form of *cadet*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.).

**cadastral.** Relating to survey and valuation of property for taxation. From F. *cadastre*, It. *catast(r)o*, orig. (12 cent.) a Venet. word, *catastro*, Late G. *κατάστιχον*, list (see *cata-*, *acrostic*).

**cadaverous.** From L. *cadaver*, corpse, cogn. with *cadere*, to fall.

**caddie.** Sc., errand-boy. See *cad*.

**caddis, caddice.** Larva of may-fly. Ident. with archaic or obs. *caddis*, *caddice*, a loose material, also worsted yarn, OF. *cadarce*, Prov. *cadarz*, G. *ἀκάθαρτος*, uncleansed.

**caddy.** Earlier *catty*, Malay *kāṭi*, weight slightly over a pound.

**cade** [loc.]. Cask for herrings. Archaic F. *cade*, L. *cadus*, wine-jar, G. *κάδος*.

**cadence.** F. *cadence*, It. *cadenza*, from L. *cadere*, to fall.

**cadet**<sup>1</sup>. Younger son, junior officer. F. *cadet*, Gasc. *capdet*, youth of noble birth, dim. of *cap*, head.

**cadet**<sup>2</sup> [pol.]. Name of Russ. pol. party. Acrostic formation from *konstitucionnaya demokratiya* (K.D.), constitutional democracy.

**cadger.** Orig. pedlar, itinerant merchant, as still in Sc. and Ir. From F. *cage*, in sense of wicker basket carried on back of *cadger* or his pony. Immediate source is prob. archaic Du. *caghaerd*. See *cage*.

**cadī.** Arab. *qāḍī*, judge.

**Cadmean.** From *Kādmios*, legendary founder of Thebes and inventor of letters. Esp. *Cadmean victory*, synonym. with *Pyrrhic victory*.

**cadmium** [chem.]. Metal. Ult. from *Cadmus* (v.s.). See *calamine*.

**cadre** [*mil.*]. F. *cadre*, frame, It. *quadro*, L. *quadrus*, four-sided.  
**caduceus**. Wand of Hermes (Mercury).  
 L. *caduceus*, from Doric form of G. *κηρύκειον*, from *κήρυξ*, herald.  
**caducity**. F. *caducité*, from *caduc*, infirm, L. *caducus*, from *cadere*, to fall.  
**caecum** [*anat.*]. Blind gut. Neut. of L. *caecus*, blind (sc. *intestinum*).  
**caerulean**. See *cerulean*.  
**Caesar**. Earliest L. word adopted in Teut. (see *kaiser*, *czar*). Hence *Caesarean birth*, by incision, due to fancied connection of name with *caedere*, *caes*, to cut.  
**caesium** [*chem.*] Neut. of L. *caesius*, bluish-grey.  
**caespitose**. See *cespitose*.  
**caestus**. See *cestus*.  
**caesura** [*metr.*]. L., from *caedere*, *caes*, to cut.  
**café**. F., coffee (q.v.).  
**caffeine**. F. *cafféine*, alkaloid from coffee.  
**Caffre**. See *Kaffir*.  
**caftan**. Garment. Turk. *qaftān*.  
**cage**. F. *cage*, L. *cavea*, hollow. In 16 cent also *cadge*.  
**cahier**. F., as *quière*<sup>2</sup> (q.v.).  
**caid, kaid**. Arab. *qa'id*, leader.  
**caiman**. See *cayman*.  
**caïque**. Boat. F. *caïque*, Turk. *kark*.  
**caïra** [*hist.*]. F., that will go. Refrain of Republican song (c. 1790).  
**cairn**. Gael. *carn*, heap of stones, as in *Cairngorm*, blue mountain, whence precious stone. Cf. *cairn ternier*, for starting fox which has taken refuge in a cairn.  
**caisson**. F., from *casse*, case<sup>2</sup> (q.v.).  
**caitiff** [*archaic*]. ONF. *cartif* (Mod. *chétif*, wretched), L. *captivus*, from *capere*, *capt*, to take.  
**cajole**. F. *cajoler*, ? VL. \**coaddrabolare* (see *jolly*).  
**cake**. ON. *kaka*, cogn. with Du. *koek*, Ger. *kuchen*, cake.  
**calabash**. F. *calebasse*, Sp. *calabaza*, Pers. *kharbuz*, melon.  
**calaboose**. Prison, esp. at New Orleans. Negro F., from Sp. *calabozo*, dungeon.  
**caladium**. Plant. Latinized from Malay *kelady*.  
**calamanco**. Fabric. Cf. F. *calmande*, Du. *kalamink*, Ger. *kalmank*. Origin unknown.  
**calamander**. Wood akin to ebony (India and Ceylon). Sinhalese *kalmadiriya*, ? corrupt. of *Coromandel*.

**calamary**. Kind of cuttle-fish. L. *calamarius*, from *calamus*, reed, pen.  
**calamine**. Ore of zinc. F. *calamine*, MedL. *calamina* (cf. Ger. *kalmel*), prob. corrupted from L. *cadmea*. See *cadmium*.  
**calamint**. Herb. F. *calament*, G. *kalaminth*, beautiful mint.  
**calamite**. Fossil plant. From L. *calamus*, reed, G. *kalamos*.  
**calamity**. F. *calamité*, L. *calamitas*, -*tal*-. Related to an archaic L. word which appears in *incolumis*, safe.  
**calash** [*archaic*]. Vehicle, woman's hood suggesting hood of same. F. *calèche*, Ger. *kalesch*, Bohem. *kolesa*, lit. wheeled carriage. Cf. Russ. *koleso*, wheel, cogn. with G. *pólos*.  
**calcareous**. From L. *calcarium*, from *calx*, *calc*-, lime.  
**calceolaria**. From L. *calceolus*, little shoe, dim. of *calceus*, from *calx*, *calc*-, heel.  
**calcine**. MedL. *calcinare*, to reduce to lime, L. *calx*.  
**calcium** [*chem.*]. From L. *calx*, *calc*-, lime.  
**calculate**. From Late L. *calculare*, from *calculus*, pebble, dim. of *calx*, *calc*-, lime, used in elementary calculation.  
**calculus** [*med. & math.*]. See *calculate*.  
**caldarium** [*antig.*]. Hot bath (-room). L., from *calidus*, hot.  
**caldron**. See *cauldron*.  
**Caledonia**. L., from Gael. *Dun-Cailden*, fort of the Caledonians (cf. *Dunkeld*), from Gael. *coille*, wood.  
**calefaction**. L. *calefactio-n-*, from *calère*, to be hot, *facere*, to make.  
**calendar**. L. *calendarium*, account-book noting the *calends*, first days of the month, ? from *calare*, to proclaim.  
**calender<sup>1</sup>**. To smooth cloth, etc. F. *calandrer*, from MedL. *calendra*, prob. from G. *κύλινδρος*, cylinder, roller. Hence John Gilpin's "good friend the calender," for *calenderer*.  
**calender<sup>2</sup>**. Mendicant dervish. Pers. *qalandar*.  
**calends**. See *calendar*.  
**calenture** [*Wind.*]. Fever. F. *calenture*, Sp. *calentura*, fever, from *calentar*, to be hot, from L. *calère*.  
**calf**. AS. *cealf*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *kalf*, Ger. *kalb*, ON. *kálfr*, Goth. *kalbō* (f.). Fig. small island lying near larger, e.g. *Calf of Man*. The *calf of the leg*, ON. *kálfr*, may be related (cf. history of *muscle*).  
**Caliban**. Prob. suggested to Shaks. by *cannibal* or *Carib*.

**calibre.** Also *caliver*, musket (hist.), *calipers*, compasses, used for measuring calibres and projectiles. Cf. *F. calibre*, It. *calibro*, OSp. *calibo*. Origin unknown.

**calico.** From *Calicut* (India), whence shipped.

**caligraphy.** See *calligraphy*.

**calipash, calipee.** Ong. upper and lower shell of turtle. Cf. Sp. *galápago*, turtle, of unknown origin.

**calipers.** See *calibre*.

**caliph, calif.** F. *calife*, Arab *ḥalīfa*, successor (of the prophet).

**calisthenics.** See *calisthenics*.

**caliver.** See *calibre*.

**calix.** See *chalice*.

**calc<sup>1</sup>.** See *caulk*.

**calc<sup>2</sup>** [neol.]. To trace in drawing. F. *calquer*, L. *calcare*, to tread, from *calx*, heel.

**calkin.** Turned edge of horse-shoes, to prevent slipping. OF *calcain*, heel, Late L. *calcaneum*, from *calx*, heel.

**call.** ON. *kalla*, to cry loudly. Com. Teut.; cf. AS. *ceallian*, Du. *kallen*, to chatter, OHG. *challōn*, to talk noisily.

**callant** [Sc.]. Du. *kalant*, customer, "chap," F. *chaland*, customer, from OF. *chalow*, to care, etc., L. *calēre*, to be hot.

**callidity.** L. *calliditas*, from *callidus*, cunning.

**calligraphy.** G. *καλλιγραφία*, from *kallos*, beauty.

**calipers.** See *calibre*.

**callipygian.** Epithet of Venus. From G. *κάλλος*, beauty, *πυγή*, buttock.

**callisthenics.** From G. *κάλλος*, beauty, *sthénos*, strength.

**callous.** F. *calleux*, L. *callosus*, thick-skinned, from *callus*, hardened skin.

**callow.** AS. *calu*, *calw-*, bald. WGer.; cf. Du. *kaal*, Ger. *kahl*, early loan from L. *calvus*, bald.

**calm.** F. *calme*, It. *calma*, ? VL. \**calma*, G. *καύμα*, heat (from *καίειν*, to burn), influenced by L. *calor*. Supposed to have been applied orig. to restful mid-day heat; cf. F. *chômer*, to knock off work, VL. \**caumare*.

**calomel.** From G. *καλός*, beautiful, *μέλας*, black.

**caloric.** F. *calorique*, from L. *calor*, heat.

**calotte.** Skull-cap. F. *calotte*, Prov. *calota*, It. *callotta*, G. *καλύπτρα*, hood, veil (see *apocalypse*). Cf. *caul*.

**calotype.** Photographic process. From G. *καλός*, beautiful,

**caloyer.** Greek monk (*Childe Har.* ii. 49). F. *caloyer*, It. *caloiere*, Late G. *καλόγηρος*, beautiful in old age, from *καλός*, beautiful, -*γηρος*, aged.

**calpack.** Eastern head-dress. (Turkistan). Turki *qālpāk*. Hence F. *colback* (mil).

**caltrop, caltrap, calthrop.** Star-thistle, spiked ball put on ground to upset cavalry. ME. *calketrappe*, ONF. *cauke-trape* (Mod. *chaussetrape*). Second element is *trap*<sup>1</sup> (q v), first is L. *calx*, heel, or *calcare*, to tread.

**calumet.** Norm. F. *calumet*, dim. of L. *calamus*, stem, reed. See *shatam*.

**calummy.** F. *calomnie*, L. *calumnia*.

**Calvary.** L. *calvaria*, skull, cf. *Golgotha*.

**Calvinism.** Doctrine of *Jean Calvin* or *Chauvin* (1509-64), latinized as *Calvinus*.

**calycanthus.** Shrub. From G. *κάλυξ* (v.i.), *ἄνθος*, flower.

**calyx** [bot.]. G. *κάλυξ*, from *καλύπτειν*, to conceal.

**cam** [techn.]. Toothed rim of wheel, etc. Var. of *comb*. Cf. Ger. *hammrad*, cogged wheel.

**camarilla** [pol.]. Clique, junto. Sp, dim. of *cámara*, chamber.

**camber.** To arch slightly. F. *cambrer*, from L. *camurus*, bent.

**cambiſt.** Expert in theory of exchange. F. *cambiste*, It. *cambista*, from *cambiſo*, change (q.v.).

**Cambria.** Ident. with *Cumbria*, latinized from *Cymry*, Welshmen, older *Combrogēs*, "co-landers"; cf. L. *Allobrogēs*, "other-landers," from Gaulish. **cambric.** From *Kamerijk*, Flem. form of *Cambrai* (Nord.)

**camel.** AS. *camel* (or ONF. *camel*), L. *camelus*, G. *κάμηλος*, Heb. *gāmāl*.

**camellia.** From *Kamel*, Jesuit who (17 cent.) described vegetation of Luzon.

**camelopard.** L. *camelopardus*, from G. *καμηλοπάρδαλις*, camel pard.

**camembert.** French village (Orne).

**cameo.** It. *cammeo*; cf. OF. *camehu* (Mod. *cameu*), MedL. *camahutus*. Origin unknown.

**camera.** L, chamber (q.v.).

**cami-** See *chemise*, *camisole*.

**Cameronian** [hist.]. Follower of *Richard Cameron*, 17 cent. Covenanter. Also 1st Batt. Scottish Rifles, orig. Cameronians who joined William III.

**camisado** [hist.]. For Sp. *camisada*, night raid (made in white shirts), from Sp. *camisa* (see *chemise*).

**camisard** [*hist.*]. Protestant insurgent in Cevennes (late 17 cent.). From Prov. *camisa*, uniform of rebels (v.s.).

**camisole**. F. *camisole*, Sp. *camisola* or It. *camiciola*. See *chemise*.

**camlet** [*archaic*]. F. *camelot*, Arab. *khamlat*. Popularly associated with *camel*.

**camomile**. F. *camomille*, L. *chamomilla*, from G. χαμαίμηλον, earth apple.

**camorra**. It. secret society. App. from earlier meaning "Irish rugge or mantle, a mariners frocke" (Flor.).

**camouflage**. Parisian slang has *camoufle*, candle, personal description, *camouflet*, to disguise, *camouflet*, chandelier, app. connected in some way with the older *camouflet* (v.i.).

**camouflet** [*mil.*]. Asphyxiating mine. F, orig. of blowing smoke in one's face. Origin unknown.

**camp**. F. *camp*, It. *campo*, L. *campus*, field.

**campaign**. F. *campagne*, It. *campagna*, L. *campagna*, from *campus*, field. Orig. open country; cf. It. *Campagna*, F. *Champagne*.

**campanile**. Bell-tower. It. *campanile*, from Late L. *campana*, bell. Cf. *campanula*, Canterbury bell, *campanology*, science of bells and bell-ringing.

**camphor**. MedL. *camphora*, Arab. *kāfir*, Malay *kāpūr*, chalk.

**campion**. Flower. Origin unknown. As it has fantastic names in other langs., it may be from obs. var. of *champion*. Cf. Norw. *kjæmpe*, plantain<sup>1</sup>, lit. champion, because children use the heads to play at "conquers."

**campo santo**. It., holy field, cemetery.

**campyl-**. From G. καμπύλος, bent.

**camwood**. From native W Afr. name *kambv*.

**can**<sup>1</sup>. Verb. Pres. of AS. *cunnan*, to know. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *kunnen*, Ger. *kennen*, to know, *kennen*, to be able, ON. *kunna*, Goth. *kunnan*; cogn. with *ken*. Past *could*, for ME. *coude*, is due to *should*, *would*. Past part. *couth* survives in *uncouth* (q.v.). See also *cunning*.

**can**<sup>2</sup>. Noun. AS. *canne*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *kan*, Ger. *kanne*, ON. *kanna*. Ulterior hist. unknown.

**canaille**. F. *canaille*, It. *canaglia*, collect. from L. *canis*, dog.

**canal**. F. *canal*, L. *canalis*. See *channel*<sup>1</sup>, *kenne*<sup>2</sup>.

**canard**. F., lit. drake<sup>2</sup>. Perh. from phrase *donner un canard à moitié*, to

take in, lit. half give a duck, of obscure origin.

**Canarese** [*ling.*]. Dravidian lang. of Canara (S.W. India).

**canary**. From *Canary Islands*, L. *insula Canaria*, from dogs, *canes*, found there.

**canaster**. Tobacco. From basket in which imported. Sp. *canastra* (see *canister*).

**cancan**. Dance. F., ? ident. with *cancan*, univ. speech, then pedantic argument, tittle-tattle, etc., ? L. *quantum*, although, usual beginning of univ. argument.

**cancel**. L. *cancellare*, to mark lattice-wise. See *chancel*.

**cancer**. L., crab; cf. *canker*.

**candelabrum**. L., from *candela*, candle.

**candescence**. From pres. part. of L. *candescere*, incept. of *candere*, to shine.

**candid**. L. *candidus*, white, from *candere*, to shine. Hence *candidate*, wearing white toga.

**candle**. AS. *candel*, L. *candela*, from *candere*, to shine.

**candour**. Orig. brightness, purity. See *candid*.

**candy**. From sugar-candy, F. *sucre candi*, It. *zucchero candi*, Arab. *qand*, candied, from *qand*, sugar, from Pers., ult. Sanskrit *khandā*, piece.

**candytuft**. From *Candy* or *Candia*, Crete.

**cane**. F. *canne*, L. *canna*, G. *kánva*, reed, of Semit. origin; cf. Heb. *quāneh*, Arab. *qānah*.

**cangue** [*China*]. Wooden frame round neck. F. *cangue*, Port. *cango*; cf. Port. *canga*, yoke.

**canicular**. L. *canicularis*, of the dog-star, *canicula*.

**canine**. L. *caninus*, of the dog, *canis*.

**canister**. L. *canistrum*, bread-basket, G. *kávωστον*, wicker basket, from *kánva*, reed, cane.

**canker**. AS. *cancer* or ONF. *cancere* (Mod. *chancre*), L. *cancer*, crab.

**canna**. Flower. L., reed. See *canister*.

**cannab-** [*chem.*]. See *canvas*.

**cannel**. Coal. Said to be for candle-coal, because it burns without smoke.

**cannelure**. Grooving. F., from *canneler*, to groove. See *canal*, *channel*<sup>1</sup>.

**cannibal**. Sp. *canibal*, for *Caribal* (Columbus), Carib, perh. partly by popular association with Sp. *can*, dog.

**cannon**<sup>1</sup>. Gun. F. *canon*, It. *cannone*, augment. of *canna*, tube, L. *canna*, reed (see *cane*).

**cannon**<sup>2</sup>. At billiards. Perversion of earlier *carom*, *carrom*, short for F. *carambole*, Sp. Port. *carambola*, the red ball.

**canny** [dial.]. From *can*<sup>1</sup>. Cf. *cunning*.

**canoe**. Orig. *canoa*, Sp., from Haytian.

**canon**<sup>1</sup>. Decree (of the church). AS. *canon*, G. κανών, rule. With *canon* type cf. *primer*, *brevier*, etc.

**canon**<sup>2</sup>. Dignitary. ONF. *canoine* (Mod. *chanovne*), L. *canonicus*, regular priest (v.s.).

**cañon, canyon**. Sp. *cañon*, tube. See *cannon*<sup>1</sup>.

**canoodle** [slang]. Dial. word (Somerset) for donkey, "spoony."

**Canopic** [Egypt.]. Cf. *Canopus*, town of ancient Egypt.

**canopy**. F. *canapé*, sofa, OF. *conopé*, bed-curtain, L. *conopeum*, G. κωνωπέιον, couch with mosquito curtains, from κώνωψ, gnat, mosquito.

**canorous**. From L. *canorus*, from *canere*, to sing.

**Canossa, go to** [pol.]. Humiliating surrender. Castle near Reggio, where Emperor Henry IV made submission to Pope Gregory VII (1077).

**cant**<sup>1</sup>. Corner, edge. ONF. *cant* (Mod. *chant*), MedL. *cantus*, ? Late L. *canthus*, corner of the eye, G. κανθός.

**cant**<sup>2</sup>. Orig. slang of rogues and beggars. ONF. *cant* (Mod. *chant*), singing. Influenced (since c. 1660) by association with *Andrew Cant*, Covenanting preacher (†1663).

**Cantab.** For *Cantabrigian*, MedL. *Cantabrigiensis*, from latinized form of *Cambridge*, orig. *Grantabridge*, later *Gantabridge*, *Cantabridge*.

**cantaliver**. See *cantilever*.

**cantaloup**. Melon. F. *cantaloup*, It. *Cantalupo*, former estate of the Pope.

**cantankerous**. Coined (on *cankorous*, *rancorous*) from ME. *contekous*, from ME. & AF. *contak*, *conteke*, strife, altered from AF. *coniet* (= *contest*).

**cantata**. It, from *cantare*, to sing.

**cantatrice**. It. *cantatrice*, L. *cantatrix*, *cantatrix*, fem. of *cantator*, singer.

**cañon**. F. *canine*, It. *cantina*, app. cogn. with *cant*<sup>1</sup>; cf., for sense, Du. *winkel*, shop, lit. corner.

**canter**. Short for *Canterbury pace*, gallop, pilgrims' pace on the Old Kent Road. Cf. *Canterbury bell*, fancifully associated with bells on pilgrims' horses.

**cantharides**. Pl. of G. κανθαρίς, blister-fly, Spanish fly.

**canticle**. L. *canticulum*, dim. from *cantus*, song, from *canere*, to sing.

**cantilever** [arch.]. Bracket. Earlier *cantlapper*. First element is Sp. *can*, dog, fig. support, second is of unknown origin.

**cantle**. Piece, corner, etc. ONF. *cantel* (Mod. *chanteau*), dim. of *canti*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.).

**canto**. It. *canto*, L. *cantus*.

**canton**. F. *canton*, It. *cantone*, augment. of *canto*, corner. See *canti*<sup>1</sup>.

**cantoris** [eccl.]. L, of the singer, i.e. on the side of the *precentor*.

**Cantuar**. Signature of archbp. of *Canterbury*. Cf. MedL. *Cantuari*, men of Kent, from AS.

**canvas**. F. *canevas*, from ONF. *caneve* (Mod. *chanvre*), hemp, G. κάνναβις, prob. of Oriental origin (cf. Pers. *kanab*) and ult. cogn. with *hemp* (q.v.). Hence verb to *canvas*(s), perh. orig. to sift through canvas.

**canyon**. See *cañon*.

**canzonet**. It. *canzonetta*, dim. of *canzone*, song, VL. *canzio-n*; cf. F. *chanson*, *chansonnette*.

**caoutchouc**. F., from native SAm. word (Carib).

**cap**. AS. *cappe*, hood, Late L. *cappa*, mantle, of obscure origin, but perh. shortened from *capitulaire*, head-dress; cf. Late L. *capa*, cape<sup>1</sup>, cope<sup>1</sup>.

**capable**. F. *capable*, Late L. *capabilis*, receptive, from *capere*, to hold.

**capacious**. From L. *capax*, *capac*, from *capere* (v.s.).

**cap-à-pie** [hist.]. OF., head to foot. ModF. has *de pied en cap*.

**caparison**. F. *caparaçon*, Sp. *caparazon*, ? from Late L. *capa* (see *cape*<sup>1</sup>); cf. MedL. *caparo*, hood (see *chaperon*).

**cape**<sup>1</sup>. Orig. "Spanish cloak." F. *cape*, Sp. *capa*, Late L. *capa*. See *cap*.

**cape**<sup>2</sup>. Promontory. F. *cap*, Prov. *cap* or It. *capo*, head, L. *caput*.

**caper**<sup>1</sup>. Plant. False sing. from L. *capperis*, G. κάππαρις. Cf. *pea*.

**caper**<sup>2</sup>. Gambol. App. short for *capriole* (see *cabriole*), It. *capriola*, "a capriole or caper in dancing" (Flor.).

**capercailzie**. Cock of the woods. The -z- is late printer's substitute for obs. palatal better represented by -y- (cf. *Dalzell*, *Mackenzie*, etc.). Gael. *capull-coille*, horse (from L. *caballus*) of the woods. Cf. *Caledonia*.

**capias** [leg.]. Writ of arrest. L., thou mayst take.

**capibara**. See *capybara*.



- capillary.** From L. *capillaris*, from *capillus*, hair, cogn. with *caput*, head.
- capital<sup>1</sup>.** Of a column. For *capitel*, L. *capitellum*, dim of *caput*, head.
- capital<sup>2</sup>.** Adj. L. *capitalis*, from *caput*, head.
- capital<sup>3</sup>.** Money. Late L. *capitale*, stock, property, neut. of *capitalis* (v.s.). See *cattle*, *chattel*.
- capitan** [*hist*]. Sp., captain (q.v.)
- capitation.** L. *capitatio-n*-, from *caput*, head.
- capitol.** L. *capitolium*, from *caput*. Trad. from a head which was discovered in digging the foundations.
- capitular.** See *chapter*.
- capitulate.** From MedL. *capitulare* (from *caput*, *capit*-, head), to draw up terms under "heads."
- capon.** L. *capo-n*-, G. κίπων.
- caponier** [*fort*]. Covered passage F. *caponnière*, Sp. *caponera*, "a coope wherein capons are put to feed" (Minsh.).
- caporal.** F., tobacco of quality superior to *tabac du soldat* (*de cantine*). See *corporal*.
- capot.** Winning all tricks at piquet. From *capot*, hood, dim. of *cape<sup>1</sup>*, in *faux capot*. See *domino*
- capote.** F., also *capot* (v.s.), dim. of *cape* (see *cape<sup>1</sup>*).
- caprice.** F. *caprice*, It. *capriccio*, ? from *capro*, goat, L. *caper* (cf. *caper<sup>2</sup>*)
- capricorn.** L. *capricornus*, horned goat (v.s.).
- capriole.** Leap, etc. See *cape<sup>2</sup>*.
- capsicum.** ModL., ? from L. *capsa*, case, pod
- capsize.** Orig. *capacise* (18 cent.). First element prob. means head; cf. Ger. *koppseisen*, from E., & F. *chavirer*, to capsize, prob. from *caput* and F. *viver*, to turn.
- capstan.** Prov. *cabestan*, for *cabestran* (cf. Sp. *cabestrante*), from *cabestrare*, L. *capistrare*, to fasten with a rope, L. *capistrum*, from *capere*, to take, seize.
- capsule.** F. *capsule*, L. *capsula*, dim. of *capsa*, chest, case.
- captain.** F. *capitaine*, Late L. *capitaneus*, from *caput*, head. A learned word (see *chefein*).
- caption** [*neol*]. Title, of article, etc. Orig. leg. E., L. *captio-n*-, from *capere*, to take.
- captious.** F. *captieux*, L. *captiosus*, from *captio*, sophistical argument (v.s.).
- captive.** L. *captivus*. See *captif*.
- capture.** F. *capture*, L. *captura*, from *capere*, *capti*-, to take.

- Capua.** Place of effeminate influences, from trad. effect on Hannibal's soldiers.
- capuchin.** F. *capuchin*, It. *capuccino*, from *capuccio*, hood, from *capa* (see *cape<sup>1</sup>*).
- capybara.** Rodent (SAmer.). Native Brazil. name.
- car.** ONF. *carre*, Late L. \**carra* for *carrus*, of Celt. origin (cf. Ir. *carr*), ult. cogn. with L. *currus*.
- carabine.** See *carbine*.
- caracal.** Kind of lynx. F. *caracal*, Turk. *qarah-qulag*, black-ear.
- caracole** [*equit.*]. F. *caracole*, It. *cavacollo* or Sp. Port. *caracol*, spiral shell, staircase, etc. ? From Celt.; cf. Gael. *car*, turn, twist.
- caracul.** Fur. From *Qarah-Qul*, i.e. black lake (near Bokhara)
- carafe.** F. *carafe*, It. *caraffa*, ? Pers. *qarābah*, flagon (see *carboy*). Another etym. is from Arab. *gharafa*, to draw water; cf. Sp. Port. *garrafa*.
- carambole.** See *cannon<sup>2</sup>*
- caramel.** F. *caramel*, Sp. *caramelo*, ? ult. L. *canna mellis* (cf. *sugar-stick*).
- carapace.** F. *carapace*, Sp. *carapacho*; ? cogn. with *caparison*.
- carat.** F. *carat*, It. *carato*, Arab. *qirāi*, G. κεράριον, little horn, fruit of carob tree, small weight.
- caravan.** F. *caravane*, Pers. *kārwan*, company of merchants or ships travelling together. Also *caravanserai*, from Pers. *sarāi*, mansion, inn.
- caravel** [*hist.*]. F. *caravelle*, It. *caravella*, dim. from Late L. *carabus*, G. κόραβος, coracle. Confused with *carvel* (q.v.).
- caraway, carraway.** Cf. F. It Sp. *carvi*, Arab. *karawiryā*, prob from G. κάρων, whence L. *carum*, *careum*; cf. Du. *karwij*, Ger. *karbe*.
- carb-** [*chem.*]. From *carbon* (q.v.).
- carbine.** Earlier *carabine*, F., app. weapon of a *carabin*, light horseman. Origin unknown
- carbolic.** From *carbon*, by analogy with *alcoholic*.
- carbon.** L. *carbo-n*-, whence F. *charbon*, charcoal.
- carbonado** [*archaic*]. For Sp. *carbonada*, "a carbonado on the coals" (Minsh.).
- carbonari** [*hist.*]. It. secret society. Pl. of It. *carbonaro*, charcoal-burner (v.s.).
- carboy.** Wicker-covered vessel. Pers. *qarābah*. See *carafe*.
- carbuncle.** ONF. *carbuncle*, L. *carbunculus*, little coal. For double sense, cf. *anthrax*.

**carburet.** Coined from *carbon*, by analogy with *sulphuret*.

**carcajou.** Canad. F. for the wolverine. Amer. Ind. name.

**carcanet** [antiq.]. Jewelled collar. Dim. of F. *carcan*, iron collar as pillory, Merovingian L. *carcanum*. ? Cf. OHG *cwerca*, throat, ON. *kverk*, angle under chin.

**carcase, carcass.** Orig. skeleton, framework. ME. *carcays*, F. *carquois*, quiver, was replaced by mod form, F. *carcasse*, It. *carcassa*; cf. Sp. *carcaj*, quiver. All via MedL. *tarchesium*, from Pers *tarkash*, quiver, with assim of *t* to *k*.

**carcel.** Lamp. Name of F. inventor.

**carcinology.** Study of the crab, G. *καρκίνος*.

**card**<sup>1</sup>. Pasteboard. F. *carte*, It. *carta*, L. *charta*, G. *χάρτης*, leaf of papyrus.

**card**<sup>2</sup>. For wool. F. *carde*, teasel, Prov. *carda*, VL. \**carda*, for *carduus*, thistle.

**cardamine.** Plant. From G. *κάρδαμον*, cress.

**cardamom.** Spice. G. *καρδάμωμον*, from *κάρδαμον* (v.s.) and *άμωμον*, a spice-plant.

**cardiac.** G. *καρδιακός*, from *καρδιά*, heart.

**cardigan.** From seventh Earl of *Cardigan* (Balaclava).

**cardinal.** L. *cardinalis*, essential, from *cardo*, *cardin-*, hinge; cf. G. *καρδάν*, to swing

**cardio-**. See *cardiac*.

**cardoon.** Prov. *cardon*, VL. \**cardo-n*, for *carduus*, thistle. Cf. F. *chardon*, thistle.

**care.** AS. *caru*, noun, *cearian*, verb. Orig. sorrow. Com. Teut.; cf. OSax. *cara*, OHG *chara*, ON. *kör*, Goth. *kara*. Cf. Ger. *Karfreitag*, Good Friday. See *chary*.

**careen.** Sp. *carenar*, from L. *carina*, keel<sup>1</sup>.

**career.** F. *carrière*, It. *carriera*, from *carro*, chariot (see *car*).

**caress.** F. *caresser*, It. *carezzare*, from *carezza*, L. *caritia*, from *carus*, dear.

**caret** [typ.]. Sign of omission (Λ). L., from *carere*, to be lacking.

**carfax** [hist.]. Cross-roads (Oxford). ME. *carrefoukes*, *carfox*, pl. of OF. *carrefourc* (Mod. *carrefour*), VL. \**quadrfurcus*, four-forked.

**cargo.** Sp., from *cargar*, to load. See *charge*.

**cariatid.** See *caryatid*.

**Carib** [Ing.]. Used of a large group of Wind. langs.

**caribou.** Early Canad. F. *caribou*, from Algonkin *kalebo*, "shoveller," because the deer shovels away the snow to get at the moss.

**caricature.** F. *caricature*, It. *caricatura*, lit. an over-loading. See *charge*.

**carillon.** F. *carillon*, VL. \**quadriho-n*, peal of four.

**carin-** [biol.]. From L. *carina*, keel.

**cariole.** See *carriole*.

**carious** [med.]. From L. *caries*, decay.

**cark.** AF. *kark*, load, Norm form of F. *charge*, load, burden.

**carline.** Thistle. MedL. *carlina*, with a legendary ref. to *Charlemagne*.

**carling** [naut.]. Longitudinal timber. Cf. Icel. *kerling*, F. *carlingue*. Origin unknown.

**Carliol.** Signature of bishop of *Carlsruhe*, MedL. *Carliolum*.

**Carlist** [hist.]. Spanish adherent of *Don Carlos* (†1855), second son of Charles IV of Spain.

**Carlovingian, Carolingian** [hist.]. Of *Charlemagne*, MedL. *Carolus Magnus*. F. *carlovingien* is after *merovingien*.

**carmagnole** [hist.]. Kind of jacket favoured by the Republicans (Paris, 1793). ? From *Carmagnola* in Piedmont.

**Carmelite.** From original monastery on Mount *Carmel* (12 cent.)

**carminative.** From L. *carminare*, to card wool, hence fig. to purify.

**carmine.** MedL. *carminius*, from Arab. *qirmaz*, from *qirmiz*, kermes (q v.). Cf. F. *carmin*, Sp. *carmin*, *carmesi*, crimson (q v.).

**carnac** [archaic]. Elephant-driver. F. *cornac*, Port. *cornaca*, Sinhalese *kūra-wanāyaka*, stud keeper.

**carnage.** F. *carnage*, It. *carnaggio*, from L. *caro*, *carn-*, flesh.

**carnal.** L. *carnalis*, of the flesh (v.s.).

**carnation.** F. *carnation*, flesh colour, from L. *caro*, *carn-*, flesh. Cf. F. *œillet carné*, flesh-coloured pink.

**carnelian.** See *cornelian*.

**carnival.** F. *carnaval* or It. *carnevale*, Shrove Tuesday. Cf. MedL. *carnelevarium*, *carnilevamen*, from L. *carnem levare*, to remove meat.

**carnivorous.** From L. *carnivorus* (v.s.).

**carob.** Locust bean. OF. *carobe*, *carroube*, from Pers. Arab. *kharrūb*.

**caroche.** Obs form of *carriage* (q v.).

**carol.** In ME. a round dance. OF. *carole*, Prov. *corola*, L. *corolla*, garland. Some connect it rather with *chorus*.

**Caroline.** From MedL. *Carolus*, Charles. **Carolingian.** See *Carlovingian*.

- carolus** [*hist.*]. Gold coin of Charles I.  
**carom**. See *cannon*.  
**carotid**. G. *καρωτίδες* (pl.), from *καρπύω*, to stupefy.  
**carousal**. From *carouse* (q.v.), but sometimes confused with archaic *carousel*, *carrousel*, festival with chariot-racing, tilting, etc., F. *carrousel*, It. *carosello*, prob. from L. *carrus*, chariot (cf. *career*).  
**carouse**. From the phrase *drink carouse*, OF. *carous*, Ger. *gar aus*, quite out.  
**carp**<sup>1</sup>. Fish. F. *carpe*, Late L. *carpa*, used (6 cent) of a Danube fish, and hence prob. of Teut. or Slav. origin Cf. Ger. *karpfen*, Russ. *karp*, Serb. *krap*, etc.  
**carp**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. ON. *karpa*, to chatter, brag, influenced in sense by L. *carpere*, to pluck.  
**carpal** [*anat.*]. Of the wrist, G. *καρπός*.  
**carpel** [*bot.*]. Dim. from G. *καρπός*, fruit.  
**carpenter**. ONF. *carpenter* (Mod. *charpenter*), L. *carpentarius*, cartwright, from *carpentum*, chariot, of Celt. origin, cf. Gael. *carbad*, chariot, OIr. *carpat*; prob. cogn. with L. *corbis*, basket.  
**carpet**. OF. *carpite*, MedL. *carpita*, rough patchwork, etc., from VL. \**carpire*, for *carpere*, to pluck Cf. F. *charpie*, lint for wounds, from OF. *charpir*, to pluck to pieces.  
**carpo-** [*bot.*]. From G. *καρπός*, fruit.  
**carrack** [*hist.*]. Large ship. Cf. OF. *caraque*, It. *cavaca*, Sp. Port *carraca*, MedL. *carraca*, *carrica*. Perh. via Arab. from Late L. *carricare* (see *charge*, *carry*).  
**carrageen**. Edible sea-weed. From *Carrageen*, near Waterford.  
**carraway**. See *caraway*.  
**carriage**. ONF. *cariage* (Mod. *charriage*), from *carier* (see *carry*). The sense of vehicle was evolved from the abstract idea of carrying (cf. *conveyance*), and has absorbed *caroch*, 16 cent. F. *carroche* (Mod. *carrosse*), It. *carroccia*, *carrozza*, from *carro*, car.  
**carrick bend** [*naut.*]. For *carrack-bend*.  
**carriole**. F. *carriole*, It. *carriola*, from *carro*, car. In US. often *carry-all*.  
**carrion**. ONF. *caroigne* (Mod. *charogne*), VL. \**caronia*, from *caro*, flesh.  
**carronade** [*naut.*]. From *Carron* iron-works, near Falkirk.  
**carrot**. F. *carotte*, L. *carota*, G. *καρπύον*, prob. from *kápa*, head.  
**carry**. ONF. *carier* (Mod. *charrier*), from *car* (Mod. *char*), vehicle, car.

- cart**. ON. *kartr*, cogn. with AS. *cræt*, chariot. ? Orig. of wicker (see *crate*). Has also absorbed ONF. *carete* (Mod. *charrette*), dim. of *car* (Mod. *char*).  
**carte**<sup>1</sup>, **quarte** [*fencing*]. F. *quarte* (sc. *parade*), fem. of *quart*, fourth, L. *quartus*.  
**carte**<sup>2</sup>. F., in *carte blanche*, blank charter, *carte-de-visite*, small photo graph. See *card*<sup>1</sup>.  
**cartel**. Challenge, written agreement. F. *cartel*, It. *cartello*, from *carta* (see *card*<sup>1</sup>).  
**Cartesian**. Follower of René Descartes (†1650), latinized *Cartesius*.  
**Cartusian**. MedL. *Cartusianus*, monk of la Grande-Chartreuse (Isère). See *charter-house*.  
**cartilage**. F. *cartilage*, L. *cartilago*.  
**cartle**. See *karlel*.  
**carto-**. See *card*<sup>1</sup>, *chart*.  
**carton**. F., card-board, card-board box (v.i.).  
**cartoon**. F. *carton*, It. *cartone*, augment. of *carta*, card.  
**cartouche**. F. *cartouche*, It. *cartoccio*, from *carta*, card. See *cartridge*.  
**cartridge**. Corrupt. of *cartouche*.  
**cartulary**, **chartulary**. Late L. *cartularium*, from Late L. *cartula*, charter, dim. of L. *carta*, *charta*.  
**carucate** [*hist.*]. Measure of land. MedL. *carrucata*, from Late L. *carruca*, plough, from *carrus*, car.  
**caruncle**. Fleshy excrescence. L. *caruncula*, dim. from *caro*, flesh.  
**carve**. AS. *ceorfan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *kerven*, Ger. *kerben*, to notch, ON. *kyrfa*; cogn. with G. *γράφειν*, to write.  
**carvel** [*hist.*]. *Carvel-built*, i.e. with planks fitting edge to edge, as opposed to *clinker-built*, with overlapping planks, is of Du. origin. The reference is to the kind of nail used, Du. *karvel*, Sp. *cavilla*, L. *clavicula*. *Caravel* (q.v.) has been confused with this.  
**caryatid** [*arch.*]. Column in form of female figure. From G. *Καρυάτιδες*, pl. of *Καρυάτις*, priestess of Artemis at Caryae in Laconia.  
**caryo-**. From G. *κάρυον*, nut.  
**cascabel** [*archaic*]. Knob at rear of cannon. Sp. *cascabel*, little round bell, dim. from Late L. *cascabus*, bell.  
**cascade**. F. *cascade*, It. *cascata*, from *cascare*, to fall, VL. \**casicare*, from *casus*, fall, case.  
**cascara**. Sp. *cascara*, rind, bark, from *cascar*, to break, VL. \**quassicare*, from *quatere*, *quass-*, to break.

**case**<sup>1</sup>. Orig. what befalls. F. *cas*, L. *casus*, from *cadere*, *cas-*, to fall. Hence *casual-ty* (L. *casualis*).

**case**<sup>2</sup>. Receptacle. ONF. *casse* (Mod. *châsse*), L. *capsa*, from *capere*, to take, hold.

**casein** [chem.]. From L. *caseus*, cheese.

**casemate**. F. *casemate*, orig. a cavity in the foss of a fortification, OF. *chasmate* (Rabelais), both in the mil. sense and in that of chasm, abyss, G. *χάσμα*, *χασμάτ-*, chasm (q.v.).

**casement**. Aphet. for *encasement*; cf. OF. *enchâssement*, window frame. See *chase*<sup>2</sup>, *sash*<sup>2</sup>.

**caseous**. See *casein*.

**casern** [archaic]. Barracks. Orig. hut ? for four men each (cf. *mess*). F. *caserne*, Prov. *cazerna*, L. *quaterna*.

**cash**<sup>1</sup>. Money, orig. money-box. It. *cassa*, "a chest, . . . also, a merchant's cash, or counter" (Flor.); L. *capsa*, receptacle (see *case*<sup>2</sup>).

**cash**<sup>2</sup>. Various small Eastern coins. Ult. Tamil *kāsu*, some small coin or weight. Spelling has been influenced by *cash*<sup>1</sup>.

**cashew**. Nut. F. *acajou*, of Brazil. origin.

**cashier**<sup>1</sup>. Of bank. Adapted from F. *caissier* (see *cash*<sup>1</sup>).

**cashier**<sup>2</sup> [mil.]. To dismiss. Archaic. Du. *casseren*, F. *casser*, to break, L. *quassare*, from *quassus* (*quater*). Earlier also *cass*, from F. *casser*, "to casse, cassere, discharge" (Cotg.), of which the p.p. is still in mil. use, in *cast stores* (*horses*, etc.).

**cashmere**. From *Kashmīr*, in Western Himalayas.

**casino**. It. *casino*, from *casa*, house, L. *casa*, hut.

**casck**. Sp. *casco*, pot, head, helmet, orig. potsherd, from *cascare*, to break up, VL. \**quassicare* (*quater*). For sense-development cf. F. *tête*, L. *testa*, potsherd, vessel.

**casket**. Corrupted from F. *cassette*, dim. of OF. *casse* (see *case*<sup>2</sup>). For -*k*- cf. *gasket*.

**casque**. F. *casque*, Sp. *casco*. See *casck*.

**Cassandra**. Unheeded prophetess. Priam's daughter, who foretold destruction of Troy.

**cassation**. F., annulment, as in *cour de cassation*, from F. *casser*, to quash (q.v.).

**cassava**. Plant. A Haytian word. See also *manioc*.

**casserole**. F. *casserole*, from *casse*,

bowl, Sp. *cazo*, Arab. *qas'ah*, dish. Cf. *cassolette*.

**cassia**. Kind of cinnamon (Ps. xlv. 8). G. *κασία*, from Heb. *qist'a*, to strip off bark.

**cassimere** [archaic]. F. *casimir*, cashmere, borrowed from E. *kerseymere*.

**cassock**. F. *casaque*, It. *casacca*, "a frocke, a horse-mans cote, a long cote" (Flor.); prob. of Slav. origin, ? *Cossack* (coat).

**cassolette**. Pan or box for perfumes. F., see *casserole*.

**cassowary**. Malay *kasuari*.

**cast**<sup>1</sup>. To throw, etc. ON *kasta*, cogn. with L. *gestare*.

**cast**<sup>2</sup> [mil.]. See *cashier*<sup>2</sup>.

**Castalian**. From G. *Κασταλία*, spring on Mount Parnassus.

**castanet**. F. *castagnette*, Sp. *castañeta*, dim. of *castaña*, chestnut (q.v.). From shape.

**caste**. Sp. Port. *casta*, race, orig. fem. of *casto*, pure, chaste, L. *castus*. From India via Port.

**castellan** [hist.]. ONF. *castellain*. See *châtelaine*.

**castigate**. From L. *castigare*. See *chastise*.

**castle**. ONF. *castel* (Mod. *château*), L. *castellum*, dim. of *castrum*, fort.

**castor**<sup>1</sup> [archaic]. Beaver, beaver-hat. F. *castor*, G. *Käsewip*, an Eastern word. *Castor-oil*, now vegetable, was earlier applied to a drug obtained from the animal.

**castor**<sup>2</sup>. As in *pepper-castor*, *castor* on chair-leg. For earlier *caster*, from *cast*, to throw, also, to turn.

**castrametation** [fort.]. From L. *castra*, camp, *metari*, to measure.

**castrate**. From L. *castrare*, perh. cogn. with *castus*, pure.

**casual**. See *case*<sup>2</sup>.

**casuist**. F. *casuiste*, Sp. *casuista*, resolver of "cases of conscience" (MedL. *casus conscientiae*).

**cat**. ONF. *cat* (Mod. *chat*), Late L. *cattus*. In most Europ. langs., but of obscure origin, prob. Eastern. *Cats-paw* refers to fable of cat, monkey and chestnuts.

**cata-**. G. *κατά*, down, but with many subsidiary senses. Also *cat-*, *cath-*.

**catabolism**. Destructive metabolism. From G. *καταβάλλειν*, to cast down.

**catachresis** [rhet.]. Improper use of term. G., from *καταχρήσθαι*, to misuse.

**cataclysm**. G. *κατακλυσμός*, from *κλύειν*, to wash.

**catacombs**. Late L. *Catacumbas* (c.

400 A.D.), orig. applied only to the cemetery of St Sebastian near the Appian Way. Prob. a proper name.

**catadromous.** Opposite of *anadromous*. From G. *κατάδρομος*, running down.

**catafalque.** F. *catafalque*, It. *catafalco*. See *scaffold*.

**Catalan** [*ling*]. Lang. of *Catalonia*, dial. of Provençal with Sp. affinities.

**catalepsy.** From G. *κατάληψις*, from *λαμβάνειν*, to seize.

**catalogue.** G. *κατάλογος*, from *λέγειν*, to choose.

**catapa.** Tree. Native N Amer. name (Carolina).

**catalsip** [*chem*]. G. *κατάλσις*, from *λύειν*, to loose.

**catamaran.** Navigable raft. From Tamil *kaṭṭa*, tie, *maṭam*, wood.

**catamount.** ME. *cat of mountaīn*.

**catapasm.** G. *κατάπασμα*, poultice, from *πλάσσειν*, to plaster.

**catapult.** L. *catapulta*, G. *καταπέλτης*, from *πάλλειν*, to hurl.

**cataract.** G. *καταράκτης*, ? from *ρήγνυμι*, to break, ? or *ράσσειν*, to dash. Oldest ME. sense is portcullis, whence the *cataract* obscuring the eye.

**catarrh.** G. *κατάρρους*, from *καταρρεῖν*, to flow down.

**catastrophē.** G. *καταστροφή*, from *στρέφω*, to turn. Orig. fatal turning-point of a drama.

**catawba.** Grape and wine. River in S. Carolina, named from the *Katahba* Indians.

**catch.** ONF. *cachier*, Picard form of *chasser*, VL. *\*captiare* for *\*capitare*. See *chase*<sup>1</sup>.

**catchpole** [*hist.*]. MedL. *capcepollus*, OF. *chacepole* (*chasse poule*, hunt hen). See *catch*, *chase*<sup>1</sup>, *polecat*. Orig. tax-gatherer, confiscating poultry.

**catchup, catsup.** Incorr. for *ketchup* (q.v.).

**cate** [*archaic*]. Aphet. for ME *acate*, ONF. *acat* (Mod. *achat*), from OF. *achater* (Mod. *acheter*), to buy, VL. *\*adcapitare*, to add to one's capital. Cf. *cater*.

**catechize.** G. *κατηχίζειν*, from *κατηχεῖν*, to resound, teach, etc. (*Luke* 1. 4), from *κατά*, down, *ἡχεῖν*, to sound. *Catechumen* is G. *κατηχούμενος* (pres. part. pass.).

**catechu.** Astringent from bark. Malay *kāchu*. Also in Canarese and Tamil.

**category.** G. *κατηγορία*, accusation, assertion, from *κατηγορεῖν*, to speak against, from *ἀγορά*, place of assembly.

**catenary** [*math.*]. From L. *catena*, chain.

**cater.** First as noun. ME. *acatour* (Chauc. A. 567), *catour*, buyer (see *cate*).

**cateran.** Highland marauder. Orig. collect., Gael. *ceathairne*, peasantry. Cf. *kern*.

**cater-cousin** [*archaic*]. Intimate (Merch. of Ven. ii. 2). From *cater*. Cf. *foster-brother*, *messmate*, etc.

**caterpillar.** From OF. *chatepelose*, hairy cat, from L. *pilosus*, hairy (see *pile*<sup>3</sup>). Cf. F. *chenille*, caterpillar, lit. little dog. The ending has been assimilated to *puller*, one who "pulls" the bark from trees, plunders.

**caterwaul.** Earlier *caterwaw* (Chauc.). The second syllable is imit. of the voice of the amorous cat, the first element is perh. for *\*cata-*, with *-a-* as in *blackamoor*, *Greenaway*, etc.

**catgut.** From *cat* and *gut*, though made from intestines of sheep. Cf. *synon.* Du. *kattedarm*.

**cathartic.** Purgative. G. *καθαρτικός*, from *καθαρός*, clean.

**Cathay** [*poet.*]. Northern China. MedL. *Kitai* (13 cent.) as name of inhabitants.

**cathedral.** Orig. adj., *cathedral church*. MedL. *cathedrals*, from G. *καθέδρα*, seat, from *κατά*, down, *ἔδ-*, sit. Cf. *see*<sup>2</sup>, and see *chair*.

**catherine wheel.** Spiked wheel used in legendary martyrdom of St Catherine of Alexandria.

**catherer.** G., from *καθιέναι*, to send down.

**cathode** [*electr.*]. G. *κάθοδος*, way down. Cf. *anode*.

**catholic.** G. *καθολικός*, universal, from *κατά* and *ὅλος*, whole, as applied to the Church "throughout all the world."

**catkin.** Archaic Du. *kattiken* (Mod. *katje*), lit. kitten. Cf. F. *chaton*, Ger. *kätzchen*, both used in same sense.

**catling.** Fine cat-gut (*Troil. and Cress.* iii. 3). From *cat*.

**catonism.** Austerity. From *Cato the Censor* (†149 B.C.), or *Cato of Utica* (†46 A.D.).

**catoptric.** Of reflexion. G. *κατοπτρικός*, from *κατά* and *ὄπ-*, see. See *optics*.

**catsup.** See *ketchup*.

**cattle.** ONF. *catel*, L. *capitale*, stock, capital<sup>3</sup>, from *caput*, *capit-*, head. Cf. *chattel*.

**catty.** Weight (EInd.). Ident. with *caddy*.

**Caucasian.** Formerly used for Indo-

European, white races, from supposed place of origin.

**caucus.** US (18 cent.). Private political meeting. Prob an Algonkin word for counsellor, found in Capt. John Smith as *caw-cawaassough*. Cf *pow-wow*, *Tammany*.

**caudal, caudate.** From L. *cauda*, tail.

**Caudine Forks.** Pass near Capua where the Romans were defeated (321 B.C.) by the Samnites and were made to pass under the yoke. Hence fig. irretrievable disaster.

**caudle.** ONF. *caudel* (Mod. *chaudeau*), from *chaud*, hot, L. *calidus*.

**cauk.** See *cawk*.

**caul.** Orig. close-fitting cap or net. F. *cale*, cap, back-formation from *calotte* (q.v.).

**caul-.** From L. *caulis*, cabbage.

**cauldron.** ONF. *caudron* (Mod. *chauderon*), augment. of *chaudière*, L. *cal(i)darina*, also *cal(i)darium*, from *calidus*, hot.

**cauliflower.** For earlier *cole florée*, with first element latinized (*caulis*, cabbage). Cf. F. *chou-fleur*.

**caulk<sup>1</sup>, calk.** Late L. *calicare*, to stop up chinks with lime, *calx*. This replaced (c. 1500) earlier to *lime* (Caxton). Cf. F. *calfaier*, Port. *calafetar*, from *cal*, lime, *afetar*, to arrange, L. *affectare*.

**caulk<sup>2</sup>.** As *calkin* (q.v.).

**cause.** F. *cause*, L. *causa*. *Causerie*, *causeuse*, F., are from *causer*, in secondary sense of talking.

**causeway.** Folk-etym. for earlier *causey*, ONF. *caucière* (Mod. *chaussée*), Late L. *calciata* (*via*), which some connect with L. *calx*, lime, others with *calx*, heel.

**caustic.** G. *καυστικός*, from *καλέω*, to burn.

**cautious [archaic].** F. *cauteleux*, from L. *cauteia*, caution (q.v.).

**cauterize.** Late L. *cauterizare*, from G. *καυτήριον*, hot iron, from *καλέω*, to burn.

**caution.** L. *cautio-n-*, from *cavere*, *caut-*, to beware.

**cavalcade.** F. *cavalcade*, Prov. *cavalcada* or It. *cavalcata*, from p.p. fem. of Late L. *caballicare*, to ride, from *caballus*, horse.

**cavalier.** Orig. horseman. F. *cavalier*, It. *cavaliere*, from *cavallo*, horse; corresponding to F. *chevalier*.

**cavally.** Fish, "horse-mackerel." Cf. It. *cavallo*, kind of mackerel, lit. horse.

**cavalry.** F. *cavalerie*, It. *cavalleria*. See *cavalier*, *chivalry*.

**cavatina [mus].** It. *cavatina*, dim. of *cavata*, prop. a detached air, from *cavare*, to hollow out, remove, from L. *cavus*, hollow.

**cave.** F. *cave* (now cellar), VL *cava*, from *cavus*, hollow. See *Adullamite*.

**cavé.** L., imper. of *cavere*, to beware.

**cave in.** Altered from earlier E. dial. to *calve in*, with which cf. WFlem. *inkalven*, to cave in, Du. *afkalven*, to break away, *uitkalven*, to fall apart, all "navvy" words. Cf. also dial. to *colt in*, in same sense, ground-idea being app. separation at birth.

**caveat [leg].** L., let him beware, from *cavere*.

**cavendish.** (1) Tobacco. ? From name of exporter. (2) Treatise on whist (1862). From pen-name of author, H. Jones.

**cavern.** F. *caverne*, L. *caverna*, from *cavus*, hollow.

**cavesson.** Nose-band for a horse. F. *caveçon*, It. *cavezzone*, from *cavezza*, halter, prob. connected with L. *capistrum*, halter (see *capstan*).

**cavey.** See *cavy*.

**caviare.** F. *caviar*, It. *caviaro*, Turk. *khävyār*.

**cavil.** F. *caviller*, L. *cavillari*, to satirize, argue scoffingly.

**cavity.** F. *cavité*, Late L. *cavitas*, -*tat*-, from *cavus*, hollow.

**cavort [US].** To prance. Cowboy perversion of *curvet* (q.v.).

**cavy.** Rodent of guinea-pig tribe.

*Cabrai*, native name in F. Guiana.

**caw.** Imit., cf. Du. *kaauw*, jackdaw.

**cawk [geol.].** Loc. name for kind of spar. Northern form of *chalk*.

**caxon [archaic].** Wig. ? From surname *Caxon*; cf. *busby*.

**caxton [bibl.].** Book printed by Caxton (1492).

**cay.** See *key<sup>2</sup>*.

**cayenne.** Pepper. Earlier *cayan*, *kian*, etc., Brazil. *kyynha*, mistakenly associated with the town of *Cayenne* (F. Guiana).

**cayman, caiman.** Sp. Port. *caiman*, of Carib origin.

**cayuse [US.].** Pony. Name of an Indian tribe.

**cease.** F. *cesser*, L. *cessare*, frequent. of *cedere*, *cess-*, to give way.

**cecily.** F. *cécité*, L. *caecitas*, -*tat*-, from *caecus*, blind.

**cedar.** F. *cèdre*, L. *cedrus*, G. *κέδρος*.

**cede.** L. *cedere*, to yield.

**cedilla.** Sp. *zedilla*, It. *zedaglia*, little z.  
**cee-spring, C-spring** [carriage-building].  
 From shape.  
**ceiling, cieling.** From verb to *ceih*,  
 prob from F. *ciel*, canopy, L. *caelum*,  
 heaven, but influenced by OF  
*cieller*, L. *caelare*, to carve.  
**celadon** [archaic]. Pale green. F.,  
 name of character in d'Urfé's *Astrée*  
 (1610).  
**celandine.** Swallow-wort Earlier *celi-*  
*dony*, OF. *celidoine*, L. *chelidonia*, from  
 G. *χελιδόνιον*, from *χελιδών*, swallow.  
**-cele** [med.]. From G. *κῆλη*, swelling  
**celebrate.** From L. *celebrare*, orig. to  
 honour by assembling, from *celeber*,  
*celebr*-, populous, renowned.  
**celeriac.** Arbitrary formation from  
*celery* (q.v.).  
**celerity.** L. *celeritas*, from *celer*, swift.  
**celery.** F. *cèleri*, It. dial. *sellari*, pl.  
 of *sellaro* (It. *sedano*), ult. from G.  
*σῆλινον* See *parsley*.  
**celestial.** OF. *celestiel*, from *céleste*,  
 L. *caelestis*, from *caelum*, heaven.  
**Celestine.** Branch of Benedictines  
 established by Pope Celestine V (13  
 cent.).  
**celibate.** From L. *caelibatus*, celibacy,  
 from *caelebs*, *caelib*-, unmarried  
**cell.** OF. *celle*, L. *cella*, cogn. with  
*celare*, to hide.  
**cellar.** F. *cellier*, L. *cellarium*, set of  
 cells. See *salt-cellar*.  
**cello.** For *violoncello* (q.v.).  
**celluloid.** Orig. adj., cell-like, from  
 F. *cellule*, L. *cellula*, dim. of *cella*,  
 cell.  
**Celt, Kelt.** F. *Celte*, L. *Celta*, sing. of  
*Celtae*, G. *Kēltoi* (Herodotus), used  
 by the Romans esp. of the Gauls.  
**celt** [antiq.]. Prehistoric implement.  
 A ghost-word, occurring only in some  
 MSS. of the Clementine text of the  
*Vulg.*, where it is a scribe's error.  
**cement.** F. *ciment*, L. *caementum*, from  
*caedimentum*, from *caedere*, to cut,  
 the earliest cement being made from  
 small chippings of stone.  
**cemetery.** Late L. *coemeterium*, G.  
*κοιμητήριον*, dormitory, from *κοιμᾶν*,  
 to put to sleep.  
**cenacle.** Literary coterie F. *cénacle*,  
 name of first Romantic group (c.  
 1820), L. *cenaculum*, supper-room,  
 from L. *cena*, supper.  
**cenobite.** See *coenobite*.  
**cenotaph.** G. *κενοτάφιον*, from *κενός*,  
 empty, *τάφος*, tomb.  
**censer.** For *incenser*; cf. F. *encensoir*.  
**ensor.** L., arbiter of morals, from

*censere*, to judge. Cf. *censure*, F.  
*censure*, L. *censura*.  
**census.** L., from *censere*, to estimate.  
**cent.** F. *cent*, L. *centum*, hundred.  
*Per cent.* is from It. *per cento* (cf. F.  
*pour cent*). Adopted in US. for one-  
 hundredth of dollar. Cf. F. *centime*,  
 one-hundredth of franc.  
**cental.** Weight of 100 lbs. From  
*cent*, after *quintal* (q.v.).  
**centaur.** G. *κένταυρος*. Hence the  
 plant *centaury*, G. *κενταύρειον*, med.  
 qualities of which were discovered by  
 Chiron the centaur.  
**centenary.** L. *centenarius*, numbering  
 a hundred. Cf. *centennial*, formed  
 after *biennial*, etc.  
**centesimal.** From L. *centesimus*,  
 hundredth.  
**centigrade.** F. *centigrade*, from L. *cen-*  
*tum*, hundred, *gradus*, degree.  
**centipede.** L. *centipeda*, from *pes*, *ped*-,  
 foot.  
**cento.** L., patchwork; cf. G. *κέντρων*,  
 patchwork.  
**centre.** F. *centre*, L. *centrum*, G.  
*κέντρον*, goad, stationary point of  
 compasses, from *κεντρέιν*, to prick.  
 Hence *centrifugal* (L. *fugere*, to flee),  
*centripetal* (L. *petere*, to seek).  
**centuple.** F. *centuple*, Late L. *centu-*  
*plus*, for *centuplex*, from *centum*, hun-  
 dred, *phic*-, fold.  
**century.** L. *centuria*, group of one  
 hundred in various senses. Cf. *cen-*  
*turion*, L. *centurio*-n.  
**ceorl** [hist.]. AS. original of *churl* (q.v.).  
**cephalic.** G. *κεφαλικός*, from *κεφαλή*,  
 head.  
**ceramic.** G. *κεραμικός*, from *κέραμος*,  
 potter's earth.  
**cerastes.** Horned viper. G. *κεράστης*,  
 from *κέρας*, horn.  
**cerato-.** From G. *κέρας*, *κέρατ*-, horn.  
**Cerberus.** L. *Cerberus*, G. *Κέρβερος*,  
 watch-dog of hell.  
**cereal.** L. *cerealis*, from *Ceres*, goddess  
 of agriculture.  
**cerebral.** From L. *cerebrum*, brain  
 (with dim. *cerebellum*), cogn. with G.  
*κῆρα*, head.  
**ceredloth** (*Merch. of Ven.* ii. 7), **cerement**  
 (*Hamlet* i. 4). From L. *cera*, wax,  
 cogn. with G. *κηρός*; cf. obs. to  
*cere*, to wrap corpse in waxed cloth  
 (*Cymb.* i. 1).  
**ceremony.** F. *cérémonie*, L. *caerimonia*.  
**ceriph, serif** [typ.]. Fine horizontal  
 hair-line at termination of (esp.  
 capital) letter. ? Du. *schreef*, line,  
 stroke. But *san-serif* (q.v.) is earlier.

**cerise.** F, cherry (q.v.).  
**cerium** [chem]. Named after the planet *Ceres*.  
**cerō-.** From L. *cera* or G. κηρός, wax.  
**cert.** Colloq. shortening of *certainty*.  
**certain.** F. *certain*, Late L. \**certamus*, from *certus*, orig. p.p. of *cernere*, to decide  
**certes** [archaic]. F. *certes*, prob. L. *certas*, used as adv.; cf. OSp. *certas*.  
**certify.** F. *certifier*, Late L. *certificare*, from *certus* and *facere*. Cf. *certificate*.  
**certiorari** [leg]. Writ from higher to lower court. L., to be certified  
**certitude.** Late L. *certitudo*, from *certus*.  
**cerulean, caerulean.** From L. *caeruleus*, blue, blue-green, etc., prob. by dissim. for \**caeluleus*, from *caelum*, heaven, sky.  
**ceruse.** White lead. F. *céruse*, L. *cerussa*, perh. from G. κηρός, wax.  
**cervical.** From L. *cervix*, *cervic-*, neck.  
**cervine.** L. *cervinus*, from *cervus*, hart.  
**Cesarevitch, -witch.** Earlier *Czarevitch*, *Czarowicz*, etc., son of *czar* (q.v.). The race (Newmarket, 1839) was named in honour of the Russ. prince, afterwards Alexander II, who was on a state visit to England  
**cespitose.** From L. *caespis*, *caespit-*, turf  
**cess** [Sc & Ind]. Rate, land-tax; also as verb. For *sess*, apheet. for *assess* (q.v.).  
**cessation.** L. *cessatio-n-*. See *cease*.  
**cesser** [leg]. Termination. F. *cesser*, to *cease* (q.v.).  
**cession.** L. *cessio-n-*, from *cedere*, *cess-*, to yield  
**cesspool.** Earliest form *cesperalle* (16 cent.) suggests perversion of obs. *suspiral*, F. *soupirail*, ventilator, air-shaft, from L. *suspirum*, breath.  
**Cestr.** Signature of bishop of *Chester*. For MedL. *Cestrensis*.  
**cestus**<sup>1</sup>. Girdle, esp. of Aphrodite. L. *cestus*, G. κέστος, lit. stitched.  
**cestus**<sup>2</sup>. Gladiatorial glove. Usu. regarded as irreg. formation from *caedere*, to strike.  
**cesura.** See *caesura*.  
**cetacea.** From L. *cetus*, whale, G. κῆτος.  
**chablis.** Wine from *Chablis* (Yonne).  
**chabouk.** See *syambok*.  
**Chadband.** Sanctimonious humbug (*Bleak House*).  
**chaeto-.** From G. χαίτη, hair.  
**chafe.** Earlier *chauje*, F. *chauffer*, VL.

\**calefare*, for *calefacere*, to make hot, *calidus*.  
**chafer.** Insect. AS. *ceafor*; cf. Du. *kever*, Ger. *Käfer*. Prob. gnawer (cf. beetle). In *cockchafer* the prefix may suggest size, or may be for *cack*, *stercus*. Cf. synon. *dungbeetle*, and Ger. *kotkäfer*, *mistkäfer* (also obs. *kaakkäfer*).  
**chaff.** AS. *ceaf*; cf. Du., Ger. dial. *kaf*. With *chaffinch* cf. Late L. *furfurio*, *chaffinch*, from *furfur*, bran. The verb is a combination of *chafe*, to irritate, and of the noun *chaff* in its fig. sense of nonsense, worthless matter.  
**chaffer.** Orig. trade. From AS. *cēap*, price, *faru*, journey, etc.; cf. ON. *kaupfor*, commercial journey. See *cheap*, *fare*.  
**chagrin.** F. *chagrin*, ? ident. with *chagrin*, granulated leather (shagreen), from Turk. *saghri*, rump of a horse. For the metaphor cf. *gooseflesh* and F. *chair de poule*.  
**chain.** F. *chaîne*, L. *catena*.  
**chair.** F. *chaire*, pulpit, etc., L. *cathe-dra*, G. καθέδρα, from *κατά*, down, *έδ-*, sit. See also *chaise*.  
**chaise.** F., *chair* (q.v.), taking the sense of vehicle via that of sedan chair, *chaise à porteurs*. F. *chaise* (for *chaire*) is due to an affected Parisian interchange of *r-s* (15-16 cents.).  
**chalcadony.** L. *c(h)alcedonius*, from G. χαλκήδών.  
**chalcō-.** From G. χαλκός, copper.  
**Chaldaic, Chaldean, Chaldee.** From G. Χαλδαίος, of *Chaldea*, i.e. Babylonia. The lang. (Aramaic) was that of the Jews after the Captivity.  
**chaldron.** Dry measure (32-36 bushels or 53 cwt). This and Sc. *chaldre* (32-64 bushels), earlier also *chelder*, are usu. referred to F. *chaudron*, cauldron (q.v.). But what a cauldron! The Sc. forms, with corresponding MedL. *celāra* (in early Sc. statutes) and AF. *chaldre de carbons* (1416), also do not favour the "cauldron" etym. ? Ult. from Du. *helder*, cellar.  
**chalelet.** Swiss-F., ? dim. from L. *castellum*; cf. Languedoc *castrum*, shepherd's hut.  
**chalice.** OF. *chalice* (Mod. *calice*), L. *calix*, *calic-*, cogn. with G. κύλιξ, cup.  
**chalk.** AS. *cealc*, L. *calx*, *calc-*, lime.  
**challenge.** OF. *chalonge*, L. *calumnia*, false accusation  
**challis.** Fabric. ? From surname *Chal-*



*hs*, which is derived from *Calais*. ? Or from the town itself, pronounced *Ch*-in patois.

**chalybeate**. From L. *chalybs*, steel, G. *χάλυψ*.

**cham** [*hist*]. Obs. form of *khan*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.), applied esp. to the Khan of Tartary (*Much Ado*, ii r).

**chamade** [*hist*]. Drum or trumpet signal for parley. F. *chamade*, Port. *chamada*, from *chamar*, to cry, L. *clamare*. Or cogn. It *chiamata*.

**chamber**. F. *chambre*, L. *camera*, G. *καμάρα*, cogn. with L. *camurus*, arched (see *camber*). *Chamberlain* is OF. *chambrelenc* (Mod. *chambellan*), OHG. *chamarling*, from Ger. *kammer* (from L.), and Ger. suffix. *-ling*, (cf. It. *camerlengo*).

**chambertin**. Wine. From an estate near Dijon.

**chambray** [US.]. Fabric. ? From *Cambray*.

**chameleon**. G. *χαμαιλέων*, from *χαμαί*, on the earth, dwarf, *λέων*, lion.

**chamfer** [*techn.*]. To groove. Back-formation from *chamfering*, perversion of F. *chanfrein*, OF. *chanfrain*, p.p. of OF. *chanfraindre*, from *chant*, edge (see *cant*<sup>1</sup>) and OF. *fraindre*, to break, L. *frangere*.

**chamfrain**, **chamfron** [*hist*]. Frontlet of barded horse. F. *chanfrein*, perh. from L. *camus*, muzzle, and *frenum*, bridle.

**chamois**. F. *chamois*; cf. It. *camoscio*, *camozza*, Prov. *camis*, Ger. *gemse* (OHG. *gamiza*). The earliest known form, Late L. *camox* (5 cent.), suggests connection with F. *camus*, flat-nosed, cogn. with L. *camurus* (see *camber*), a natural description of the animal.

**chamomile**. See *camomile*.

**champ**. To chew. Earlier also *cham*. Prob. imit.

**champac**. Magnolia. Hind., from Sanskrit *champaka*.

**champagne**. Wine from province of Champagne (v.i.).

**champaign** [*archaic*]. Open country. See *campaign*.

**champarty**, **champerty** [*leg.*]. For earlier *champart*, division of produce, from F. *champ*, field, *part*, share.

**champignon**. Mushroom. F. *champignon*, VL. \**campino-n-*, from *campus*, field.

**champion**. F. *champion*, Late L. *campio-n-*, fighter in the arena (see *camp*).

**chance**. F. *chance* (OF. *cheance*), from

*cheoir*, to fall, VL. \**cadēre*, for *cadere*. Orig. of the "fall" of the dice.

**chancel**. F. *chancel*, L. *cancellus*, for *cancelli*, lattice (see *cancel*) separating choir from nave, dim. of *cancer*, grating, ? dissim. of *cancer*, prison (see *incarcerate*). Hence *chancellor*, F. *chancelier*, orig. keeper of the barrier.

**chance-medley** [*leg.*]. Orig. homicide intermediate between manslaughter and accident. Lit. mixed chance.

**chancery**. For *chancellery*, office of *chancellor* (see *chancel*).

**chancre** [*med.*]. F., see *cancer*, *canker*.

**chandelier**. F., candle-stick, etc. (v.i.).

**chandler**. F. *chandelier*, candle-stick, candle-maker, from *chandelle*, L. *candela*.

**change**. F. *changer*, Late L. *cambiare*, for *cambire*, from *cambium*, exchange, of Celt. origin (see *gombeen*).

**channel**<sup>1</sup>. Water-course. OF. *chanel* (Mod. *chenal*), L. *canalis*, whence *canal* (cf. *kennel*<sup>2</sup>).

**channel**<sup>2</sup> [*naut.*]. For *chain-wale*; cf. *gunwale* and see *wale*.

**chanson**. F. *chanson*, song, VL. *cantio-n-* (v.i.).

**chant**. F. *chanter*, L. *cantare*, frequent. of *canere*, to sing. Hence *chantry* (Chauc. A. 512), endowment for good of founder's soul.

**chantarelle**, **chanterelle**. Cup-shaped fungus. F. *chanterelle*, dim. from L. *cantharus*, drinking-cup, G. *κάνθαρος*.

**chanticleer**. OF. *chanle-cler*, sing-clear, name of the cock in the *Roman de Renart* (13 cent.).

**chantry**. See *chant*.

**chanty**. Sailors' song. F. imper. *chantez* (cf. *revelly*).

**chaos**. G. *χάος*, abyss, empty space, etc.; cf. *χάσκεω*, to yawn.

**chap**<sup>1</sup>. To crack. Related to *chip*, *chop*<sup>1</sup>. Cf. Du. LG. *kappen*, to chop.

**chap**<sup>2</sup>. Jaw, esp. lower. Now usu. *chop*<sup>3</sup>, as in *chops* (jaws) of the *Channel*.

*chopfallen* (Haml. v. 1), for *chapfallen*, orig. of the dead. ? Altered from north. dial. *chaft*, of Scand. origin; cf. Sw. *käft*, Dan. *kneft*, cogn. with Ger. *kneifer*, jaw.

**chap**<sup>3</sup>. Fellow. Short for *chapman* (q.v.). So also *chap-book*, orig. sold by itinerant dealer.

**chaparral**. Thicket. Sp. *chaparral*, from *chaparra*, evergreen oak, Basque *zaparra*.

**chap-book**. See *chap*<sup>3</sup>.

**chape** [*hist.*]. "Cap" of a scabbard.

F. *chape*, cape<sup>1</sup>, cope<sup>1</sup>, used in same sense. See cape<sup>1</sup>.

**chapel.** F. *chapelle*. Orig. sanctuary where was deposited the *cappella*, or sacred cloak, of St Martin. See cape<sup>1</sup>.

**chaperon.** F. *chaperon*, hood (fig. protection), from *chape*, cope<sup>1</sup> (see cape<sup>1</sup>).

**chapiter** [arch.]. OF. *chapitre* (replaced by *chapiteau*). Etym. ident. with *chapier* (q.v.).

**chaplain.** F. *chapelain*. The orig. *capellani* were the custodians of St Martin's cloak. See *chapel*.

**chaplet.** F. *chapelet*, dim. of OF. *chapel* (Mod. *chapeau*), hat, hood, garland. See cap, cape<sup>1</sup>.

**chapman** [archaic]. Dealer. AS. *cēapman*. See *chaffer*, *cheap*, *chap*<sup>2</sup>.

**chapter.** F. *chapitre*, L. *capitulum*, dim. of *caput*, head. The *chapter* of a cathedral (cf. *chapter-house*) was orig. the meeting at which a *chapter* was read.

**char<sup>1</sup>, chare.** AS. *cierr*, time, occasion, from *cierran*, to turn. Hence *charwoman*.

**char<sup>2</sup>.** Verb. Back-formation from *charcoal* (q.v.).

**char<sup>3</sup>.** Fish. Earlier (17 cent) *chare*. Origin unknown.

**char-à-banc(s).** F., car with benches. **character.** G. *χαρακτήρ*, tool for stamping, marking, from *χαράττειν*, to cut grooves, engrave.

**charade.** F. *charade*, Prov. *charrada*, app. from *charrar*, to prattle.

**charcoal.** Perh. from *char*, to turn (see *char<sup>1</sup>*). Cf. "cole-turned wood" (Chapman's *Odyssey*). ? Or a mixed form from *coal*, which in ME. meant charcoal, and F. *charbon*.

**chard.** Of artichoke. Ult. from L. *carduus*, thistle.

**chare.** See *char<sup>1</sup>*.

**charge.** F. *charger*, to load, burden, VL. *carricare*, from *carrus* (see *car*).

**chargé d'affaires.** F., entrusted with business.

**chariot.** F., from *char* (see *car*).

**charity.** F. *charité*, L. *caritas*, -tat-, from *carus*, dear.

**charivari.** F., orig. mock music expressing popular disapproval. At one time also the title of a Parisian satirical paper; hence the sub-title of *Punch*. OF. also *calivah*, *caribari*. Origin unknown.

**charlatan.** F. *charlatan*, It. *ciarlatano*, "a mountibanke, prattler, babbler"

(Flor.), app. altered, by association with *ciarlare*, to chatter (cf. *quack*), from *ciarlatano* (Flor), for earlier *ceretano* (Flor), orig. vendor of papal indulgences from *Cerveto* (Spoleto).

**Charles's Wain** [astron.]. AS. *Carles-wægn* (see *wain*), the wain of *Arcturus* (q.v.) having first been understood as that of *Arthur*, and then transferred to *Carl*, i.e. Charlemagne, by the legendary association between the two heroes.

**charley** [hist.]. Watchman. Reason unknown. The name *Charles* (F.) is ident. with Ger. *kerl*, fellow.

**charlock.** Wild mustard. AS. *cerlic*. **charlotte, charlotte russe.** F., from the female name.

**charm.** F. *charme*, L. *carmen*, song, incantation, for \**canmen*, from *canere*, to sing.

**charnel-house.** Explanatory for earlier *charnel*, burial place (*Piers Plowm*), OF. *charnel*, Late L. *carnale*, from *caro*, *carn*-, flesh.

**Charon.** G. *Χάρων*, ferryman of the Styx.

**charpie** [hist.]. Linen unravelled for dressing wounds. F., see *carpet*.

**charpoy** [Anglo-Ind.]. Bedstead. Urdu *chārpāi*, Pers. *chahārpāi*, four-footed, ult. cogn. with *quadru-ped*.

**charqui.** Peruv. for dried beef, early corrupted to *jerked beef*.

**chart.** F. *charte*, L. *charta*, paper, G. *χάρτης*. Cf. *card<sup>1</sup>*.

**charter.** OF. *chartre* (Mod. *charte*), L. *chartula*, dim. of *charta*, paper. Hence *charist*, from the *People's Charter* (1838).

**Charterhouse.** Carthusian monastery. Folk-etym. for F. *charitreuse* (see *Carthusian*).

**charter-party.** F. *charte partie*, divided document (cf. *indenture*).

**chartist** [hist.]. See *charter*.

**chartreuse.** Made by monks of *La Grande Chartreuse*, near Grenoble. See *Carthusian*, *Charterhouse*.

**chartulary.** See *cartulary*.

**charwoman.** See *char<sup>1</sup>*.

**chary.** AS. *cearg*, from *care*; cf. Du. *karg*, Ger. *karg*, parsimonious.

**Charybdis.** See *Scylla*.

**chase<sup>1</sup>.** To hunt. F. *chasser*, VL. \**capitiare*, for \**capiare*, frequent. of *capere*, *capt*-, to take (see *catch*).

**chase<sup>2</sup>.** To emboss, engrave. Aphet. for *enchase*, F. *enchâsser*, to enshrine, from *châsse*, shrine, L. *capsa* (see *case<sup>2</sup>*).

**chase**<sup>1</sup>. Hollow, groove, frame. F. *châsse* (v.s.); also in some cases from the masc. form *chas*.  
**chasm**. G. *χάσμα*, cogn. with *chaos*.  
**chasse**. Liqueur after coffee. For F. *chasse-café*, now usu. *pousse-café*.  
**chassé-croisé**. Dance-step. F., see *chase*<sup>1</sup>, *cross*.  
**chasse-marée**. Coasting-vessel. F., chase tide.  
**chassepot** [hist.]. Obs. F. rifle Inventor's name.  
**chasseur**. F., lit. hunter.  
**chassis** [neol.]. F. *châssis*, from *châsse*. See *case*<sup>2</sup>, *sash*<sup>2</sup>.  
**chaste**. F. *chaste*, L. *castus*, pure.  
**chastise**. From OF. *chastier* (Mod. *châtier*), L. *castigare*, to make pure, *castus*.  
**chasuble**. F. *chasuble*, ? from L. *casula*, little house (dim. of *casa*), which in Church L. also meant hooded vestment.  
**chat**. Shortened from *chatter* (q.v.).  
**château**. F. *château*, OF. *chastel*, L. *castellum* (see *castle*).  
**châtelaine**. F., lady of castle (see *château*).  
**chatoyant**. F., pres. part. of *chatoyer*, from *chat*, cat, with ref. to changing colour of its eye.  
**chattel**. OF. *chatel*, Late L. *capitale*, property. See *catle*.  
**chatter**. Imit.; cf. *jabber*, *twitter*, etc.  
**chatty** [Anglo-Ind.]. Porous water-pot. Telugu *chatti*.  
**chauffeur**. F., stoker, from *chauffer*, to heat (see *chafe*).  
**chaussée**. F., see *causeway*.  
**chautauquan** [U.S.]. From gatherings for "uplift" at Chautauqua Lake (N.Y.).  
**chauvin**. F., jingo. *Nicolas Chauvin*, a veteran of the Grande Armée, introduced into several popular F. plays of the early 19 cent.  
**chavender**. See *chevin*.  
**chaw**. By-form of *chew*. Now dial. (cf. *chawbacon*).  
**chay, shay**. Vulg. for *chaise* (q.v.).  
**cheap**. Orig. noun, barter, as in *cheap-side*. AS. *cēap*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *koop*, Ger. *kauf*, ON. *kaup*; prob. all from L. *caupo*, huckster, innkeeper. See also *chaffer*.  
**cheat**. Aphet. for *escheat* (q.v.), regarded as confiscation.  
**check**. F. *échec*, OF. *eschec*, Pers. *shāh*, king (in danger), adopted, through Arab., by most Europ. langs. with the game of *chess* (q.v.). Hence fig. to repulse, attack, put to the test.

For *check(er)* pattern, etc., see *chequer*, *exchequer*. *Checkmate* is F. *échec et mat*, Arab. *shāh māt*, the king is dead.  
**checker**. See *chequer*.  
**cheddar**. Cheese. From *Cheddar* in Somerset.  
**cheek**. AS. *cēace*, jaw; cf. Du. *kaak*, jaw, cheek, LG. *kake*, *keke*.  
**cheep**. Imit. of cry of small birds.  
**cheer**. Orig. face. F. *chère*, Late L. *cara*. Mod. senses develop from good cheer, F. *bonne chère*, orig. friendly manner, etc.  
**cheese**<sup>1</sup>. Food. AS. *cīese*, L. *caseus*. WGer. *loan*; cf. Du. *kaas*, Ger. *käse*.  
**cheese**<sup>2</sup> [Anglo-Ind.]. The correct thing. Pers. *chūz*, thing.  
**cheetah**. Hind. *chīta*, Sanskrit *chit-raka*, speckled. See *chintz*.  
**chef**. Cook. For F. *chef de cuisine*.  
**cheiro-**. From G. *χείρ*, hand. More usu. *chiro-*.  
**cheka** [pol.]. Russ. "committee of safety" For *chrezvychayka*, for *chrezvychaynaya okhrana*, lit. extraordinary superintendence.  
**chela**. Buddhist novice. Hind. *chēlā*, servant, disciple, Sanskrit *cheṭa*.  
**chemise**. F. *chemise*, Late L. *camisia*, prob. of Gaulish origin and ult. cogn. with Ger. *hemd*, shirt. For vulg. *shimmey* cf. *chay*, *cherry*, etc.  
**chymist**. Earlier *chymist*, F. *chimiste*, ModL. *alchimista*. See *alchemy*.  
**chenille**. F. *chenille*, lit. caterpillar (q.v.), L. *canicula*, little dog, from *canis*.  
**cheque**. Earlier *check*, as still in US. Orig. counterfoil for checking purposes.  
**chequer, checker**. Aphet. for *exchequer* (q.v.), in orig. sense of chess-board; cf. dial. *checkers*, draughts.  
**cherimoya**. Fruit. From Quichua lang. (Peru).  
**cherish**. F. *chérir*, *chériss-*, from *cher*, dear, L. *carus*.  
**cheroot**. Tamil *shurutu*, roll (of tobacco).  
**cherry**. ONF. *cherise* (Mod. *cerise*), from L. *cerasum*, G. *κεράσιον*, trad. from *Cerasus* in Pontus; but it is possible that the place was named from the tree, G. *κέρασος*, and that the latter is cogn. with G. *κέρας*, horn, from its smooth bark (cf. *hornbeam*). For loss of -s cf. *chay*, *pea*, *sherry*, etc.  
**chersonese**. G. *χερσόνησος*, peninsula, from *χέρσος*, dry, *νῆσος*, island.  
**chert**. Kind of quartz. Perh. from *sherd*, *shard*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.).  
**cherub**. Heb. *krûb* (pl. *krûbîm*).

**chervil.** Herb. AS *cærfille*, L. *chaerophyllum*, G. χαίρεφύλλον, from φύλλον, leaf, ? and χαίρε, rejoice.

**Cheshire cat.** Famed for grinning in 18 cent. (*Peter Pindar*), but reason unknown. US. has *chessy* (or *jessy*) cat.

**chesnut.** See *chestnut*.

**chess.** OF. *eschès*, pl. of *eschec* (Mod. *échec*). See *check*.

**chess-trees** [naut.]. Timber with eye through which passes clew of mainsail. Prob. from *chase*?; cf. F. *chas*, eye of needle.

**chest.** AS. *cest*, L. *cista*, G. κίστη, cf. Du. *kist*, Ger. *kiste*, ON. *kista*. Early pre-Christian loan (cf. *ark*).

**chesterfield.** Overcoat, couch. From a 19 cent *Earl of Chesterfield*.

**chestnut.** For *chesterne-nut*, ME. *ches-teine*, OF. *chastaigne* (Mod. *châtaigne*), G. καστανία, ? from *Castanus* (Pontus) or *Castanea* (Thessaly). But see remark on *cherry*. Armen. *kashem*, chestnut tree, may be the true origin. In the sense of venerable tale (US.) perh. from a spec. oft-repeated story in which a chestnut-tree is particularly mentioned.

**cheval-de-frise.** See *chevaux-de-frise*.

**cheval-glass.** F. *cheval*, horse. Cf. *chevalier*, easel (q.v.).

**chevalier.** F. *chevalier*, horseman, knight, VL. \**caballarius*, from *caballus*, horse.

**chevaux-de-frise** [fort.]. F, lit. Frisian horses, device adopted by the Netherlanders to make up for their lack of cavalry against the Spaniards.

**chevelure.** Head of hair. F. *chevelure*, L. *capillatura*, from *capillus*, hair.

**cheveril.** Kid leather. OF. *chevreil* (Mod. *chevreau*). See *chevrette*.

**chevet** [arch.]. Apse. F. *chevet*, dim. of *chef*, head, L. *caput*.

**chevin.** Chub. F. *chevin*, *chevanne*; cf. obs. E. *chavender*. Ult. from L. *capito*, big head.

**cheviot.** Cloth from wool of *Cheviot* sheep.

**chevrette.** Skin for gloves. F. *chevrette*, kid, dim. of *chèvre*, she-goat, L. *capra*.

**chevron.** Orig. rafter (Λ). F. *chevron*, VL. \**capro-n-*, from *caper*, goat. See *caber*.

**chevrotain, chevrotin.** Small musk-deer (S.E. Asia). F. *chevrotin*, double dim of *chèvre*, she-goat, L. *capra*.

**chevy, chivy.** To pursue. From hunting-cry *chivy*, from ballad of *Chevy*

*Chase*, on battle of Otterburn (1388). For *Cheviot Chase*.

**chew.** AS. *cēowan*; cf. Du. *kauwen*, Ger. *kauen*.

**chianti.** Wine. From district in Tuscany.

**chiaroscuro.** It. *chiaro*, light, L. *clarus*, *oscurus*, dark, L. *obscurus*.

**chiasmus.** G. χιασμός, crossing, lit. making shape of letter χ.

**chiaux.** See *chouse*.

**chibouk, chibouque.** Long pipe. Turk. *chibūk*, stick, pipe-stem.

**chic.** F. *chic*, Ger. *schick*, found early (14 cent.) in LG., from *schicken*, to send, in secondary sense of arranging appropriately, etc.

**chicanery.** F. *chicanerie*, from *chicane*. The latter word was applied in Languedoc to a form of golf. It is from MedG. τζικανίτζεω, to play polo, from Pers. *chaugān*, a crooked stick. ? Current sense via that of disputing points in games.

**chicha.** Fermented drink from maize. From native lang. of Hayti.

**chick<sup>1</sup>.** Bird. Shortened from *chicken* (q.v.).

**chick<sup>2</sup>** [Anglo-Ind.]. Cane blind. Hind. *chik*, perh. a Mongol word.

**chick<sup>3</sup>** [Anglo-Ind.]. Short for *chicken*. See *chicken-hazard*.

**chickabiddy.** From *chick<sup>1</sup>* and *biddy*, obs. child's name for bird (? *birdy*).

**chicken.** AS. *cicen*; cf. Du. *kicken*, *kunken*, Ger. *kuchlein*, ON. *kjūklíngir*; ult. cogn. with *cock<sup>1</sup>*.

**chicken-hazard.** For *chicken*, Anglo-Ind. form of *sequin*, for five rupees.

**chick-pea.** Earlier *ciche pease*, F. *pois ciche* (earlier *ciche*), L. *cicer*, pea.

**chickweed.** For earlier *chicken-weed*.

**chicory.** F. *chicorée*, L. *cichoreum*, from G. κίχopa (neut. pl.), endive, succory (q.v.).

**chide.** AS. *cīdan*, with no known cognates.

**chief.** F. *chef*, L. *caput*, head. Cf. *chieftain*, OF. *chevetain*, ident. with *captain*.

**chiff-chaff.** Bird. Imit. of note.

**chiffer-chaffer.** Redupl. on *chaffer*.

**chiffon.** F., lit. rag, dim. of F. *chiffe*, OF. also *chipe*, cf. LG. origin. Hence *chiffonnier*, orig. with drawers for putting away sewing materials, etc.

**chignon.** F. *chignon*, OF. *eschignon*, nape of the neck, from *eschine* (Mod. *échine*), backbone (see *chine<sup>2</sup>*), confused with F. *chaînon*, dim. of *chaîne*, also used of the nape of the neck.

**chigoe.** WInd. burrowing flea, jigger<sup>2</sup> (q.v.). Prob. negro corrupt. of Sp. *chico*, small.

**chilblain.** From *chill* and *blain* (q.v.).

**child.** AS. *cild* (neut.); ? cf. Goth. *kilthei*, womb

**chil-, chilo-.** From G. *χίλιος*, thousand

**chill.** AS. *cele*, *ciele*, cold (noun), in gen sense See *cool*.

**chilli.** Capsicum pod. Sp. *chilli*, from Mex.

**Chiltern Hundreds.** Former crown manor (Oxford and Bucks), of which stewardship (a sinecure) is taken by M.P.'s as a way of resigning, an office under the crown being (since 1707) a disqualification for membership of Parliament See *hundred*.

**chime<sup>1</sup>.** Of bells. OF. *chimbe*, L. *cymbalum*, cymbal (q.v.).

**chime<sup>2</sup>, chimb.** Rim of a cask. Cf. synon. Du. *kim*, Ger. *kimme*, edge, AS. *cumbing*, joining. Also incorr. *chime*.

**chimer, chimar** [hist.]. Bishop's robe. OF. *chamarre* (Mod. *simarre*); cf. It. *zimarra*, Sp. *zamarra*. Origin unknown.

**chimera, chimaera.** Fabulous composite monster. L. *chimaera*, G. *χίμαιρα*, she-goat.

**chimney.** F. *cheminée*, Late L. *caminata*, from *caminus*, furnace, oven, G. *κάμνος*.

**chimpanzee.** Bantu (Angola) *kam-penzi*.

**chin.** AS. *cin*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *kin*, Ger. *kinn*, ON. *kinn*, cheek, Goth. *kinnus*, cheek, cogn. with G. *yénus*, lower jaw, L. *gena*, cheek.

**china.** From *China*, perh. from Ch'in or Ts'in dynasty (3 cent. B.C.). For slang *Chinee*, cf. *Portugee*, *marquee*, *burgee*, etc.

**chinch.** Bug (US.). Sp. *chinche*, L. *cimex*, *cimic*.

**chinchilla.** Small rodent (SAmer.). Sp. perh. from *chinche* (v.s.), from erron. belief that it smelt badly. Cf. OF. *cincele*, *chincele*, bug.

**chin-chin** [Anglo-Chin.]. Chin. *ts'ing-ts'ing*, please-please, also, good-bye.

**chinchona.** See *cinchona*.

**chine<sup>1</sup>.** Ravine (Hants and I. of Wight). AS. *cinu*, fissure. Cf. Du. *keen*, chap<sup>1</sup>. Now superseded by *chink<sup>1</sup>* (q.v.). Cogn. with Ger. *keim*, bud (at its opening).

**chine<sup>2</sup>.** Backbone, etc. F. *échine*, OHG. *scina* (Mod. *schiene*), splinter,

shinbone (cf. history of *spine*). See *shin*.

**chine<sup>3</sup>.** See *chime<sup>2</sup>*.

**Chinee.** See *china*.

**chink<sup>1</sup>.** Fissure. From *chine<sup>1</sup>* (q.v.). For abnormal formation cf. *Chink*.

**chink<sup>2</sup>.** Sound. Imit., cf. F. *intter*, Ger. *klüngeln*.

**Chink** [Austral, Canada & US.]. "Chinee." For formation cf. *chink<sup>1</sup>*.

**Chinook.** "Pidgin" language of Columbia and Oregon. Name of native tribe on Columbia river.

**chintz.** For *chints*, pl. of *chint*, Hind. *chint*, from Sanskrit *chitra*, variegated Cf. *cheetah*, *chit<sup>2</sup>*, and, for pl. form, *baize*.

**chip.** App. cogn. with *chap<sup>1</sup>*, *chop<sup>1</sup>*. Cf. AS. *cippian* and LG. *kippen*.

**chipmuck, chipmunk.** Squirrel (US.). The alternative name *hackee* (J. G. Wood) suggests an E. formation from *chip*.

**chippendale.** Name of cabinet-maker (†1779)

**chiro-.** Latinized form of *cheiro-* (q.v.), adopted in F. Hence *chirography*, handwriting; *chiromancy*, palmistry; *chiropodist*, from G. *πούς*, ποδ-, foot.

**chirp, chirrup.** Imit. For obs. *chirk*, *chiri* (= cheep). With later *chirrup* cf. *alarum*.

**chirurgion** [archaic]. F. *chirurgien*, from G. *χειρουργός*, surgeon (q.v.), from *χείρ*, hand, *ἔργον*, work.

**chisel.** ONF. *chisel* (Mod. *ciseau*), VL. \**csellus*, for \**caesellus* (whence It. *cesello*), from *caedere*, *caes-*, to cut. See *scissors*.

**chit<sup>1</sup>.** Brat App. var. of *kut* (*kutien*); cf. dial. *chit*, kitten, Sc. *cheet*, puss. But associated in sense with dial. *chit*, sprout.

**chit<sup>2</sup>** [Anglo-Ind.]. Document. Mahrati *chitti*, ? Sanskrit *chitra*, "black and white," ? or Sanscrit *citta*, memorandum.

**chit-chat.** Redupl. on *chat* (q.v.).

**chitin.** Substance forming integuments of insects. F. *chitine*, from G. *χιτών*, tunic.

**chiton.** Tunic. G. *χιτών*, of Semit. origin.

**chittagong.** Fowl. From *Chittagong*, Bengal.

**chitterling.** Origin obscure; ? cf. Ger. *kütteln*, chitterlings, Goth. *qithus*, belly, cogn. with LG. *qith*, intestine, Du. *kuit*, fish-roe, from a Teut. root applied to soft parts of the body.

**chivalry.** F. *chevalerie*, collect. from *chevalier* (q.v.).

**chive.** Herb. ONF. *chive* (Mod. *cive*), L. *cepa*, onion.

**chivy.** See *chevy*.

**chlamys.** Cloak. G. *χλαμύς*.

**chloral** [chem.]. Coined from *chlor(ine)* + *al(cohol)*.

**chlorine** [chem.]. From G. *χλωρός*, yellowish green.

**chlorodyne.** Artificial trade-name from *chloroform* (q.v.), and *anodyne* (q.v.).

**chloroform.** F. *chloroforme*. See *chlorine*, *formic*.

**chlorophyll.** Green colouring matter of plants. From G. *χλωρός*, green, *φύλλον*, leaf.

**chlorosis.** "Green sickness." Mod., from G. *χλωρός*, green.

**chock, chuck.** Block of wood, wedge (chiefly naut.). ONF. *choque*, *chouque* (Mod. *souche*, stump). *Chockfull*, a much older word (c. 1400), prob. comes from ME. *choke*, jaw-bone, "chops," ON. *hjalhi*, jaw-bone.

**chocolate.** Sp. *chocolate*, Mex. *chocolatl*.

**choctaw.** Name of Red Indian tribe used as fancy skating term. Cf. *mchawk*.

**choice.** OF. *chois* (Mod. *choix*), from *choisir*, OGH. *hūsjan* (Mod. *kiesen*). See *choose*.

**choir, quire.** ME. *quer*, OF. *cuer* (Mod. *chœur*), L. *chorus*, G. *χορός*, company of dancers or singers.

**choke.** Aphet. for *achoke*, AS *ācēocian*, prob. cogn. with ON. *kōk*, gullet.

**chokee.** See *chocky*.

**chokidar** [Anglo-Ind.]. Watchman. Urdu *chaukidar*, from Hind. *chaukī*, watching (v.i.), Pers. *-dar*, as in *sirdar*, etc.

**chocky, chokee** [slang]. Prison, quod. Orig. Anglo-Ind., from *chaukī*, station, watchhouse (v.s.).

**choler.** OF. *colre* (Mod. *colère*), L. *cholera*, G. *χολέρα*, bilious disorder, from *χολή*, bile.

**cholera.** In ME. ident. with *choler* (q.v.).

**choliambic** [metr.]. Variation on iambic metre. From G. *χωλός*, lame, and *ἰαμβος*.

**chondro-.** From G. *χόνδρος*, cartilage.

**choose.** AS. *cēosan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *kiesen*, Ger. *kiesen*, Goth. *kīusan*; also ON. *kör*, choice; cogn. with L. *gustare*, to taste.

**chop<sup>1</sup>.** To cut. ME. also *chap*, corresponding to Du. *kappen* (see *chap<sup>1</sup>*). Influenced by OF. *coper* (Mod. *couper*), which had a Picard var. *choper*.

**chop<sup>2</sup>** [archaic]. To barter. AS. *cēapian*. See *chap<sup>3</sup>*, *cheap*. Survives in to *chop* and *change*.

**chop<sup>3</sup>.** Jaw, etc., e.g. *chops* of the Channel. See *chap<sup>2</sup>*.

**chop<sup>4</sup>.** As in *first-chop*. Hind. *chhāp*, seal, impression, stamp.

**chop<sup>5</sup>** [W Afr.]. Food; to eat? Suggested by *chop-sticks*, ? or from obs. *chop*, to devour, from *chop<sup>3</sup>*.

**chopsticks.** Sailors' rendering of Chin. *k'waitsz*, nimble ones, *chop-chop* being "pidgm" for quick.

**choragus.** Master of musical praxis (Oxf.). L. *choragus*, G. *χορηγός*, from *χορός*, chorus, *ἄγω*, to lead.

**chord<sup>1</sup>.** String of instrument, or of arc. Restored spelling (G. *χορδή*) of *cord* (q.v.).

**chord<sup>2</sup>.** Combination of notes. For obs. *cord*, aphet. for *accord* (q.v.).

**chore** [US.]. See *char<sup>1</sup>*.

**chorea** [med.]. St. Vitus' Dance, *chorea Sancti Viti*. G. *χόρεα*, dance (see *chorus*).

**choreo-.** See *choir*, *chorus*.

**choriambus** [metr.]. G., from *χορεῖος*, belonging to dancing, *ἱαμβος*, iambus.

**chorister.** Altered from ME. *querister*, AF. *cueristre*, *cueriste*, MedL. *chorista*. Cf. *choir*.

**chorography.** From G. *χώρα*, land.

**chortle.** Coined by Lewis Carroll (*Through the Looking-Glass*).

**chorus.** See *choir*.

**chouan** [hist.]. Irregular fighter in West of France on behalf of Bourbons (c. 1793 and 1832). F., screech-owl (by folk-etym. *chat huant*), cry of which was used as signal, Late L. *cavannus*, prob. imit. of cry.

**chough.** Now esp. red-legged crow, Cornish *chough*. Cf. Du. *kauw*, Dan. *kaa*, OHG. *chāha*, etc.; also ME. *co*, *coo*, jackdaw. Prob. imit. of cry. Cf. also F. *choucas*, jackdaw, and see *chouan*.

**chouse.** Orig. swindler. Earlier (17 cent.) *chiaus*, Turk. *chāush* (cf. Pers. *chāwush*), messenger. Used several times by Ben Jonson with the implied meaning of swindler (cf. *cozen*).

**chow** [Austral.]. Chinaman; dog of Chinese breed. App. from "pidgm" word for food. See *chow-chow*.

**chow-chow** [pidgm.]. Mixed pickles or preserves.

**chowder** [Canada & US.]. Stew including fish or clams. F. *chaudière*, cauldron (q.v.).

**chowry** [*Anglo-Ind.*]. Fly-whisk. Hind. *chaunri*.

**chromatic**. G. *χρηματιστικός*, from *χρῆμα*, money, lit. the "needful."

**chrestomathy**. G. *χρηστομάθεια*, from *χρηστός*, useful, -*μαθεια*, learning.

**chrisom, chrisom**. Consecrated oil. ME. *crisme*, *crisum*, *creme*, etc., AS. *crisma*, L. *chrisma*, G. *χρίσμα*, anointing, from *χρίω*, to anoint. Hence OF. *crésme* (Mod. *crème*); see *cream*.

**Christ**. L. *Christus*, G. *Χριστός*, anointed (v.s.), translating *Messiah* (q.v.) Hence *christen*, AS. *cristenian*, and *Christian*, restored spelling for earlier *cristen* (cf. *christendom*).

**christadelphian**. Sect founded (1847) in US. From G. *Χριστός*, Christ, *ἀδελφός*, brother.

**christ-cross-row, criss-** [*archaic*]. Child's hornbook with cross preceding alphabet

**Christmas**. AS. *Crīstmæsse* (see *mass*<sup>1</sup>).

**Christy minstrels**. Original troupe of "negro" entertainers, organized (c. 1860) by *George Christy* of New York.

**chromatic**. G. *χρωματικός*, from *χρῶμα*, colour

**chrome**. F. *chrome*, G. *χρῶμα*, colour, cogn. with *χρῶς*, skin.

**chronic**. G. *χρονικός*, from *χρόνος*, time.

**chronicle**. ME. also *cronique*, F. *chronique*, Late L. *chronica*, G. *χρονικά*, annals, from *χρόνος*, time. For ending cf. *participle*, *principle*.

**chrono-**. From G. *χρόνος*, time.

**chrys-**, **chryso-**. From G. *χρυσός*, gold.

**chrysalis**. G. *χρυσαλλίς*, from *χρυσός*, gold, owing to usual colour. Cf. *aurelia*.

**chrysanthemum**. G. *χρυσάνθεμον*, lit. gold flower, *άνθεμον*.

**chryselephantine**. Of gold and ivory. See *elephant*

**chrysolite**. G. *χρυσόλιθος*, from *λίθος*, stone.

**chrysoprase**. G. *χρυσόπρασος*, from *πράσον*, leek; from colour.

**chub**. Fish. Also, dial., block of wood, dolt. Origin obscure; ? cf. Norw. *hubble*, log, *hudden*, stumpy. Hence *chubby*.

**chubb**. Lock. From *Charles Chubb*, locksmith (†1845).

**chubby**. See *chub*.

**chuck**<sup>1</sup>. Call to fowls. Imit. and partly suggested by *chick*<sup>1</sup>.

**chuck**<sup>2</sup>. To throw. Earlier *chock*, F. *choquer*, to shock, of doubtful origin. Earliest E. sense is connected with chin.

**chuck**<sup>3</sup> [*dial.*]. Lump of wood. See *chock*

**chuckle**. Imit., cf. *cackle*.

**chuckle-head**. From *chuck*<sup>3</sup>. Cf. *block-head*.

**chukker** [*polo*]. Hind. *chakkar*, circle, period, revolution, Sanskrit *chakra*.

**chum**. Clipped form of *chamber-fellow*. It is recorded for 1684 and explained thus c. 1690. This was the age of clipped words (*mob*, *cit*, etc.) and the vowel change is like that of *comrade* (q.v.), *bungalow*, *pundit*, etc.

**chump**. Log, thick end, vulg. head. Of mod. formation, perh. suggested by *chunk*, *lump*<sup>1</sup>.

**chunk**. Chiefly US. App. var. of *chuck*<sup>3</sup>. Cf. also dial. senses of *junk*<sup>1</sup>.

**chupatty** [*hist.*, 1857]. Hind. *chapātī*, unleavened cake.

**church**. AS. *cirice*, G. *κυριακόν* (sc. *dōma*), from *κύριος*, lord; cf. Du. *kerk*, Ger. *kirche*, ON. *kirkja*, early loan-words. See also *kirk*.

**churl**. AS. *ceorl*, man, husband; later, countryman, peasant, etc. WGer.; cf. Du. *kerel*, Ger. *kerl*, fellow.

**churn**. AS. *cyrin*. Com. Tent.; cf. Du. *karn*, Ger. dial. *kirn*, ON. *kirna*. From a Teut. root meaning cream (cf. Ger. dial. *kern*, cream).

**chute**. Fall, esp. of water. F. *chute*, VL. \**cadula*, from \**cadere*, to fall (for *cadere*). Confused with *shooft*<sup>1</sup>.

**chutney**. Hind. *chatni*.

**chyle, chyme** [*physiol.*]. G. *χυλός*, *χυμός*, juice, from *χεῖν*, to pour.

**chymist** [*archaic*]. See *chemist*.

**ciborium**. MedL. *ciborium*, G. *κυβώριον*, cup-shaped seed-vessel, cup.

**cicada, cicala**. Insect. L. *cicada*. With second form, from It., cf. F. *cigale*, from Prov.

**cicatrice**. F. *cicatrice*, L. *cicatrix*, -*trix*, scar.

**cicerone**. It. *cicerone*, lit. Cicero, L. *Cicero-n-*.

**Cicestr**. Signature of bishop of *Chichester*. Cf. *Cestr*.

**cicisbeo**. Recognized gallant of married lady. It., of unknown origin.

**Cid**. Sp. *id*, hero, Arab. *ṣayyid*, lord, title given by the Arabs of Spain to the champion of Christianity, Ruy Diaz, Count of Bivar (11 cent.).

**-cide**. As in *homicide*, *regicide*. F. -*cide*, L. -*cidium*, of act, -*cida*, of agent, from *caedere*, to kill.

**cider**. F. *cidre*, MedL. *sicera*, G. *οἶκερα*, for Heb. *shēhār*, strong drink.

**ci-devant** [*hist.*]. Nickname (French

Revolution) for former nobles. F. *ci-devant*, heretofore, formerly, as in *le citoyen Blanc*, *ci-devant marquis de ....* *Ci* is for *ici*, VL. *ecce-hic*; *devant* is VL. *de-ab-ante*.

**cieling.** See *ceiling*.

**cerge.** F. *cerge*, wax candle, L. *cereus*, waxen, from *cera*, wax.

**cigar.** Sp. *cigarro*, of unknown origin. *Cigarette* is F.

**ciliary.** From L. *cilium*, eyelash.

**cilice** [archaic]. Hair-shirt. F. *cilice*, L. *culicium*, G. *κλικιον*, cloth made from *Cilician* goat's hair.

**Cimmerian.** From G. *Κιμμέριοι*, a people fabled to live in perpetual darkness (*Odyssey*, xi.).

**cinch** [U.S.]. Sp. *cincha*, girth, from L. *cingulum*.

**cinchona.** Peruvian bark. Named from the Countess of Chinchon (in Castile) who introduced it from Peru (1760).

**Cincinnatus.** Roman general, called from the plough to Dictatorship (458 B.C.), when Rome was threatened by the Aequians.

**cincture.** L. *cinctura*, from *cingere*, *cinct-*, to gird.

**cinder.** AS. *sinder*, dross, slag; cf. Ger. *sinter*, ON. *sindr*. Later associated with, and affected in sense by, F. *cendre*, L. *cims*, *ciner-*, ash.

**Cinderella.** Adapted from F. *cendrillon*, from *cendre* (v.s.); cf. Ger. *Aschenbrödel*, -puttel, etc.

**cinematograph.** F. *cinématographe*, from G. *κίνημα*, motion, from *κινέιν*, to move.

**ciner-.** From L. *cinis*, *ciner-*, ashes.

**cinet.** Mod. var. of *sennit* (q.v.).

**Cingalese, Singhalese, Sinhalese.** Sanskrit *siṅhālās*, people of Ceylon (*Siṅhālam*).

**cinnabar** [chem.]. G. *κιννάβαρι*, of Oriental origin; cf. Pers. *zanyfrāh*.

**cinnamon.** G. *κιννάμωμον*, Heb. *qin-nāmōn*.

**cinquecentist.** It. artist of 16 cent. (*mil cinque cento*).

**Cinque Ports.** Orig. (12 cent.) Hastings, Sandwich, Dover, Romney, Hythe. F. *cing*, L. *quinque*, five (see *quinary*) Cf. *cinquefoil* (bot. & her.).

**cipher, cypher.** Arab. *sifr*, nil, lit. empty, rendering Sanskrit *śūnya*, empty. The word penetrated into Europe with the Arab notation (cf. F. *chiffre*, It. *cifra*, Sp. Port. *cifra*, Du. *cijfer*, Ger. *ziffer*).

**cipolin.** Marble. It. *cipollino*, from

*capolla*, onion, from its foliated formation. See *chive*.

**Circe.** G. *Κίρκη*, myth. enchantress (*Odyssey*) whose cup changed those who drank into swine.

**circle.** AS. *circul* and F. *cercle*, L. *circulus*, dim. of *circus* (q.v.).

**circuit.** F. *circuit*, L. *circuitus*, going round, from *circum* and *ire*, to go.

**circular, circulation.** See *circle*.

**circum-.** L., around, from *circus*, circle.

**circumbendibus.** Humorous formation (17 cent.)

**circumcise.** From L. *circumcidere*, -*cis-*, from *cadere*, to cut.

**circumference.** F. *circonférence*, L. *circumferentia*, neut. pl. of *circumferens*, bearing round, transl. of G. *περιφέρεια*, periphery.

**circumflex.** Lit. bent round.

**circumjacent.** Cf. *adjacent*.

**circumlocution.** L. *circumlocutio-n-*, translating G. *περίφρασις*, talking round.

**circumscribe.** L. *circumscribere*, to write (draw lines) round.

**circumspect.** L. *circumspectus*, p.p. of *circumspicere*, to look round.

**circumstance.** F. *circonstance*, L. *circumstantia*, neut. pl. of *circumstans*, pres. part. of *circumstare*, to stand round.

**circumvallation** [fort.]. From L. *circumvallare*, to wall round, from *vallum*, wall (q.v.).

**circumvent.** From p.p. of L. *circumvenire*, to come round.

**circumvolution.** L. *circumvolutio-n-*, from *volvere*, *volut-*, to roll.

**circus.** L. *circus*, G. *κίρκος*, κίρκος, ring, circle.

**cirrhosis** [med.]. Disease of the liver. From G. *κίρρως*, tawny.

**circus.** L., curl, fringe, applied to form of cloud. Hence scient. terms in *cirri-*, *cirro-*.

**cis-.** L., on this side of. With *cis-* pontine cf. *transpontine*, with *cis-* montane cf. *ultramontane*.

**cissoid** [math.]. Curve. G. *κισσοειδής*, ivy-like, from *κισσός*, ivy.

**cist** [antiq.]. L. *cista*, box, G. *κίστη* (see *chest*). See also *kistvaen*.

**Cistercian.** F. *Cisterciens*, order founded at *Cîteaux* (L. *Cistercium*) near Dijon. Cf. *Carthusian*.

**cistern.** L. *cisterna*, from *cista*, chest.

**cistus.** Shrub G. *κίστος*, κίσθος.

**cit** [archaic]. Clipped form (17 cent.) of *citizen*. Cf. *mob<sup>1</sup>*.



**citadel.** F. *citadelle*, It. *citadella*, dim. of *citade* (*città*), city (q.v.).

**cite.** F. *citer*, L. *citare*, frequent. of *ciere*, *cit-*, to set in motion.

**cither, cithern.** F. *cithare*, L. *cithara*, G. *κithāra*. Cf. *guitar*, *zither*.

**citizen.** AF. *citeizen* from OF. *citeain* (Mod. *citoyen*), altered on *denizen* (q.v.). See *city*.

**citole** [archaic]. OF. *citole*, Prov. *citola*, dim. from L. *cithara*, *cither* (q.v.).

**citra-** L., on this side; cogn. with *cis-*.

**citric.** From *citron*

**citron.** F. *citron*, lemon, It. *citrone*, from L. *citrus*, citron-tree, prob. of Oriental origin and cogn. with *cedar*. Hence chem. terms in *citr-*, *citro-*.

**citern.** See *cithern*.

**city.** F. *cié*, L. *civitas*, *civitat-*, from *civis*, citizen.

**cive.** See *chive*

**civet.** Cat. F. *civette*, It. *zibetto*, Arab. *zabād*.

**civic.** L. *civicus*, of a citizen (v.i.)

**civil.** F. *civil*, L. *civilis*, from *civis*, citizen, ult. cogn. with AS. *hiwan* (pl.), household.

**civism.** F. *civisme* (v.s.), a Revolution word.

**civvies** [mil. slang]. Mufti. Perh. suggested by similar sense of F. and Ger. *civil*.

**clachan** [Sc.] Gael, village, burial place, app. from *clach*, stone

**clack.** Imit. Cf. F. *claque*, Du. *klak*.

**clad.** AS. *clāthod*, p.p. of *clāthan*, to clothe; or cogn. ON. *klæddr*.

**claim.** Tonic stem of OF. *clamer*, L. *clamare*, to shout

**clairvoyant.** F., seeing clearly.

**clam.** Bivalve. Earlier *clamshell*, from archaic *clam*, bond, clutch, AS. *clamm*, grasp, bond. Cf. *clem*, *clamp*<sup>1</sup>.

**clamant.** From pres. part. of L. *clamare*, to shout.

**clamber.** Ger. *sich klammern*, in similar sense, from *klammer*, hook, etc., points to *clam*, *clamp*<sup>1</sup>. Associated with *climb*.

**clamjamphrie** [Sc.]. Heterogeneous collection, rabble. By Scott and Galt spelt *clan-*, as though a derisive parody of *Clan Chattan*, etc.

**clammy.** Earliest *claymy*. Cf. dial. *clam*, *cleam*, to smear, daub, AS. *clāman*, from *clām*, mud, cloam. Prob. associated also in meaning with *clamy* (q.v.), with which it may be etym. ident. (clinging idea). Cf. Du. *klam*, "tenax, humidus, lentus, viscosus, ang. *klammy*" (Kil.).

**clamour.** F. *clameur*, L. *clamor-em*. See *clam*.

**clamp**<sup>1</sup>. Fastening. Du. *klamp*, cogn. with Ger. *klammer* and Ger. dial. *klampfe*. See *clam*, *clammy*.

**clamp**<sup>2</sup> [dial.]. Heap, esp. rick (Ir.) Cf. Du. *klamp*, heap; not connected with *clamp*<sup>1</sup>. ? Cf. *clump*.

**clan.** Gael. *clann*. Prob. from L. *planta*, in sense of *stirps*, stock; cf. Welsh *plant*, OIr. *cland*, the latter revived in *Clan-na-Gael* (pol.).

**clandestine.** L. *clandestinus*, from *clam*, secretly, cogn. with *celare*, to hide.

**clang.** L. *clangere*, to resound. Imit., cf. G. *klänge*.

**clank.** Imit., cf. Du. *klank*.

**clap**<sup>1</sup>. Imit. of sharp sound; cf. Du. Ger. *klappen*, ON. *klappa*; also AS. *clæppan*, to throb

**clap**<sup>2</sup> [med.]. Shortened from OF. *clapoir*, perh. from *clapier*, brothel.

**clapboard.** Cf. Ger. *klapholz*, from *klappen*, to fit together.

**clapperclaw.** Here *clapper* may have sense of hand (cf. *smeller*, *peeper*, etc.).

**claque.** F., organized applause at theatre, from *claquer*, to clap, of imit. origin.

**clarence** [archaic]. Four-wheeled cab. From *Duke of Clarence*, afterwards William IV.

**Clarenceux King-of-Arms** [her.]. From Dukedom of *Clarence*, ult. from *Clare* (Suff.).

**clarendon** [typ.]. Named by 19 cent. printer, ? from *Clarendon Press* (Oxf.).

**claret.** OF. *vin claret* (Mod. *claret*). See *clear*.

**clarify.** F. *clarifier*, L. *clarificare*, to make clear (v.i.).

**clarion.** Late L. *clarion-n*, from *clarus*, clear.

**clarity.** L. *claritas*, from *clarus*, clear.

**clary.** Herb. Cf. MedL. *sclarea*, F. *sclarée*. Earlier is AS. *slarige*. Origin unknown.

**clash.** Imit., cf. *clack*, *splash*, etc., also Du. *klessen*, earlier *kletsen*.

**clasp.** First as noun, earlier also *clapse*. Prob. imit. of sound; cf. Ger. *schmalte*, clasp, buckle, from *schmalen*, to snap.

**class.** F. *classe*, L. *classis*, one of the six divisions of the Roman people, G. *κλησις*, from *καλεῖν*, to call, summon. Hence *classical*.

**clatter.** Cf. AS. *clatrun*, noise. Imit., cf. Du. *klateren*, Ger. dial. *klattern*.

**Claude Lorraine glass.** For viewing landscape. From *Claude of Lorraine*, F. painter (†1682).

- clause.** F. *clause*, L. *clausa*, used in MedL. for *clausula*, end of a period, from *claudere*, *claus-*, to close.
- claustral.** Of the cloister (q.v.). Cf. *claustrophobia*, morbid fear of being shut in.
- clavate** [*biol.*]. Club-shaped, from L. *clava*, club.
- clavecin** [*mus.*]. F. *clavecin*, harpsichord, MedL. *clavicymbalum*, key cymbal.
- clavi-**. From L. *clavis*, key, or *clava*, club.
- clavichord** [*archaic*]. Rudimentary piano. MedL. *clavichordium*, key string.
- clavicle.** L. *clavicula*, collar-bone, lit. little key, *clavis*, cogn. with *claudere*, to shut.
- clavier** [*mus.*]. Key-board. F. *clavier*, from L. *clavis*, key. Hence Ger. *klavier*, piano.
- claw.** AS. *clawu*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *klawu*, Ger. *klau*, ON. *klǫ*.
- clay.** AS. *clæg*; cf. Du. *klei*, Ger. *klei* (from LG.), Dan. *klæg*, Norw. dial. *kli*; cogn. with G. *gla*, *gloia*, glue, L. *glus*.
- claymore.** Gael. *claidheamh*, sword, *mòr*, great (see *glave*).
- clean.** AS. *clæne*. Com Teut.; cf. Du. *klein*, ON. *kleinn*, all meaning small; but orig. Teut. sense, surviving in E., appears also in Ger. *kleinod*, jewel.
- cleanse.** AS. *clænsian* (v.s.); cf. Du. *kleinzen*, to filter.
- clear.** ME. *clere*, OF. *cler* (Mod. *clair*), L. *clarus*.
- cleat** [*chiefly naut.*]. Wedge, block. AS. \**clēat*. WGer.; cf. Du. *klout*, Ger. *kloss*; cogn. with *clod*, *clot*.
- cleave**<sup>1</sup>. To split. AS. *clēofan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *klieven*, Ger. *klieben*, ON. *kljūfa*; cogn. with L. *glubere*, to flay, G. *glüpfen*, to hollow out.
- cleave**<sup>2</sup>. To adhere. AS. *clīfian*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *kleven*, Ger. *kleben*, ON. *klīfa*, to clamber. With *cleavers*, goose-grass, cf. Ger. *klēbe-kraut*.
- cleek** [*Sc.*]. Orig. hook, from obs. verb *cleek*, to clutch, ? cogn. with *clutch*<sup>1</sup>.
- clef** [*mus.*]. F. *clef*, L. *clavis*, key.
- cleft.** ME. *clift*, from *cleave*<sup>1</sup>. Cf. Du. *kluft*. See *kloof*.
- cleisto-**. From G. *κλειστός*, closed.
- clēm** [*dial.*]. To endure privations, orig. to pinch with hunger. Cf. Du. *klemmen*, to pinch. See *clam*<sup>1</sup>.
- clematis.** G. *κληματίς*, from *κλήμα*, vine-branch.
- clement.** L. *clemens*, *clement-*, cogn. with *-clinare*, to lean.
- clementine.** Edition of Vulg. due to Pope Clement V (1309-14).
- clench, clinch.** AS. *-clencan*, in *beclencan*, to make to "cling." Cf. Du. *klínk*, latch, rivet, Ger. *klínke*, latch. See also *clinch*, *clínker-built*, and *cling*.
- clepsydra.** Water-clock. G. *κλεψύδρα*, from *κλέπτειν*, to steal, *ὕδωρ*, water.
- clerestory** [*arch.*]. App. *clear story* (see *story*<sup>2</sup>).
- clergy.** F. *clergé*, Church L. *clericatus*, from *clericus* (see *clerk*).
- clerical.** See *clerk*.
- clerk.** AS. *cleric*, *clerc*, and F. *clerc*, L. *clericus*, G. *κληρικός*, from *κλήρος*, allotment, heritage, used in 2 cent of the sacerdotal order. Current sense from priestly accomplishment of reading and writing.
- clough** [*dial.*]. Sc. form of *clough* (q.v.).
- cleve** [*dial.*]. Var of *cliff*.
- clever.** ME *cliver*, of manual dexterity; cf. EFris. *clīfer*, Dan. dial. *klever*; ? cogn. with ME. *cliver*, claw (cf. *nimble*, *handy*).
- clew, clue.** AS *clīwen*, *cleowen*, ball of thread. WGer.; cf. Du. *kluwen*, Ger. *knäuel*, the latter by dissim. from MHG. *kluwel*, dim. of OHG *kluwun*, cogn. with L. *glomus*. Mod. sense, usu. *clue*, from legend of Theseus and the Cretan Labyrinth.
- cliché.** Orig. stereotype. From p.p. of *clicher*, to "click," from sound made in process.
- click.** Imit., representing a thinner sound than *clack*.
- client.** F. *client*, L. *cliens*, *clienti-*, earlier *cliens*, pres. part. of *cliuere*, to listen to, G. *κλύειν*, to hear. Orig. a dependent.
- cliff.** AS. *clif*; cf. Du. *klīp*, Ger. *klippe* (from LG.), ON. *klif*.
- climacteric.** Critical period. From G. *κλιμακτήριον*, rung of a ladder. See *climax*.
- climate.** F. *climat*, G. *κλίμα*, *κλιματ-*, slope (from the equator to the poles).
- climax.** G. *κλίμαξ*, ladder.
- climb.** AS. *climbān*. WGer.; cf. Du. *ger. klimmen*; cogn. with *cleave*<sup>2</sup> (cf. ON. *klīfa*, ME. *cliven*, to climb, and see *clamber*).
- clime.** See *climate*.
- clinch.** See *clench*. *Clinch* has a northern form *clínk*. Hence *clíncher*, *clínker-built*, of boats.
- cling.** AS. *clingan*, of which *clench*,

*clinch* is the causal. Orig. to adhere together in a stiff mass; cf. *synon.* Norw. *klænge* and ON. *klengjask* (reflex., cf. *bask*), to pick a quarrel, lit. to fasten (oneself) on.

**clinic.** G. *κλινικός*, from *κλίνη*, a bed, from *κλίνεω*, to make to lean.

**clink<sup>1</sup>.** Sound. Imit. of a thinner sound than *clang*, *clank*. Cf. Du. *klinken*, Ger. *klingen*.

**clink<sup>2</sup>** [*slang & mil.*]. Orig. prison at Southwark. Prob. related to *clench*, *clinch*; cf. Du. *klink*, door-latch.

**clinker.** Orig. hard brick; hence, hard mass, slag. Du. *klinker*, earlier *klinkaerd*, from *klinken*, to clunk.

**clinker-built.** See *clinch*.

**clinometer.** Math. instrument. From G. *κλίω*, sloping (see *climic*).

**clip<sup>1</sup>.** To shear. ON. *klippa*, whence also Dan. *klippe*, Sw. *klippa*; cf. LG. *klippen*. Prob. imit. and representing a thinner sound than *clap* (cf. *snip*, *snap*).

**clip<sup>2</sup>** [*archaic*]. To embrace, clutch. AS. *clýppan*; cf. ON. *klýpa*, to pinch, OFris. *kleppa*, to embrace. Hence noun *clip* in mech. senses.

**clipper.** Fast sailing-ship. From *clip<sup>1</sup>* (? cf. *cutler*).

**clique.** F., set of backers, from *cliquer*, to make a noise, cf. *claque*.

**clitell-.** [*zool.*]. From L. *clitellae*, pack-saddle.

**clitoris** [*anat.*]. G. *κλειτορίς*, from *κλειν*, to sheathe.

**cloaca.** L., sewer, for *clouaca*, from *cluere*, to cleanse.

**cloak.** Earlier *cloke*. ONF. *cloque* (Mod. *cloche*), from its "bell" shape (see *clock*).

**clom** [*dial.*]. Earthenware. AS. *clām*, mud, clay. Cf. *clammy*.

**clock.** ONF. *cloque* (Mod. *cloche*, bell), Late L. *clocca*; cf. AS. *cluega*, Du. *klok*, Ger. *glocke*, bell; also Ir. *clog*, Gael. *clag*, Welsh *cloch*. Orig. bell. Hence *clock* of a stocking, from bell-shape.

**clod, clot.** *Synon.* up to 18 cent. AS. *clod-* (only in compds). WGer.; cf. Du. *kloot*, Ger. *kloot*, *clod*.

**clog.** Orig. log of wood. Associated in later senses with dial. *clag*, to be daub, make sticky. Origin unknown.

**cloisonné.** F. *cloisonné*, from *cloison*, partition, VL. \**clausio-n-*, from *claudere*, *claus-*, to close.

**cloister.** OF. *cloistre* (Mod. *cloître*), VL. \**claustrum*, from *claudere*, *claus-*, to close.

**Cloutie** [Sc.]. Satan. From dial. *cloot*, cloven hoof, from ON. *klō*, claw.

**close.** Noun and adj. F. *clos*, p.p. of archaic *clore*, to close, L. *claudere*. Verb from *clos-*, stem of *clore*.

**closet.** OF., dim. of *clos* (v.s.).

**closure.** F. *closure*, L. *clausura*, from *claudere*, *claus-*, to close.

**clot.** See *clod*.

**cloth.** AS. *clāth*. WGer.; cf. Du. *kleeed*, Ger. *klerd*, garment.

**clōture** [*hist.*]. F., earlier used in H. of C. for *closure* (q.v.).

**cloud.** AS. *clūd*, rock, mass, cogn. with *clod*, and assuming sense of mass of cloud, *cumulus*.

**clough** [*dial.*]. AS. *clōh* (in place-names); cf. OHG. *clāh*, Sc. *cleugh*.

**clout.** Piece, patch. AS. *clūt*; cf. ON. *klutr*; cogn. with *clod*, *clot*. For sense of blow, cf. *clump*.

**clove<sup>1</sup>.** Of garlic, etc. AS. *clufu*, cogn. with *cleave<sup>1</sup>*. Cf. Ger. *knoblauch*, by dissim. from MHG. *klobelouch*, corresponding to ME. *clove-leek*.

**clove<sup>2</sup>.** Spice, flower. ME. *clou* (later influenced by *clove<sup>1</sup>*), F. *clou* (*de girofle*), from shape of bud, L. *clavus*, nail.

**clove<sup>3</sup>.** Obs. weight. F. *clou*, L. *clavus*, nail, MedL. *clavus lanae* (Duc.). Cf. *clove<sup>2</sup>*.

**clove-hitch** [*naut.*]. From *cleave<sup>1</sup>*.

**clover.** AS. *clāfre*, *clāfre*; cf. Du. *klaver*, LG. *klever*; also Sw. *klofwer*, Norw. Dan. *klover* (these from LG.). Prob. an old compd. of which first element appears in Ger. *klee*.

**clown.** Related to several Scand. dial. and LG. words meaning log, lump, and hence lout, boorish fellow. Cf. fig. use of *clod*, *bumpkin*. Immediate source may be Du. *kloen*, for *kluwen*, clow, fig. "hoydon" (Sewel).

**cloy.** For obs. *acclroy*, from F. *enclouier* (from *clou*, nail), to prick a horse's hoof in shoeing, to spike a gun. Mod. meaning is supposed to have developed from the gen. idea of clogging, stopping.

**club.** ON. *klúbba*, for *klumba*, clump; cf. ON. *klumbu-*, *klubbu-fótr*, club-foot. The *club* at cards translates Sp. *basto* or It. *bastione*, but we have adopted the F. pattern, *trèfle*, trefoil (cf. *spade<sup>2</sup>*). For sense of assembly cf. *clump* of trees, spectators, *knot* of lookers-on, etc.; but the identity of the two words is doubtful.

**cluck.** Earlier *clock*, AS. *cloccian*. Imit., cf. Ger. *glucken*, F. *glousser*.

**clue.** See *clew*.

**clumber.** Spaniel. From *Clumber*, Duke of Newcastle's estate (Notts).

**clump.** Du. *klomp* or LG. *klump*, esp. in sense of wooden clog; cf. AS. *clympre*. See *club*. For sense of blow cf. *clout*.

**clumsy.** Earlier *clumsed*, p.p. of ME. *clumsen*, to benumb, become numb. App. AS. \**clumsian* (cf. *cleanse* from *clānsian*), from a base *clum-*, cogn. with *clam* (q.v.).

**clunch** [*arch*]. Kind of limestone. A dial. word, lump, lumpy, app. related to *clump* (cf. *hump*, *hunch*; *lump*, *lunch*).

**Cluniac, Clunist.** Order established (11 cent.) at *Cluny* (Saône-et-Loire).

**cluster.** AS. *clyster*; prob. cogn. with *clot*, *clew*.

**clutch<sup>1</sup>.** Earlier *clitch*, AS. *clycan*, to clench, curve the fingers, cf. ME. *cloke*, claw.

**clutch<sup>2</sup>.** Of chickens, eggs, etc. Var. of dial. *cletch*, from obs. verb *cleck*, ON. *klekja*, to hatch.

**clutter.** Confused mass, etc. Var. of *clotter*, from *clot*.

**clydesdale.** Dray-horse from *vale of Clyde*.

**clypeo-** [zool.]. From L. *clypeus*, shield.

**clyster.** G κλυστήρ, from κλύζειν, to wash out

**co-** Shortened form of L. *com-*, *con-*, for *cum*, with.

**coacervation.** Heap. From L. *coacervare*, from *acervus*, heap

**coach.** F. *coche*, Ger. *kutsche*, Hung. *koszi*, from *Koszi*, place between Raab and Buda.

**coadjutor.** L., from *adjuvare*, *adjut-*, to help.

**coagulate.** From L. *coagulare*, from *agere*, to drive.

**coaita.** Monkey. Brazil.

**coal.** AS. *col*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *kool*, Ger. *kohle*, ON. *kol*.

**coalesce.** L. *coalescere*, to grow together, from incept. of *alere*, to nourish. Hence *coalition*.

**coaly** [pol. slang]. Member of *coalition*.

**coalmouse, colemouse.** Dark coloured bird. AS. *colmāse* from *coal* and second element as in *titmouse* (q.v.); cf. Ger. *kohlmeise*.

**coalport.** China. From *Coalport* (Salop).

**coaming** [naut.]. Erection round hatchway. Also *combing*. Origin unknown

**coarse.** ME. *cors*, later *course*,

metath. of AF. *cros*, as in *crospais*, (= *grampus*), F. *gros* (see *gross*<sup>1</sup>)

**coast.** OF. *coste* (Mod. *coste*), L. *costa*, rib, side. From F. sense of hill-side comes verb to *coast* (tobogganning).

**coat.** F. *cotte* (petticoat, overall); cf. It. *cotta*, Prov. Sp. Port. *cota*, MedL. *cotta*. Prob. of Teut. origin, cf. OHG.

*chozza* (Mod. *hoitze*), shaggy mantle.

**coati.** Animal of racoon tribe. Brazil, from *cua*, cincture, *tim*, nose, from appearance of snout.

**coax.** First as noun (16 cent.) *cohes*, *cox*, etc., a fool (cf. obs. *primcox*). It may be F. *cocasse*, ridiculous (cf. *hoax* from *hocus*), which occurs in E. in 1546.

**cob<sup>1</sup>.** Noun. In some senses perh. ident. with *cop*, rounded top, AS. *copp*, summit (cf. Du. *Spion Kop*). The idea of roundness appears in *cob-loaf*, and perh. in *cob* (horse), said to be orig. for horse with *cobs*, testicles. *Cob-nut* is prob. from sense of cluster.

**cob<sup>2</sup>** [slang]. To beat. Origin unknown.

**cobalt.** Ger. *kobalt*, earlier *kobold*, goblin. Named by miners because regarded as useless and harmful (cf. *nichel*, *blende*). *Kobold* is a spec. application of a common Ger. name, from OHG. *Godbold*, lit. God bold (cf. our *Cobbold*, *Godbold*), conferred in the same way as *Old Nick*, *Will o' the wisp*, etc. (see *goblin*).

**cobble<sup>1</sup>.** Stone. Dim. of *cob<sup>1</sup>*; cf. synonym. Norw. dial. *koppul*.

**cobble<sup>2</sup>.** To mend clumsily. Prob. also from *cob<sup>1</sup>*, ? doing up in rough lumps, etc. ? Hence *cobbler*, US. drunk (before 1919), as patching up the constitution.

**cobdenism.** Economic teaching of *Richard Cobden* (†1865).

**coble.** Fishing boat. Welsh *ceubal*, ferryboat, skiff, L. *caupalus*; cf. Bret. *caubal*.

**cobra.** Short for Port. *cobra de capello*, hood snake (see *culvern*). *Capello* is Port. equivalent of F. *chapeau*, Late L. *cappellum* (see *cap*).

**coburg loaf.** Introduced soon after the marriage of Queen Victoria to the Prince of *Coburg-Gotha*.

**cobweb.** ME. *coppeweb*, from *coppe*, spider, AS. *coppe*, perh. ident. with *cob<sup>1</sup>*. Cf. Du. *spinnekop*, spider.

**coca.** Shrub. Sp. *coca*, Peruv. *cuca*. Hence *cocaine*.

**coccagee.** Apple. Ir. *cac a' ghéidh*, dung of goose. From colour.

**Cocceian** [*theol.*]. Of John Cocceius (*Koch* or *Koken*), professor at Leyden (†1669).

**coccus**. Cochineal insect. G. κόκκος, grain.

**coccyx** [*anat.*]. Bone ending spine. G. κόκκυξ, cuckoo, because supposed to resemble cuckoo's bill.

**cochin-china**. Fowl. From *Cochin China*.

**cochineal**. F. *cochenille*, Sp. *cochinilla*, from L. *coccinus*, scarlet, from *cocum*, scarlet grain, from G. κόκκος, grain. The insect was at first taken to be a berry.

**cochlea**. Cavity of ear. L. *cochlea*, snail, G. κοχλίας. From shape.

**cock<sup>1</sup>**. Bird. AS. *cocc*; cf. F. *coq*, Late L. *coccus*. Prob. imit. of cry; cf. Ger. *gockelhahn*, *hahn* representing true Teut. name of the bird (see *hen*). In mech. senses (of a gun, water-tap) from fancied resemblance, cf. Ger. *hahn* in both senses.

**cock<sup>2</sup>**. Of hay. ON. *hökk*, lump, whence Norw. Dan. *køk*, heap.

**cock<sup>3</sup>**. Verb. From *cock<sup>1</sup>*, alluding to "perky" movement of cock's head.

**cockabondy** [*angling*]. Fly. Welsh *cock a bondu*, red with black trunk.

**cockade**. Earlier *cocard*, F. *cocardé*. From *coq* (see *cock<sup>1</sup>*).

**cock-a-doodle-doo**. Imit. Cf. F. *cocorico*, Ger. *kikeriki*.

**cock-a-hoop**. Prob. from the tavern-sign *Cock on the Hoop* (15 cent.) taken as symbol of sprightliness.

**Cockaigne, Cockayne** [*archaic*]. Imaginary land of ease and luxury. F. *cocagne* (OF. *quoquaigne*, 12 cent.); cf. It. *cuccagna*, "lubber-land" (Flor.), Sp. *cucaña*. Usu. supposed to mean "cake land," MedL. *Cocania* being modelled, on *Allemama*, etc., from OHG. *kuocho* (Mod. *kuchen*), cake.

**cockaleekie**. See *cocky-leeky*.

**cockalorum**. From *cock<sup>1</sup>*. Cf. archaic Du. *cockeloeren*, to crow like a cock.

**cock-and-pie** [*archaic*]. Oath. *Cock*, euph. for *God*, *pie<sup>1</sup>* (q.v.), the ordinal of the Cath Church.

**cockatoo**. Du. *kakketoe*, Malay *kakatus*. Imit. of cry.

**cockatrice**. OF. *cocatrix*, corrupted (on *cog*) from *calcatris*, Prov. *calcatriz*, It. *calcatrice*, Late L. \**calcatrix*, from *calcatric-* (recorded as *caucatrx*), from *calcare*, to tread (*calx*, heel), as transl. of G. ἰχθυόμων (see *ichneumon*).

**cockboat** [*archaic*] Oldest form (1420)

is *coh* or *cohbote*. ? Cf. OF. *coque*, vessel, in ModF. hull, ident with *coque*, shell of egg or walnut. See *cockle<sup>2</sup>*.

**cockchafer**. See *chafer*.

**cock<sup>1</sup>**. Spaniel. Trained to start wood-cock.

**cock<sup>2</sup>**. Verb. Also earlier *cockle*. Cf. archaic Du. *kokelen*, "nutrire sive fovere culina" (Kil.), with a (possibly forced) association with *kokene*, kitchen; also OF. *coquelmer*, "to dandle, cocker, pamper, a child" (Cotg.)

**Cocker, according to**. Edward Cocker, penman and arithmetician (1631-75).

**cock<sup>1</sup>**. Dim of *cock<sup>1</sup>*; cf. *pickerel*. **cocket** [*archaic*]. Seal (? or certificate) of Custom House. ? Orig. of the "score and tally" description, in which case it would be a dim. of F. *coche*, "a nock, notch, mick" (Cotg.).

**cock-eyed**. From *cock<sup>3</sup>*. **cock-horse**. Perh. *cock* is a baby attempt at the coachman's "click." Cf. synon. Ger. *hottpfers*, from driver's cry *hott*.

**cockle<sup>1</sup>**. Weed. AS. *coccol*, perh. dim. from L. *coccum* (see *cochineal*).

**cockle<sup>2</sup>**. Shell. F. *coquille*, from VL. \**cocculium*, L. *conchylium*, G. κοχύλιον, from κόγχη, whence L. *concha*, VL. *cocca*, origin of F. *coque*, shell (of egg).

**cockle<sup>3</sup>**. To pucker. F. *coquiller*, to blister (of bread), from *coquille*, shell (see *cockle<sup>2</sup>*).

**cockle<sup>4</sup>**. Porcelain stove. Du. *kachel*, Ger. *kachel(ofen)*, ult. from L. *cucabus*, earthen pot.

**cockles (of the heart)**. Perh. from L. *cochlea*, winding cavity, cogn. with *cockle<sup>2</sup>*.

**cockloft**. From *cock<sup>1</sup>*. Cf. synon Du. *haanebalken*, lit. cock-roost.

**cockney**. ME. *cokenay*. In the sense of milkop (Chauc.), later townsman, and eventually (c. 1600) Londoner, from a dial. form (OF. *-ez*) of F. *acoquiné*, made into a *coquin*, a word of unknown origin.

**cockpit**. Place for cock-fights. From *cock<sup>1</sup>*. Also (naut.) as playful name for midshipmen's quarters.

**cockroach**. Sp. *cucaracha*; cf. Port. *caroucha*, a chafer, or beetle, Creole F. *coquerache*. Origin unknown.

**cocksure**. Earlier in serious and dignified sense. Can it be for *God sure*? See *cock-and-pie*.

**cocktail** [*archaic US.*]. ? From inspiring effect.

**cocky**. From *cock<sup>1</sup>*. Also *cory*.

**cockyolly** (bird). Baby name for "dicky bird". From *cock*<sup>1</sup>.

**cocky-leeky** [Sc.]. *Cock* boiled with leeks.

**coco-**, **cocoa-**, **coker-nut**. Sp. *coco*, baby-word for ugly face, boggy-man; from marks at one end of shell.

**cocoa**. Incorr. for *cacao* (q.v.). *Cocoma* is the cotyledon of the seed (see *mb*<sup>1</sup>).

**cocoon**. F. *cocon*, ModProv. *coucoun*, from *coco*, shell. See *cockle*<sup>2</sup>.

**cocotte**. F., orig. hen, of baby formation from *cog*, cock.

**cocus**. Jamaica ebony. App. from Ger. *kohos*, *cocoa*-(nut).

**cod**<sup>1</sup>. Bag, in various archaic senses, e.g. *pease-cod* AS. *codd*; cf. ON. *koddi*, pillow, Du. *kodde*, bag; ? also Welsh *cwd*, bag, scrotum.

**cod**<sup>2</sup>. Fish. Perh. from *cod*<sup>1</sup>. It is possible that E. fishermen understood obs. Du. *bollic* (Mod. *bolle*), cod-fish, as *balloic*, testicle, *cod*<sup>1</sup>.

**cod** [mus.]. It. *coda*, lit. tail, L. *cauda*.

**coddle**. To boil gently, etc. Prob. for *caudle* (q.v.).

**code**. F. *code*, L. *codex*, earlier *caudex*, tree-trunk; hence, wooden tablet, book, manuscript.

**codeine**. Drug. From G. *κώδεια*, poppy-head.

**codex**. See *code*.

**cadger** [slang]. "A miser, one who rakes together all he can" (Todd). ? Var. of *cadger* (q.v.). ? Or ident. with dial. *cadger*, cobbler, for obs. *cozier*, from OF. *couseur*, sewer, from *coudre*, *cous*-, L. *consuere*, to sew together.

**codicil**. L. *codicillus* (usu. in pl.), dim. of *codex*. See *code*.

**codling**, **codlin**. Apple. The earlier forms *quodling*, *quadling* (16-17 cents.), *querdling*, *qwerdelyng* (15 cent.) correspond exactly with those of the surname *Codlin* (orig. *Querdelion*). Hence the origin is *cœur-de-lion*, a fancy name for an esteemed apple.

**coefficient**. From pres. part. of L. *coefficiente* (see *effect*).

**coehorn** [hist.]. Mortar. From *Coe-horn*, Du. mil. engineer (†1704).

**coeliac** [anat.]. From G. *κοιλία*, belly.

**coenobite**. Contrasted with *anchorite*. From G. *κοινόβιον*, from *κοινός*, common, *βίος*, life.

**coerce**. L. *coercere*, from *co-* and *arcere*, to restrain.

**coeval**. From L. *coaeuus*, from *co-* and *aevum*, age.

**coffee**. Turk. *qahveh*, Arab *qahwah*.

**coffer**. F. *coffre*, L. *cophinus* (see *coffin*).

**coffin**. OF. *cofin*, L. *cophinus*, G. *κόφινος*, basket.

**cog**<sup>1</sup> [hist.]. Vessel. It is uncertain whether the word is Teut. (cf. OHG. *coccho*, Du. *kogge*, ON. *kuggr*, etc.) or Rom (OF. *cogue*, *coque*, ident with *coque*, shell, hull, for which see *cock-boat*).

**cog**<sup>2</sup>. On wheel. ME *cogge*, of Scand. origin; cf. Sw. *kugge*.

**cog**<sup>3</sup>. To cheat with dice. Orig. to control their fall, or substitute false dice. ? From *cog*<sup>2</sup>, with idea of mech. device.

**cogent**. From pres. part. of L. *cogere*, to constrain, from *co-* and *agere*, to drive.

**cogitate**. From L. *cogitare*, from *co-* and *agitare*, frequent of *agere*.

**cognac**. Distilled from wine of Cognac (Charente).

**cognate**. L. *cognatus*, from *co-* and *gnatus*, old form of *natus*, born.

**cognition**. L. *cognitio*-, from *cognoscere*, *cognit*-, to know, from *co-* and *gnosere*.

**cognizance**. Half-latinized from ME. *comsaunce*, OF. *comsance*, var. of *conorsance* (Mod. *connaissance*), from *conoristre* (Mod. *connaissance*), L. *cognoscere* (v.s.).

**cognomen**. L., from *co-* and *gnomen*, var. of *nomen*.

**cognoscente**. Latinized from It. *conoscere*, from pres. part. of L. *cognoscere*.

**cognovit** [leg.]. L. *cognovit* *actonem*, he has acknowledged the action.

**cohabit**. Late L. *cohabitare*, from *habitare*, to dwell, frequent. of *habere*.

**cohere**. L. *cohaerere*, from *haerere*, *haes*-, to stick. Cf. *cohesion*.

**cohorn**. See *coehorn*.

**cohort**. L. *cohors*, *cohort*-, from *hortus*, garden, enclosure (see *yard*<sup>2</sup>).

**coif**. F. *coiffe*, Late L. *cofea*, OHG. *chuppha* (MHG. *kupfe*), from L. *cuppa*, cup, vessel. Oldest F. sense is inner part of helmet.

**coign**. Archaic spelling of *coin*, *quoin*.

**coil**<sup>1</sup>. Verb. OF. *coillare*, *coillir* (Mod. *cueillir*), L. *colligere*, to collect, gather, from *co-* and *legere*, to gather (cf. *cull*).

**coil**<sup>2</sup> [archaic]. Disturbance, fuss, etc. OF. *acueil* (Mod. *accueil*), encounter, collision. Spenser uses *accoll*, to crowd, throng. For origin of F. *accueillir* see *coil*<sup>1</sup>.

- coin.** F. *coin*, wedge (see *quoin*), corner, die for stamping, L. *cuneus*.
- coincide.** MedL. *coincidere*, to fall together. See *incident*.
- coir.** Coco-nut fibre for ropes. Malayalam *kāyar*, rope.
- coit.** See *quoin*.
- coition.** L. *coitio-n-*, from *coire*, from *co-* and *ire*, *it-*, to go.
- coke.** Perh. ident. with ME. *colk*, core.
- Coke-upon-Littleton.** Subtleties of the law. Allusion to the *Institutes of the Law of England* (1628 sqq.), based by Sir Edward Coke on the *Tenures of Sir Thomas Littleton* (15 cent.).
- coker-nut.** See *coco-nut*.
- col.** Mountain pass. F. *col*, neck, L. *collum*.
- col-.** For *com-* (L. *cum*), before *l-*.
- cola, kola.** Nut. Native WAfr. name (Sierra Leone).
- collander.** From L. *colare*, to strain; cf. MedL. *colator*, Sp. *colador*, ModProv. *couladou*. Immediate source of E. word uncertain.
- colchicum.** Meadow saffron. L. *colchicum*, G. *καλχικόν*, from *Colchis* (E. of Black Sea).
- colcothar.** Red peroxide of iron. Sp. *colcotar*, Arab. *qalqatār*, prob. from G. *χαλκανθος*, from *χαλκός*, copper, *ἄνθος*, flower.
- cold.** AS. *ceald*. Com Teut.; cf. Du. *koud*, Ger. *kalt*, ON. *kaldr*, Goth. *kalds*; cogn. with L. *gelidus*; cf. *chill*, *cool*.
- coldshort** [techn.]. Brittle (of iron in the cold state). Corrupt. of Norw. Dan. *kuldskehr* or Sw. *kallskör*, in which second element means timid.
- cole.** Cabbage. AS. *cawel*, *cāl*, L. *caulis*, cogn. with G. *καυλός*, stalk. See also *kale*, *colza*.
- colemouse.** See *coalmouse*.
- coleoptera.** Beetles. From G. *κολεός*, sheath, *πτερόν*, wing.
- colibri.** Humming-bird. F. and Sp., from Carib.
- colic.** G. *κολικός*, belonging to the *κόλον*, lower intestine.
- coliseum.** For L. *colosseum*, neut. of adj. *colosseus*, gigantic. See *colossus*.
- collaborate.** From L. *collaborare*, from *co-* and *laborare*, to work.
- collapse.** From L. *collabi*, from *co-* and *labi*, *laps-*, to slip, fall.
- collar.** AF. *coler*, F. *coller*, necklace, L. *collare*, from *collum*, neck (see *hawse*).
- collard.** Cabbage that does not heart. Said to be corrupt. of *colewort* (see *cole*).

- collate.** OF. *collater*, from L. *collatus*, p.p. of *conferre*, to bring together, confer.
- collateral.** MedL. *collateralis*, from L. *lateralis*, from *latus*, *later-*, side.
- collation.** Orig. light evening meal in monastery, after the reading aloud of *collations*, or Lives of the Fathers.
- colleague.** F. *collègue*, L. *collega*, partner in office, from *legere*, to choose (see *college*).
- collect.** From L. *colligere*, *collect-*, to gather together (see *coil*<sup>1</sup>).
- colleen.** Ir. *carlín*, girl, dim. of *carle*, wench.
- college.** F. *collège*, L. *collegium* (see *colleague*).
- collet.** Part of a ring in which stone is set. F. *collet*, dim. of *col*, neck, L. *collum*.
- collide.** L. *collidere*, from *co-* and *laedere*, to hurt. Hence *collision*.
- collie, colly.** Prob. from name *Colin* (for *Nicholas*). *Colle*, as proper name for a dog, occurs in Chauc. (B. 4573).
- collier.** From *coal*.
- colligate.** From L. *colligare*, to bind together.
- collimate.** To adjust line of sight, etc. From ghost-word *collimare*, wrong reading in some editions of Cicero for *collineare*, to bring into line. Cf. *syllabus*.
- collision.** See *collide*.
- collodion.** From G. *κολλώδης*, glue-like, from *κόλλα*, glue.
- collop.** Orig. bacon and eggs. Earliest form *coloppe*, *colhoppe* (*Piers Plowm*). First element is *coal*, second obscure. Cf. OSw. *kol-huþþaðher*, roasted on coals, Sw. *glödhoppad*, from *glöd*, glowing coal, "glede."
- colloquy.** L. *colloquium*, from *colloqui*, to speak together.
- collotype.** From G. *κόλλα*, glue.
- collusion.** L. *collusio-n-*, from *colludere*, *collus-*, to play together.
- collyrium.** Eye-wash, etc. From G. *κολλύριον*, poultice, from *κολλύρα*, roll of coarse bread.
- collywobbles.** Jocular formation? on *colic* and *wobble*.
- colocynth.** Drug. Earlier *colocynthi*, G. *κολοκυνθίς*.
- colon**<sup>1</sup>. In punctuation. G. *κῶλον*, limb, member of sentence.
- colon**<sup>2</sup> [anat.]. See *colic*.
- colonel.** F. *colonel*, It. *colonnello*, from *colonna*, column. The pronunc. is due to the old form *coronel*, which is a Sp. dissim. of the It. word.

**colonnade.** F. *colonnade*, from *colonne*, L. *columna*.

**colony.** L. *colonia*, from *colonus*, tiller, from *colere*, to till.

**colophon.** G. *κολοφών*, summit, finishing stroke.

**colophony.** Resin. From *Colophon*, town in Lydia, prob. ident. in etym. with preceding.

**colequintida.** It. for *colocynthis* (q v.).

**color-.** See *colour*.

**Colorado beetle.** From state of *Colorado* (US), named from *Rio Colorado*, coloured river (Sp.).

**colosseum.** See *coliseum*.

**colossus.** L. *colossus*, G. *κολοσσός*

**colour.** F. *couleur*, L. *color-em*, cogn. with *celare*, to hide.

**colporteur.** F, pedlar, from *colporter*, to carry (*porter*) on the neck (*col*), but this is a late substitution, due to folk-etym., for OF. *comporter*, to carry with one.

**Colquhoun skulls.** Established (1837) by Sir Patrick Colquhoun.

**colt<sup>1</sup>.** Animal. AS. *colt*, orig young ass, or camel. Origin unknown. In sense of "rope's-end" perh. for *colt's-tail*; cf. *cat* (o' mine tails).

**colt<sup>2</sup>.** Revolver. Inventor's name (1835).

**colubrine.** Of the snake, L. *coluber*.

**columbarium.** L., dove-cot, from *columba*, dove.

**Columbia.** Poet. for US. From *Columbus*. Hence *columbiad*, heavy gun in Amer. Civil War.

**columbine<sup>1</sup>.** Flower. Late L. *columbina*, from *columba*, dove.

**columbine<sup>2</sup>.** In pantomime. It. proper name *Colombina* (dove-like), mistress of Harlequin.

**column.** L. *columna*.

**colure** [astron.]. L. *colurus*, G. *κόλυρος*, from *κόλος*, docked, *οὐρά*, tail, because lower part of circle is never in view.

**colza.** F. *colza*, earlier *colzat*, Du. *koolzaad*, cole-seed.

**com-.** L, archaic form of *cum*, with, but sense is sometimes merely intens. Also *co-*, *col-*, *con-*, *cor-*.

**coma<sup>1</sup>** [med.]. G. *κῆμα*, cogn. with *κοιμᾶν*, to put to sleep (cf. *cemetery*).

**coma<sup>2</sup>** [bot. & astron.]. L. *coma*, G. *κόμη*, hair of the head. See *comet*.

**comb.** AS *camb*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *kam*, Ger *kamm*, ON. *kamb*; cogn. with Sanskrit *jambha*, tooth.

**comb(e)** See *coomb(e)*.

**combat.** F. *combattre*, VL. \**combattere*, from *batuere*, to beat.

**combine.** Late L. *combinare*, to put two-and-two, L. *bin*, together.

**combustion.** Late L. *combustio-n*, from *comburare*, from *comb-* (for *cum*) and *uere*, *ust-*, to burn.

**come.** AS. *cuman*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *komen*, Ger. *kommen*, ON. *koma*, Goth. *giman*; cogn. with Sanskrit *gam*.

**comedy.** F. *comédie*, L. *comoedia*, G. *κωμῳδία*, ? from *kāmos*, revel (whence Milton's *Comus*), and *αἰδεῖν*, to sing (cf. *ode*).

**comely.** AS. *cȳmlīc*, from *cȳme*, beautiful, later associated with *come* (cf. *becoming*).

**comestible.** F. *comestible*, Late L. *comestibilis*, from L. *comedere*, *comas-*, from *com-* and *edere*, to eat.

**comet.** G. *κομήτης*, from *κόμη*, head of hair, tail of comet.

**comether** [Anglo-Br.]. *Come hither*, in coaxing horse, etc.

**comfit.** F. *confit*, pp. of *confire*, to pickle, etc., L. *conficere*, to put together. Learned form is *confect*. Cf. *discomfit*, to undo.

**comfort.** Archaic F. *conforter*, Late L. *confortare*, to strengthen, from *fortis*, strong.

**comfrey.** OF. *confire* (whence MedL. *cumfria*), from *fire*, liver (Mod. *foie*), a word derived in a complicated manner from L. (*jecur*) *ficatum*, goose-liver stuffed with figs, a bit of Roman slang. The plant was so called because of its congealing properties. Cf. MHG *lidenen*, to congeal, lit to assume a "liver-like" aspect.

**comic.** Orig belonging to *comedy* (q.v.). G. *κωμικός*.

**comitadj** [Balkans]. Member of a "committee."

**comitia.** L., general assembly, pl. of *comitium*, from *com-* and *ire*, *ir-*, to go.

**comity.** L. *comitas*, from *comis*, courteous.

**comma.** L. *comma*, G. *κόμμα*, piece cut off, short clause, from *κόπτειν*, to cut.

**command.** F. *commander*, VL. \**com-mandare*, from *mandare*, partly replacing L. *commendare*, which is of same origin (*manus* and *dare*).

**commandeer.** Du. *kommanderen*, F. *commander* (v.s.).

**commando.** Du. *kommando*, Port. *com-mando* (v.s.).

**commemorate.** From L. *commemorare*. See *memory*.

**commence.** F. *commencer*, VL. \**com-mitiare*, from *initium*, beginning; cf. It. *cominciare*, Sp. *comenzar*.



- commend.** L. *commendare*. See *command*.
- commendam.** Acc. of MedL. *commenda*, trust, in phrase *in commendam*, used of provisional occupation of office.
- commensal.** MedL. *commensalis*, eating at same table, *mensa*.
- commensurate.** Late L. *commensuratus*, from *mensurare*, to measure.
- comment.** L. *commentus*, p.p. of *commentari*, *comment-*, to contrive, etc., from same root as *mens*, mind, *memini*, I remember.
- commerce.** F. *commerce*, L. *commercium*, from *merx*, *merc-*, merchandise.
- commination.** L. *comminatio-n-*, from *comminari*, to threaten strongly.
- comminute.** From L. *comminuere*, to reduce to minute portions.
- commiserate.** From L. *commiserari*, from *miserari*, to bewail, from *miser*, wretched.
- commissariat.** F., office or duty of a *commissaire*, i.e. one to whom certain duties are "committed."
- commission.** L. *commissio-n-*, from *committere*, -*miss-*, to entrust.
- commissionaire.** F., in this sense from *commission*, errand.
- commissure** [anat.]. Line of juncture. F. *commissure*, L. *commissura*, from *committere*, to join.
- commit.** L. *committere*, to entrust, etc., from *mittere*, to send.
- committee.** Orig. one person (cf. *payee*, *patentee*). AF. *committé*, substituted for F. *commis*, p.p. of *commettre*.
- commode.** Head-dress (obs.), furniture. F. *commode* (adj.), L. *commodus*, from *modus*, measure. Cf. *commodious*, *commodity*.
- commodore.** App. corrupted from Sp. *comendador* (also Port.), a commendary, a *commodore* being an admiral in *commendam* (q.v.)
- common.** F. *commun*, L. *communis*, second element of which is cogn. with E. *mean*<sup>2</sup>; cf. Ger. *gemein*, common, mean.
- commotion.** L. *commotio-n-*, from *commovere*, from *movēre*, *mot-*, to move.
- commune**<sup>1</sup>. Noun. MedL. *communa*, from *communis*, common (q.v.).
- commune**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. OF. *comunier*, from adj. *commun* (see *common*).
- communicate.** From L. *communicare*, to make common (q.v.).
- communion.** Church L. *communio-n-*, from *communis* (see *common*).

- commute.** L. *commutare*, from *mutare*, to change.
- comose** [bot.]. L. *comosus*, long-haired, from *coma*<sup>2</sup>.
- compact**<sup>1</sup>. Concentrated. From p.p. of L. *compingere*, to join together, from *pangere*, *pac-*, to fix.
- compact**<sup>2</sup>. Agreement. From p.p. of L. *compacisci*, to agree together. Cf. *pac-*.
- compagination.** Late L. *compaginatio-n-*, from *compaginare*, to fit together, from *compago*, *compagin-*, joint, from root (*pag*) of *pangere*, to fasten.
- companion**<sup>1</sup>, **company.** F. *compagnon*, VL. \**compagno-n-*, from *panis*, bread; cf. OHG. *gileibo*, "messmate" from *leib* (Mod. *laib*), loaf. *Company* is F. *compagnie*, formed (like It. *compagnia*, Sp. *compañía*) on same stem.
- companion**<sup>2</sup> [naut.]. Du. *kampanje*, earlier *kompanje*, OF. *compagne*, steward's room in galley, It. *compagna*, for *camera della compagna*, storeroom, caboose, OCatalan *companya*, provision store, from L. *panis* bread (see *compamon*<sup>1</sup>). There may also have been confusion with MedL. *capanna* (see *cabin*), in fact some regard this as the true origin.
- compare.** L. *comparare*, from *par*, equal.
- compartment.** F. *compartiment*, It. *compartimento*, from Late L. *compartiri*, to divide, from *pars*, *part-*, part.
- compass.** F. *compas*, from *compasser*, to go round, VL. \**compassare*, from *passus*, step. Cf. MedL. *compassus*, It. *compasso*, Sp. *compas*, pair of compasses; Ger. *kompas*, Du. *kompas*, mariner's compass.
- compassion.** Late L. *compassio-n-*, from *pati*, *pass-*, to suffer. Cf. *sympathy*.
- compatible.** MedL. *compatibilis* (from L. *pai*, to suffer), sharing in suffering, mutually tolerant.
- compatriot.** F. *compatriote*, Late L. *compatriota*. See *patriot*.
- compeer** [archaic]. OF. *comper*, -*pair*, equal, L. *compar*, prob. confused, in sense of companion, with F. *compère*, Church L. *compater*, fellow godfather, hence, crony, "gossip."
- compel.** L. *compellere*, -*puls-*, to drive together. Hence *compulsion*.
- compendium.** L., what is weighed together (v.i.).
- compensate.** From L. *compensare*, to

weigh together, from *pensare*, frequent of *pendere*, *pens-*, to weigh.

**compete.** L. *competere*, to seek in common, also (intrans.) to coincide, be convenient, whence *competent*.

**compile.** L. *complare*, to plunder (see *pillage*). Later sense influenced by *pile*<sup>2</sup>, as though to heap up.

**complacent.** See *complaisant*.

**complain.** Archaic F. *complaindre*, to lament, Late L. *complangere*, from *plangere*, to beat the breast.

**complaisant.** F. *complaisant*, pres. part. of *complaire*, from L. *complacere* (see *please*, *pleasure*). Cf. *complacent*, from L.

**complement.** L. *complementum*, filling up (v.i.).

**complete.** L. *completus*, p.p. of *complere*, to fill up, from *plere*, to fill.

**complex.** L. *complexus*, from *com-plectere*, lit. to plait together.

**complexion.** L. *complexio-n-*, from *complexus* (v.s.). In Late L., and in OF. & ME physiology, the combination of supposed "humours" in man.

**compliant.** See *comply*.

**complicate.** From L. *complicare*, to fold together.

**complicity.** From archaic *complice*, now usu. *accomplice* (q.v.).

**compliment.** F. *compliment*, It. *complimento*, Sp. *complimento*, the "fulfilling" of an act of courtesy. Ident. with *complement* (q.v.).

**compline.** Earlier *complin*, OF. *complie* (now *complies* by analogy with *heures, vêpres*), p.p. fem. of OF. *complir*, coined on Church L. *completa* (sc. *hora*). Ending *-in* perh. by analogy with *matin*.

**complot** [archaic]. F. *complot*, orig. (12 cent.) dense crowd, also OF. *complotte*, crowd, mêlée. Perh. from *pelote*, ball, bunch, VL. \**pilotta*, dim. of *pila*. See *plot*.

**compluvium** [antig.]. Opening in roof of atrium L., from *pluere*, to rain.

**comply.** It. *compiere*, borrowed from Sp. *cumplir* (cf. *compliment*), which had the spec. sense of satisfying requirements (true It. form from L. *complere* is *compiere*, *compiere*).

**compo.** Short for *composition*.

**composant.** Corrupt. of *corposant* (q.v.).

**component.** From pres. part. of L. *componere*, to put together.

**comport.** L. *comportare*, to bear together, carry with one. Cf. *colporteur*.

**compose.** See *pose*. But influenced in F. & E. by L. *compos-*, from *componere*, to put together, whence *composite*, *composition*, *compositor*.

**compos, non** (sc. *mentis*). L. *compos*, from *-potis*, capable, whence also L. *posse* (*potis esse*).

**compost.** OF. *compost* (Mod. *compost*, *compote*), L. *compositum*, from *componere*, *compos-*, to put together.

**compote.** F., see *compost*.

**compound**<sup>1</sup>. To mix, etc. Earlier also *compoun*, OF. *componre*, *compondre* (replaced by *composer*), L. *componere*, to put together.

**compound**<sup>2</sup> [Anglo-Ind.]. Enclosure. Malay *kampung*, enclosure; but this is possibly from Port. *campo*, field.

**comprador** [EInd.]. Servant who buys for household. Port. *comprador*, L. *comparator-em*, from *comparare*, to buy, from *parare*, to prepare.

**compree** [neol.]. See *comprise*.

**comprehend.** L. *comprehendere*, to grasp, from *com-* and *prehendere*, to seize.

**comprise.** F. *compris*, p.p. of F. *comprendre*, L. *comprehendere*. This very common process, the adoption of a F. p.p. as a finite verb, is curiously exemplified by *compree*.

**compromise.** F. *compromis*, p.p. of *compromettre*, L. *compromittere*, to put before a disinterested arbiter. See *promise*.

**compter** [hist.]. Debtors' prison. Etymologizing spelling of *counter*<sup>2</sup>, office, etc.

**comptoir.** F., counter<sup>2</sup>.

**comptometer** [neol.]. Calculating machine. From F. *compte*, account, L. *computus*. See *count*<sup>2</sup>.

**comptroller.** Bad spelling of *controller*, due to mistaken association with F. *compte*, account.

**compulsion.** See *compel*.

**compunction.** L. *compunctio-n-*, used for prick of conscience, from *compungere*, *-punct-*, to prick.

**compurgator** [hist.]. MedL., witness to character, lit. purifier, from *purgare*, to purge.

**compute.** L. *computare*, from *putare*, to reckon. See *count*<sup>2</sup>.

**comrade.** F. *camarade*, Sp. *camarada*, orig. room-full (cf. mil. F. *chambree*), later, chamber-fellow, "chum" (q.v.). For sense-development cf. Ger. *bursch*, fellow, orig. college hostel.

**comtism.** System of Auguste Comte (†1857), positivism.

**Comus.** God of revelry. See *comedy*.  
**con<sup>1</sup>.** To learn a lesson. Earlier *cun*, AS *cunman*, to test, examine, secondary form of *cunman*, to know, learn. See *can<sup>1</sup>*, *ken<sup>1</sup>*.  
**con<sup>2</sup>** [*naut.*]. Earlier *cond*, ME. *condue*, *condy*, to guide, from F. *conduire*, L. *conducere*. Hence *coming-tower*.  
**con<sup>3</sup>.** For L. *contra*, in *pro* and *con*.  
**con-** L., for *cum*, with. See *com-*.  
**conacre** [*Anglo-Ir.*]. Prepared land sub-let to small tenant For *corn-acre*.  
**conation** [*philos*]. L *conatio-n*-, from *conari*, to attempt  
**concatenate.** From Late L. *concatenare*, to link together, from *catena*, chain  
**concave.** L. *concavus*, from *cavus*, hollow.  
**conceal.** OF. *conceler* (*conceal*-), L. *concelare*, from *celare*, to hide  
**concede.** L. *concedere*, from *cedere*, to give way  
**conceit.** From *conceive* (q.v.). Cf. *deceit*.  
**conceive.** F. *concevoir*, with OF. tonic stem *conceiv-*, VL. \**concupere* for *concupere*, from *capere*, to take.  
**concent** [*archaic*]. Harmony. L. *concentus*, from *concinere*, to sing (*canere*) together; cf. It *concento*. Now absorbed by *consent*.  
**concentrate.** For earlier *concentive*, F. *concentrer*, from L. *cum* and *centrum*, centre. Cf. *concentric*, with common centre.  
**conception.** L. *conceptio-n*-, from *concupere*, *concepti*-, to conceive (q.v.).  
**concern.** Late L. *concernere*, to sift, separate, used in MedL. as intens. of *cernere*, to perceive, have regard to, cogn. with G. *κρίνω*, to judge.  
**concert.** F. *concertier*, It. *concertare*, ? L. *concertare*, to strive together. VL. \**consertare*, from *conserere*, -*sert*-, to join together, better suits sense and earlier It. form *consertare* (Flor.). Hence *concertina*.  
**concession.** L. *concessio-n*-, from *concedere*, -*cess*-, to grant.  
**conchetto.** It., verbal "conceit," witicism.  
**conch.** L. *concha*, G. *κόγχη*, cockle, mussel. Hence *conchology*.  
**conchy** [*war slang*]. For *conscientious objector*.  
**concierge.** Doorkeeper. F. *concierge*, earlier also -*serge*-, VL. \**conservians*, for *conservans*, pres. part. of *conservare*, to keep.

**conciliate.** From L. *conciliare*, to bring together, convoke. See *council*.  
**concinnity.** Harmony. L. *concinnitas*, from *concinnus*, skilfully adjusted.  
**concite.** L. *concitus*, p.p. of *concitare*, from *caedere*, to cut.  
**conclamation.** L. *conclamatio-n*-, general cry, from *clamare*, to shout.  
**conclave.** L. *conclave*, inner room, from *clavis*, key  
**conclude.** L. *concludere*, -*clus*-, from *claudere*, to close.  
**concoct.** From p.p. of L *concoquere*, -*coct*-, to boil together.  
**concomitant.** From pres. part. of L. *concomitari*, to go with as companion (*comes*, *comit*-). See *count<sup>1</sup>*.  
**concord.** F. *concorde*, L. *concordia*. See *accord*. Hence *concordance*.  
**concourse.** F. *concours*, L. *concursum*, from *concurrere*, -*curs*-, to run together.  
**concrete.** L. *concretus*, p.p. of *concrecere*, to grow together.  
**concubine.** L. *concubina*, from *con-*, together, *cubare*, to lie.  
**concupiscence.** L. *concupiscentia*, from *concupiscere*, incept. of *concupere*, from *cupere*, to desire.  
**concur.** L. *concurrere*, to run together.  
**concussion.** L. *concussio-n*-, from *concutere*, -*cuss*-, to strike together, from *quater*, to shake.  
**condemn.** L. *condem(p)nare*, from *dam(p)nare*, to damage. See *damn*.  
**condense.** L. *condensare*, to make dense, concentrate.  
**condescend.** Late L. *condescendere*, to come down from one's position. See *descend*.  
**condign.** L. *condignus*, from *dignus*, worthy.  
**condiment.** L *condimentum*, from *condire*, to pickle.  
**condition.** L. *condicio-n*-, lit. discussion, from *dicere*, to speak.  
**condole.** L. *condolere*, to suffer with.  
**condominium.** Joint sovereignty. L *con-* and *dominium*, rule.  
**condone.** L. *condonare*, to give up, remit. Cf. *pardon*.  
**condor.** Sp. *condor*, Peruv. *cuntur*.  
**condottiere** [*hist.*]. It., lit. conductor.  
**conduce.** L. *conducere* (v.i.).  
**conduct.** From L. *conducere*, from *ducere*, *duct*-, to lead.  
**conduit.** F. *conduit*, from *conduire*, to lead, L. *conducere* (v.s.).  
**condyle** [*anat.*]. Rounded end of bone fitting socket. G. *κόνδυλος*, knuckle.

**cone.** L. *conus*, G. *kôn-os*, cone, pine-cone, spinning top.  
**coney.** See *cony*.  
**confab.** For *confabulation*, from L. *confabulari*, to chat together. See *fable*.  
**confarreation** [antiq.]. L. *confarreatio-n-*, solemnization of marriage by offering of bread. From L. *far*, *farr-*, grain.  
**confect.** Restored spelling of *comfit* (q.v.).  
**confection.** L. *confectio-n-*, from *conficere*, -fect-, to make up.  
**confederate.** L. *confœderatus*, from *foedus*, *foeder-*, treaty, league.  
**confer.** L. *conferre*, to bring together.  
**confess.** F. *confesser*, from L. *confitèri*, *confess-*, to acknowledge (*fatèri*) together.  
**confetti.** It., pl of *confetto*, comfit (q.v.).  
**confide.** L. *confidere*, from *fidere*, to trust.  
**confine.** F. *confiner*, from *confins*, bounds, from L. *confinis*, having common frontier (*finis*).  
**confirm.** L. *confirmare*, to make firm.  
**confiscate.** From L. *confiscare*, orig. to appropriate for the treasury (*fiscus*). See *fiscal*.  
**confiteor.** L., I confess.  
**conflagration.** L. *conflagratio-n-*, from *conflagrare*, to burn up. Cf. *flagrant*.  
**conflation.** L. *conflatio-n-*, from *conflare*, to blow together.  
**conflict.** L. *conflictus*, from *confligere*, -flict-, to strike together.  
**confluent.** From pres. part. of L. *confluere*, to flow together.  
**conform.** L. *conformare*, to give the same shape (*forma*).  
**confound.** F. *confondre*, L. *confundere*, to pour together. Cf. *confusion*.  
**confrère.** F. *confère*, MedL. *confrater*, whence also *fraternity*.  
**confront.** F. *confronter*, from *front*, front, brow.  
**Confucian.** Of *Confucius*, latinized form of Chin *K'ung Fu-tsze*, K'ung the master (†478 B.C.).  
**confuse.** Orig. used as p.p. of *confound*. See *fuse*<sup>1</sup>.  
**confute.** L. *confutare*, of obscure origin. Cf. *refute*.  
**congé.** F. *congé*, L. *commeatus*, leave to go, furlough, etc., from *meare*, to pass through. Cf. *permeate*.  
**congeal.** F. *congeler* (*congèl-*), L. *congelare*, to freeze together. See *jelly*.  
**congener.** L., of the same genus, *gener-*, race.

**congenial.** ModL. *congenialis*, suiting one's *genius*.  
**congenital.** From L. *congenitus*, born with, from *gignere*, *genit-*, to beget.  
**conger.** F. *congre*, L. *congrus*, G. *γόγγρος*.  
**congeries.** L., from *congerere*, to bring together.  
**congestion.** L. *congestio-n-*, from *congerere*, -gest- (v.s.).  
**conglomerate.** See *agglomerate*.  
**congou.** Tea. For Chin. *kung-fuch'a*, work tea, tea on which labour has been expended. This is *kang-hutê* in Amoy dial. See *tea*.  
**congratulate.** From L. *congratulari*, from *gratus*, pleasing.  
**congregation.** L. *congregatio-n-*, from *congregare*, to herd together, from *grex*, *greg-*, herd.  
**congress.** L. *congressus*, from *congre-*, -gress-, to go together, from *gradior*, I step.  
**congreve rocket.** Invented (1808) by Sir William Congreve.  
**congruent.** From pres. part. of L. *congruere*, lit. to rush (*ruere*) together. Cf. *concur*.  
**conic.** See *cone*.  
**conifer.** See *cone* and -fer(ous).  
**conjecture.** L. *conjectura*, from *conicere*, *conject-*, to cast (*jacere*) together.  
**conjugal.** L. *conjugalis*, from *conju(n)x*, *conjug-*, spouse, lit. joined together. Cf. *conjugation*, lit. joining or yoking together. See *join*, *yoke*.  
**conjunctive** [gram.]. Late L. (*modus*) *conjunctivus*, joining mood. Cf. *subjunctive*.  
**conjuncture.** F. *conjoncture*, from L. *conjungere*, -junct-, to join together.  
**conjure.** L. *conjurare*, to swear together.  
**conk** [slang] Nose. ? F. *conque*, shell, conch.  
**connate.** L. *connatus*, born together, from *nasci*, *nat-*, to be born.  
**connect.** L. *connectere*, to fasten together, from *nectere*, to bind.  
**conning-tower.** See *con*<sup>2</sup>.  
**connive.** L. *connivere*, to wink.  
**connoisseur.** OF. *connoisseur* (Mod. *connaître*), from *connoistre* (Mod. *connaître*), L. *cognoscere*, to know.  
**connote.** MedL. *connotare*, as term in logic. See *note*.  
**connubial.** L. *connubialis*, from *conubium*, marriage, from *nubere*, to wed.  
**conquer.** OF. *conquerre* (Mod. *conquérir*). VL. \**conquaerere* (for *conquerrere*), from *quaerere*, *quaesit-*, to

seek *Conquest* represents OF. *conquest* (Mod. *conquête*), what is acquired, and *conqueste* (Mod. *conquête*), the act of acquiring.

**conquistador** [hisi.] Sp., conqueror, from *conquistar*, to conquer (see *conquest*).

**consanguinity**. L. *consanguinitas*, from *sanguis*, blood.

**conscience**. F. *conscience*, L. *conscientia*, knowledge within oneself (see *science*). *Conscionable*, *unconscionable* are of irreg. formation.

**conscript**. From L. *conscribere*, *conscript-*, to write together. Cf. *enroll*, *enlist*.

**consecrate**. From L. *consecrare*, to make holy (*sacer*).

**consecutive**. From L. *consequor*, *-secut-*, to follow.

**consensus**. L., consent.

**consent**. F. *consentir*, L. *consentire*, to feel together.

**consequence**. F. *conséquence*, L. *consequentia* (see *consecutive*).

**conservatoire**. F. *conservatoire*, It. *conservatorio*, orig. for "preserving" and rearing of foundlings, etc., to whom a musical education was given.

**conserve**. L. *conservare*, to protect, from *servare*, to preserve.

**consider**. F. *considérer*, L. *considerare*, perh. orig. astron., from *sidus*, *sider-*, star.

**consign**. L. *consignare*, from *signum*, sign.

**consist**. L. *consistere*, to stand firm. Cf. *assist*, *insist*, etc.

**console**<sup>1</sup>. Verb F. *consoler*, from L. *consolari*, to console, from *solaris*, to comfort (see *solace*).

**console**<sup>2</sup> [arch.]. F., from *consoler*, to console (support, help). See *console*<sup>1</sup>.

**consolidate**. From L. *consolidare*, from *solidus*.

**consols**. For *consolidated annuities*.

**consommé**. Soup. F. *consommé*, p.p. of *consommer*, in this sense from L. *consumere*, to consume, the nourishment of the meat being completely used up for the soup.

**consonant**. From pres. part. of L. *consonare*, to sound with.

**consort**. F. *consort* (now usu. in pl. only), L. *consors*, *consort-*, from *sors*, fate, lot.

**conspicuous**. L., general view, from *conspicere*, *-spect-*, to behold together. Cf. *synopsis*.

**conspicuous**. From L. *conspicuum*, from *conspicere*, to see clearly, from *specere*.

**conspire**. L. *conspirare*, lit to breathe together.

**constable**. OF. *conestable* (Mod. *conétable*), Late L. *comes stabuli*, count of the stable, translating Teut. *marshal* (q.v.), orig. principal officer of household of Frankish kings.

**constant**. From pres. part. of L. *constare*, to stand together.

**constantia**. Wine from *Constanzia Farm*, near Capetown.

**constellation**. L. *constellatio-n-*, cluster of stars (*stella*).

**consternation**. L. *consternatio-n-*, from *consternare*, ? for *consternere*, to bestrew, throw down, from *sternere*, to strew.

**constipate**. From L. *constipare*, to press together. See *costive*, *stevadore*.

**constituent**. From pres. part. of L. *constituere* (v.i.).

**constitute**. From L. *constituere*, *-stitut-*, to place (*statuere*) together.

**constrain**. OF. *constrindre* (Mod. *contraindre*), L. *constringere*, *-strict-*, to tighten. Cf. *strain*<sup>1</sup>.

**constriction**. L. *constrictio-n-* (v.s.).

**construct**. From L. *construere*, *-struct-* (v.i.).

**construe**. L. *construere*, to pile together, construct, from *struere*, *struct-*, to heap.

**consuetudinary**. From L. *consuetudo*, custom (q.v.).

**consul**. L., ult. cogn. with *counsel* and *consult*.

**consult**. L. *consultare*, frequent of *consulere*, to take counsel.

**consume**. L. *consumere*, to use up, from *sumere*, *sumpt-*, to take hold of.

**consummate**. From L. *consummare*, from *summus*, highest, for \**supmus*, from *super*.

**consumption**. See *consume*.

**contabescence** [bot.]. Atrophy. From L. *contabescere*, to waste away, from *tabes*, decay.

**contact**. L. *contactus*, from *contingere*, *-tact-*, from *tangere*, to touch. Cf. *contagion*, L. *contagio-n-*.

**contadino**. It., peasant, from *contaño*, county (q.v.).

**contagion**. See *contact*.

**contain**. F. *contenir*, VL. \**contenire* for *continere*, from *tenere*, to hold.

**contaminate**. From L. *contaminare*, from *contamen*, contagion, for \**contagmen*.

**contango** [Stock Exchange]. Percentage paid to postpone transfer, opposite of *backwardation*. ? Sp. *contengo*, I

hold back, "contain," ? or arbitrary perversion of *continue*.

**contemn.** L. *contem(p)ere*, *contem(p)it*, from *temnere*, to despise, ? cogn. with G. *réprouer*, to cut.

**contemplate.** From L. *contemplari*, orig. used of augurs viewing a *templum* in the sky. Cf. *consider*, and see *temple*<sup>1</sup>.

**contemporary.** From L. *con-* and *tempus*, *tempor-*, time.

**contempt.** See *contemn*.

**contend.** L. *contendere*, from *tendere*, to stretch.

**content.** L. *contentus*, p.p. of *continēre*, to contain.

**contest.** L. *contestari*, to call to witness (*testis*).

**context.** L. *contextus*, from *contexere*, to weave together.

**contiguous.** From L. *contiguus*, from *contingere*, to be in contact.

**continent.** F. *continent*, from pres. part. of L. *continēre*, to hold (*tenēre*) together.

**contingent.** From pres. part. of L. *contingere*, to relate to, from *tangere*, to touch.

**continue.** F. *continuer*, L. *continuare*, from *continuus*, from *continēre* (see *continent*).

**conto.** Million reis. Port *conto*, Late L. *computus*.

**contort.** From L. *contorquēre*, *contorti*, to twist together.

**contour.** F., from *contourner*, to follow the outline (see *turn*).

**contra-.** L., against, orig. a compar. formation from *con*, *cum*, with. Cf. *counter-*.

**contraband.** Sp. *contrabando*, It. *contrabbando*, against law (see *ban*<sup>1</sup>).

**contraception** [neol.]. Birth-control. Coined (20 cent) from *contra-* and *conception*.

**contract.** L. *contractus*, from *contra-* here, to draw together, from *trahere*, *tract-*, to draw.

**contradict.** From L. *contradicere*, *-dict-*, to speak against.

**contralto.** It. *contralto*, from L. *contra* and *altus*, high.

**contraption** [dial. & US] App. formed irreg. from *contrive*.

**contrapuntal.** From It. form of *counterpoint* (q.v.).

**contrary.** L. *contrarius*, from *contra*, against.

**contrast.** Late L. *contrastare*, to stand against.

**contravallation** [fort.]. See *circumvallation*.

**contravene.** L. *contravenire*, to come against.

**contre-danse.** F. corrupt of E. *country*.

**contretemps.** F., against time; cf. *ill-timed*.

**contribute.** From L. *contribuere*, *-tribut-*. See *tribute*.

**contrite.** From L. *conterere*, *-trit-*, to bruise, crush. Cf. *attrition*.

**contrive.** ME. *contrive*, to invent, OF. *contruev-*, *-treuv-*, tonic stem of OF.

*controver* (Mod. *controuuer*), for which see *trover*.

**control.** F. *contrôle*, OF. *contre-rolle*, register kept in duplicate for checking purposes.

**controvert.** Back-formation, by analogy with *convert*, *divert*, etc., from *controversy*, from L. *controversus*, turned against.

**contumacy.** L. *contumacia*, from *contumax*, *-tumar-*, prob. from *tumēre*, to swell.

**contumely.** L. *contumelia*, cogn. with above.

**contuse.** From L. *contundere*, *-tus-*, from *tundere*, to beat.

**conundrum.** Prob. univ. slang (associated with Oxf., 1645) of mock Latin type. Cf. *panyandrum*.

**convalescent.** From pres. part. of L. *convalescere*, to grow strong, from incept. of *valēre*, to be strong.

**convection** [phys]. L. *convectio-n-*, from *convehere*, from *vehere*, *vect-*, to carry.

**convenience.** F., from *convenir* (v.i.), to agree, be fitting.

**convene.** F. *convenir*, L. *convenire*, to come together.

**convenient.** From pres. part. of L. *convenire*, to come together, agree, suit. Cf. *convenience*.

**convent.** Church L. *conventus*, assembly (v.s.).

**conventicle.** L. *conventiculum*, meeting, place of meeting (v.s.).

**convention.** L. *conventio-n-*, meeting, agreement, from *convenire* (v.s.).

**converge.** Late L. *convergere*, to incline together, from *vergere*, to bend.

**conversazione.** It., social gathering, "at home," lit. conversation (v.i.).

**converse**<sup>1</sup>. Verb. From L. *conversari*, to dwell (lit. turn about) with; cf. *conversant*.

**converse**<sup>2</sup>. Adj. L. *conversus*, p.p. of *convertere*, to turn about.

**convert.** L. *convertere* (v.s.).

**convex.** L. *convexus*, from *convehere*, to bring together (two surfaces).

**convey.** OF. *converier* (Mod. *convoyer*), VL \**conviare*, from *via*, way. Orig. to escort, accompany (cf *convoy*)

**convince.** L. *convincere*, *convinct*-, from *vincere*, to vanquish. Hence also *convinct*.

**convivial.** Late L. *convivialis*, from *convivium*, feast, from *con*- and *vivere*, to live.

**convoke.** L. *convocare*, to call together.

**convolution.** From L. *convolvere*, *convolut*-, to roll together; cf. L. *convolvulus*, bindweed.

**convoy.** See *convey*.

**convulse.** From L. *convellere*, -*vuls*-, from *vellere*, to pluck, snatch.

**cony, coney.** OF. *conil*, L. *cuniculus*, supposed to be of Iberian origin.

**coo.** Imit., cf F. *roucouler*.

**cooe, cooe, coey** [*Austral*]. Adopted from native signal-cry.

**cook.** First as noun. AS *cōc*, L. *coquus*, whence also Du. *kok*, Ger. *koch*, archaic F. *queux*, It. *cuoco*.

**cookie** [Sc.]. Cake. Du. *koekje*, dim. of *koek*, cake (q.v.)

**cool.** AS *cōl*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *koel*, Ger. *kühl*, ON. *kæla* (verb); cogn. with L. *gehūsus*. See *cold*.

**coolie, cooly.** Prob. from *Kulī*, *Kolī*, name of aboriginal tribe of Guzerat, so used in 16 cent. Port.

**coomb<sup>1</sup>, combe.** Hollow, valley, esp. in S.W. of England. AS. *cumb*, of Celt. origin; cf. F. *combe*, Prov. *comba*.

**coomb<sup>2</sup>.** Obs dry measure. AS. *cumb*, vessel; cf. Du *hom*, Ger. *kumpf*.

**coon** [US.]. Aphet. for *raccoon* (q.v.).

**coon-can.** Card game. US., for Sp. *con quien*, with whom

**coop.** ME. *cupe*, AS. \**cūpe*, L. *cupa*, vat, cask, etc., whence F. *cuve*, vat.

**cooper<sup>1</sup>.** Maker of casks. Du. *kuisper*, MedL. *cuparius*, from L. *cupa*, cask (v.s.).

**cooper<sup>2</sup>.** Mixture of stout and porter. Favourite drink of *cooper<sup>1</sup>*. Cf. *porter<sup>2</sup>*.

**cooper<sup>3</sup>, coper.** Chiefly in *horse-co(o)per*. From Du. *koopēn*, to buy; cf. Ger. *kaufen* and see *cheap*, *chapman*. Cf. also *co(o)per*, Du. ship trading with North Sea fishermen, "floating grog-shop."

**cooperate.** From Late L. *cooperari*, to work together, from *opus*, *oper*-, work.

**co-opt.** L. *cooptare*, to choose together.

**coordinate.** From MedL. *coordinare*, to arrange together, from *ordo*, *ordin*-, order.

**coot.** ME. *cote*, *coote*; cf. Du. *koet*.

**cop** [slang]. To seize. ? Northern pronunc. of obs. *cap*, OF. *caper*, L. *capere*. Hence *copper*, policeman.

**copaiba** [med.]. Balsam. Sp. & Port. *copaiba*, Brazil. *cupauba*.

**copal.** Resin. Sp *copal*, Mex. *copalli*.

**coparcener** [leg.]. From obs. *parcener*, partner (q.v.).

**cope<sup>1</sup>.** Garment. ME. *cope*, earlier *cape*, Late L. *capa* (see *cap*, *cape<sup>1</sup>*). Hence verb. to *cope*, cover (a wall)

**cope<sup>2</sup>.** Verb. OF. *coper* (Mod. *couper*), to strike, from *coup*, blow, VL. \**colapus*, for *colaphus*, G. *κόλαφος*, buffet. Influenced in sense by obs *cope*, to traffic (see *cooper<sup>3</sup>*), occurring commonly in to *cope with* (cf fig. sense of *to deal with*). Nor can F. *coupler*, "to couple, joyn, yoake; also, to coape, or grapple together" (Cotg), be left out of account (cf. *buff*, for *buffle*).

**Copeck** [neol.]. Acrostic suggesting Conference on Christian Politics, Economics and Citizenship (1924).

**copeck.** Russ. *kopejka*, dim. of *kopyo*, lance, held by Tsar on coin.

**coper.** See *cooper<sup>2</sup>*.

**Copernican.** Of *Copernicus*, i.e. *Koppernik*, Ger astronomer (†1543).

**coping.** See *cope<sup>1</sup>*.

**copious.** F. *copieux*, L. *copiosus*, from *copra*, plenty, from *co*- and *ops*, wealth. See *copy*.

**copper<sup>1</sup>.** Metal. AS. *copor*, VL. *cuprum*, for *Cyprum aes*, Cyprian bronze, from *Cyprus*, G. *Κύπρος*

**copper<sup>2</sup>** [slang]. Policeman. See *cop*.

**copperas.** ME. *coperose*; cf. F. *couperose*, It. *copparosa*, Ger. *kupferrose*. Origin uncertain; ? Late L. adj. *cuprosus*, of copper. ? or an imitation of synon. G. *χάλκανθος*, flower (rose) of brass.

**coppe, copse.** OF. *copeis*, from *coper* (Mod. *couper*), to cut (see *cope<sup>1</sup>*), with suffix -*eis*, L. -*aticus*. Cf. synon. F. *taillis*, from *tailler*, to cut. With dial. *coppy* cf. *cherry*.

**copra.** Dried kernel of coco-nut. Sp. & Port *copra*, Malayalam *koppara*, coco-nut.

**copro-** From G *κόπρος*, dung.

**copse.** See *coppe*

**Copt.** ModL. *Coptus*, earlier *Cophius*, Arab. *qift*, *qift*, Coptic *gyptios*, G *Αἰγύπτιος*, Egyptian.

**copulate.** From L. *copulare*, from *copula*, bond, couple, from *co*- and *apere*, to fit.

- copy.** F. *copie*, L. *copia*, abundance (see *copious*), whence mod sense via that of multiplying examples, cf. MedL. *copiare*, to transcribe.
- coquelicot.** F., wild poppy. Imit. of cry of cock, suggested by resemblance of bright red flower to cock's comb.
- coquette.** Earlier also *coquet*. F. *coquette* (f.), "a fisking or flippant minx" (Cotg.), fem. of *coquet*, dim. of *coq* (see *cock*<sup>1</sup>).
- coquito.** Palm. Sp., dim of *coco* (q.v.).
- cor.** Measure (Ezek. xlv. 14) Heb. *kor*.
- cor-.** For *con-*, before *r-*
- coracle.** Welsh *cwrwg*, *cwrwg*, for *cwrug*, trunk, carcase, coracle; cf. Ir. Gael. *curach*.
- coracoid** [anat.]. Beaked. From G. *κόραξ*, *κορακ-*, raven, crow.
- coral.** L. *corallum*, G. *κοράλλιον*.
- coran.** See *alcoran*
- coranto** [archaic]. Dance. F. *courante*, "a curranto" (Cotg.), lit. running (dance), italianized in form.
- corban** [Bibl.]. Offering vowed to God (Mark vii. 11). Heb. *qorbān*, offering.
- corbel** [arch.]. Bracket. OF. *corbel* (Mod. *corbeau*), raven, dim. of OF. *corb*, VL. *\*corbus*, for *corvus*, raven.
- corbie** [Sc.]. Raven. From OF. *corb* (v.s.).
- corbyn.** Quart-bottle. F. *corbin*, raven (v.s.).
- cord.** F. *corde*, L. *chorda*, G. *χορδή*, gut, string of instrument (cf. *chord*).
- cordelier.** Franciscan friar wearing rope girdle. F., from *cordelle*, dim. of *corde*, rope (v.s.).
- cordial.** MedL. *cordialis*, from *cor*, *cord-*, heart.
- cordillera** [geog.]. Chain of mountains. Sp., from *cordilla*, Osp. dim. of *cuerda*, rope (see *cord*).
- cordite.** Explosive (1889), from string-like appearance.
- cordón.** F., dim of *corde*, in various senses. See *cord*.
- corduroy, corderoy.** Late 18 cent. Origin unknown. It may be a trade-name (*corde du roi*) of the *bouvil* type, or from a maker's name, *Corduroy, Corderoy*, etc., as surname, being a ME. nickname "king's heart." I have suggested elsewhere (*Trans Phil. Soc.* 1910) that it may be contracted from the earlier material *colourderoy*, F. *couleur de roi*, orig. purple, but in Cotgrave's time the "bright tawnie."
- cordwainer** [archaic]. Worker in leather, shoemaker. OF. *cordouanier* (Mod. *cordonnier*), worker in *cordouan*, i.e. leather from *Córdova* (Sp.).
- core.** Derived by the old etymologists from L. *cor*, heart, and nothing better has been suggested.
- corf** [techn. & dial.]. Basket. Du. or LG. *korf*, L. *corbis*; cf. Ger. *korb*, from L.
- coriaceous.** Leathery. From L. *coriaceus*, from *corium*, hide, cogn. with *cortex*, bark
- coriander.** Plant. F. *corandre*, L. *corandrum*, from G. *κορίαννον*.
- corinthian** [archaic]. Dandy, "toff" (18-19 cents); earlier, profligate, dissipated, from proverbially licentious manners of *Corinth*.
- cork.** Earliest sense is shoe, slipper, Sp. *alcorque*, "a corke shooe, a pantofle" (Minsh.), of Arab. origin (cf. Sp. *alcornoque*, cork tree). This was also the earliest sense of Ger. *korck*, and the substance was called *pantoffelholz*, slipper-wood. The above words are connected by some with L. *quercus*, oak, which seems unlikely. Their relation to Sp. *corcho*, cork, and of the latter to L. *cortex*, *cortic-*, bark, is obscure
- corking-pin** [archaic]. "A pin of the largest size." (Johns.). Earlier *calkin-*, *cawking-*, but relation to *calkin* (q.v.) is obscure.
- cormo-.** From G. *κορμός*, trunk.
- cormorant.** F. *cormoran*, earlier *cormaran*, -*ein*, -*in*, from OF. *cor*, crow, *\*marenc*, of the sea, from L. *mare* with Ger. suffix -*ing*, of which fem. survives in F. dial. *pie mareng*, cormorant. Cf. MedL. *corvus marinus*, sea raven, whence Port. *corvo marinho*.
- corn<sup>1</sup>.** Grain. AS. *corn*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *koren*, Ger. ON. *korn*, Goth. *kaurin*; cogn. with L. *granum*.
- corn<sup>2</sup>.** On foot. OF. *corn* (Mod. *cor*), horn, horny substance, L. *cornu*.
- cornbrash** [geol.]. Sandstone. From *corn<sup>1</sup>* and *brash* (q.v.).
- cornea** [anat.]. Of the eye. For L. *cornea tela*, horny web.
- cornel.** Tree. In 16 cent. *cornel-tree*, for Ger. *cornel-baum*, from MedL. *cornolus*, from L. *cornus*, cornel tree, named, like the *hornbeam*, from horny nature. Cf. F. *cornouiller*, cornel tree.
- cornelian.** ME. *corneline*, F. *cornaline*; cf. It. *cornalina*, Prov. *cornelina*. ? From L. *cornu*, horn (cf. *onyx*),



or from resembling fruit of *cornel tree* (v.s.).

**corner.** AF. *corner*, OF. *corner*, VL. \**cornarium*, from *cornu*, horn.

**cornet**<sup>1</sup>. Instrument. F. *cornet*, It. *cornetto*, dim. of *cornu*, horn, L. *cornu*.

**cornet**<sup>2</sup>. Head-dress, standard of troop of cavalry. F. *cornette*, dim. of *corne*, horn, L. *corn(u)a*, neut. pl. taken as fem. sing.

**cornice.** Earlier also *cornish*, F. *corniche*, It. *cornice*. App. ident. with It. *cornice*, crow, L. *cornix*, *cornic-* (cf. *corbel*). ? Or from G. *kopwís*, wreath (see *crown*).

**cornopean.** Cornet à piston. ? Arbitrary formation (19 cent.).

**cornucopia.** For L. *cornu copiae*, horn of plenty.

**cornuted.** For obs. *cornute*, L. *cornutus*, from *cornu*, horn.

**corody.** See *corrody*.

**corolla.** L., dim. of *corona*, crown, garland.

**corollary.** L. *corollarium*, gratuity, orig. one given for garland (v.s.); hence, an "extra."

**coronach** [Sc.]. Funerallament. Gael. *corranach*, from *comh-*, together, *rā-nach*, out-cry.

**coronation.** OF. *coronacion*, from *coroner* (Mod. *couronner*), to crown (q.v.).

**coroner.** AF. *corouner*, from *coroune*, crown (q.v.).

**coronet.** OF. *coronete*, dim. of *corone*, crown (q.v.).

**corozo.** Sāmer. tree, whence vegetable ivory. Native name.

**corporal**<sup>1</sup> [eccl.]. Cloth covering Eucharistic elements. MedL. *corporalis* (sc. *palla*). Cf. *corporas*.

**corporal**<sup>2</sup>. Adj. L. *corporalis*, from *corpus*, *corpor-*, body.

**corporal**<sup>3</sup> [mil.]. OF. *corporal* (replaced by *caporal*), MedL. *corporalis*, from *corpus*, *corpor-*, body. It. *caporale* (whence ModF. *caporal*) seems to be perverted under influence of It. *capo*, head.

**corporas** [archaic]. OF. *corporaus*, pl. of *corporal*, linen vestment, linen cloth used at Eucharist, MedL. *corporalis*, from *corpus*, *corpor-*, body. See *corporal*<sup>1</sup>.

**corporation.** Late L. *corporatio-n-*, from *corporare*, to embody (v.s.).

**corposant** [naut.]. "St. Elmo's fire." Port. *corpo santo*, holy body.

**corps** [mil.]. F., body (v.i.).

**corpse.** Restored spelling of ME. & OF. *cors*, L. *corpus*; cf. poet. *corse*.

**corpulent.** L. *corpulentus*, from *corpus*, body.

**corpus.** L., body; esp. in *Corpus Poetarum Latinorum* and other such comprehensive works.

**Corpus Christi.** Thursday after Trinity. L., body of Christ. Cf. synon. Ger. *Fronleichnam*, lit. Lord's body.

**corpuscle.** L. *corpusculum*, dim. of *corpus*, body.

**corral.** Sp. *corral*, ? from *correr*, to run, L. *currere*, as in *correr toros*, to hold a bull-fight. See *kraal*.

**corrasion** [geol.]. From L. *corraderē*, -*ras*-, to scrape together.

**correct.** From L. *corrīgere*, *correct-*, from *regere*, to rule.

**corregidor.** Sp., magistrate. From *corregir*, to correct (v.s.).

**correspond.** MedL. *correspondēre*. See *respond*.

**corridor.** F. *corridor*, It. *corridore*, from *correre*, to run, L. *currere*.

**corrie** [Sc.]. Circular glen. Gael. *coire*, cauldron.

**corrigenda.** L., neut. pl. gerund. of *corrīgere*, to correct (q.v.).

**corroborate.** From L. *corroborare*, to strengthen, from *robur*, *robor-*, strength.

**corroboree.** Dance of Austral. aborigines. According to *NED*, from extinct native lang. of Port Jackson (NSW.). Morris (1898) gives native *korobra*, to dance.

**corrode.** L. *corrōdere*, from *rodere*, *ros-*, to gnaw.

**corrody** [hist.]. Allowance, orig. preparation, outfit. AF. *corodre*, MedL. *corrodium*, for *corredium* (see *curry*<sup>1</sup>).

**corrosion.** See *corrode*.

**corrugated.** From L. *corrugatus*, from *ruga*, wrinkle, furrow.

**corrupt.** From L. *corrumpere*, *corrupt-*, lit. to break up.

**corsage.** F., cf. *corset*.

**corsair.** F. *corsaire*, It. *corsare*, earlier *corsaro*, MedL. *cursarius*, from *cursus*, raid, incursion, from L. *currere*, *curs-*, to run. See *hussar*.

**corse.** See *corpse*.

**corset.** F., dim. of OF. *cors* (Mod. *corps*), body (see *corpse*). *Corslet*, F. *corselet*, is a double dim.

**corslet** [hist.]. See *corset*.

**cortège.** F. *cortège*, It. *corteggio*, from *corte*, court, "also a prince's whole familie or traine" (Flor.).

**cortes.** Legislative assembly. Sp. Port., pl. of *corte*, court.

**cortical.** Of bark, L. *cortex*, *cortic-*.

**corundum** [min.]. Tamil *kurundam*, Sanskrit *kuruvinda*, ruby.

**coruscate**. From L. *coruscare*, to glitter.

**corvée**. Forced labour. F. *corvée*, OF. *corvoee*, p p. fem. of OF. *corover*, to call together, rendered in MedL. by *corrogata* (*opera*). For OF. *rouer* cf. *trouer* (q.v.).

**corvette**. Small frigate. F. *corvette*, Port. *corveta*, L. *corvita* (sc. *navis*), from *corbis*, basket. Cf. *coracle*.

**corvine**. L. *corvinus*, of the crow, *corvus*.

**corybant**. Priest of Phrygian worship of Cybele, wild dancer. From G. *Κορύβας*, *Κορυβαῖν*.

**Corydon**. Conventional rustic (*Allegro*, 83). G. proper name *Κορύδων* (Theocritus).

**corymb** [bot.]. G. *κόρυμβος*, cluster.

**coryphaeus**. Chorus leader (in Attic drama). G. *κορυφαῖος*, from *κορυφή*, head.

**cos**. Lettuce. From Aegean island, G. *Kōs*, now Stanchio.

**cosher**<sup>1</sup>. To cocker, pamper. From Ir. *cōisir*, feast.

**cosher**<sup>2</sup>. See *hoshier*.

**cosmetic**. G. *κοσμητικός*, from *κόσμος*, order, adornment.

**cosmos**. G. *κόσμος*, order, a name given by Pythagoras to the universe. Cf. *cosmogony*, creation, from *-γονία*, begetting; *cosmopolite*, citizen of the world, from *πολίτης*, citizen; *cosmography*, etc.

**Cossack**. Earlier (16 cent.) *cassacke*, Russ. *kazak*, Turki *quzzāq*, adventurer, freebooter, etc.

**cosset**. To pamper. From *cosset*, spoilt child, young animal brought up by hand, "cade-lamb," which is perh. from AS. *coisella*, cot-dweller (cf. It. *casiccio*, pet lamb, from *casa*, house); but there is no record of the AS. word between Domesday and 1579, though the corresponding Ger. compd. survives (*kossat*, *cotter*).

**cost**. OF. *coster* (Mod. *coûter*), L. *constare*, from *stare*, to stand.

**costal** [anat.]. Of the rib, L. *costa*.

**costard**. Apple, fig. head. ? From OF. *coste* (Mod. *côte*), L. *costa*, rib, the apple being described as "ribbed." Hence *costard-monger*, orig. apple-dealer.

**costermonger**. See *costard*.

**costive**. OF. *costevē*, L. *constipatus* For loss of suffix cf. *signal*<sup>2</sup>, *trouve*, *defile*.<sup>2</sup> See *constipate*.

**costmary** [archaic]. Plant L. *costus*, G. *κόστος*, Arab *qust*, Sanskrit *kuṣṭha*, name of plant found in Cashmere. Second element is *St Mary*; cf. synonym. OF. *herbe sainte-Marie*, Ger. *Marienblätchen*.

**costume**. It. *costume*, custom, fashion, L. *consuetudo*, -*tudin-*, custom (q.v.). Cf. double meaning of *habit*.

**cosy**. Orig. Sc., comfortable, snug. Origin doubtful. ? Norw. *koseleg*, snug, cosy, from *kose sig*, to make oneself comfortable; cf. Ger. *kosen*, to chat familiarly, *hebkosen*, to caress, ult. ident. with F. *causer*, to talk.

**cot**<sup>1</sup>, **cote**. Dwelling. AS *cot*; cf. Du. LG. ON. *kot*; also AS *cote*, whence *cote* in *sheep-cote*, *dove-cote*, etc. Prob. cogn. with *coat* (q.v.), with ground-idea of covering.

**cot**<sup>2</sup>. Bed. Hind. *khāt*, Sanskrit *khaṭwā*.

**cote**. See *cot*<sup>1</sup>.

**coterie**. F., orig. association of peasants holding land from a lord, from OF. *cotier*, cot-dweller. See *cot*<sup>1</sup>.

**cothurnus**. Tragic buskin. L. *cothurnus*, G. *κόθουρος*.

**cotillon**. F., petticoat, double dim. of *cotte*, skirt, etc. (see *coat*). Reason for application to a dance is obscure; ? cf. *shimmy*.

**cotta** [eccl.]. Surplice. MedL *cotta*. See *coat*.

**cottage**. AF. *cotage*, from *cot*<sup>1</sup>.

**cotter**<sup>1</sup>, **cottar**, **cottier**. Cottager. See *cot*<sup>1</sup>.

**cotter**<sup>2</sup> [techn.]. Peg, wedge, in various senses. Earlier *cotterel*. Prob. fig. use of same words in ME. sense of servile tenant, villein, lit. cot-dweller, MedL. *cottarius*, *cotterellus*.

**cotton**. F. *coton*, Sp. *coñon*, Arab. *quṭn* (see *acton*). The verb to cotton, orig. (16 cent.) to prosper, succeed, appears to be due to a fig. sense of raising a nap on cloth, or of getting materials to combine successfully.

**Cottonian**. Library of Sir R. Cotton (†1631), nucleus of British Museum.

**cotyledon** [bot.]. G. *κοτυληδών*, cup-shaped cavity, from *κοτύλη*, hollow vessel.

**couch**. First as verb. F. *coucher*, OF. *colchier*, L. *collocare*, to place together.

**couch-grass**. See *quitch*.

**couéism** [neol.]. From Dr. Émile Coué, apostle of cure by suggestion.

**cougar**. Puma. F. *couguar*, from Brazil.

**cough**. Found in AS. only in derivative *cohhetan*. Cf. Du. *kuchen*, to

cough, Ger. *keuchen*, to pant, whence *keuchhusten*, whooping-cough All imit.

**could.** See *can*<sup>1</sup>.

**coulée** [geol.]. Solidified lava. F. *coulée*, p.p. fem. of *couler*, to flow, L. *colare*.

**coulisse.** Side-scene on stage, etc F., fem form of *coulis*, from *couler*, to flow, slide (v.s.). Cf. *portcullis*.

**couloir** [Alp.]. Steep gorge. F., corridor, by dissim. for OF. *courrou*, from *courru*, to run.

**coulomb.** Unit of electricity. From C. A. de Coulomb, F physicist (†1806).

**coulter.** Of plough. AS. *cultir*, from L. See *cultas*.

**council.** L. *concilium*, assembly, ? lit. a calling together, L. *calare*. Unconnected with *counsel*, F. *conseil*, L. *consilium*, plan, opinion, ? lit. leaping together, from L. *saltare*. But the two words were completely confused in E., though vaguely, and often incorrectly, differentiated from 16 cent.

**counsel.** See *council*.

**count**<sup>1</sup>. Title OF. *conte* (Mod. *comte*), L. *comes*, *comit-*, companion, from *cum* and *ire*, to go.

**count**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. OF. *conter* (Mod. *compter*), L. *computare*, from *putare*, to think, reckon. ModF. has *conter*, to tell (a story), *compter*, to count.

**countenance.** F. *contenance*, L. *continentia*, manner of holding oneself, bearing, from *continēre*, lit. to hold together.

**counter**<sup>1</sup>. Adv. Esp. in to run counter. See *counter-*.

**counter**<sup>2</sup>. Of a shop. Extended use of same word meaning banker's desk, counting-house; cf. F. *comptoir*, MedL. *computatorium*.

**counter**<sup>3</sup>. Part of horse's breast. From *counter*<sup>1</sup>. Cf. origin of *withers* (q.v.).

**counter**<sup>4</sup>. Of a ship. Perh. as *counter*<sup>3</sup>, ? from shape.

**counter**<sup>5</sup>. In fencing, boxing For earlier *counter-parade*, *counter-parry* (see *counter-*).

**counter**<sup>6</sup>. Verb. From adv. *counter*<sup>1</sup>.

**counter-**. AF. form of F. *contre*, L. *contra*, against.

**counterfeit.** F. *contrefait*, p.p. of *contre-faire*, from *contre* and *faire*, L. *facere*, to make.

**counterfoil** See *foil*<sup>1</sup>.

**counterfort** [arch.]. F. *contrefort*, buttress, from *fort*, strong.

**countermand.** F. *contremander*, from *mander*, L. *mandare*, to order.

**counterpane.** Earlier *counter-point*,

OF. *coule-pointe* (Mod. *courte-pointe*), Late L. *culcita puncta*, stitched quilt, from *pungere*, to prick. The altered ending in E. is perh. due to *pane*, cover-pane, F. *pan*, cloth (see *panel*), formerly used in similar sense. See also *quilt*.

**counterpoint** [mus.]. F. *contrepoint*, It. *contrappunto*, an accompaniment "pricked against" notes of melody. See *puncture*.

**countervail.** OF. *contrevaloir*, from L. *contra* and *valere*, to be worth.

**country.** F. *contrée*, Late L. *contrata*, (land) spread before one (*contra*) Cf. Ger. *gegend*, district, from *gegen*, against Hence *country-dance*, in F. corrupted to *contre-danse*.

**county.** AF. *comté*, OF. *comté* (Mod. *comté*), L. *comitatus* (see *count*<sup>1</sup>).

**coup.** F. (see *cope*<sup>3</sup>), as in *coup d'État*, *coup de grâce*, *coup de théâtre*, etc.

**coupé.** F., p.p. of *couper*, to cut (in half) See *cope*<sup>2</sup>.

**couple.** F. *couple*, L. *copula*, bond. See *copulate*.

**coupon.** F., a "detachable" certificate, from *couper*, to cut (see *cope*<sup>2</sup>).

**courage.** F. *courage*, VL. \**coraticum*, from *cor*, heart.

**courbash.** See *kourbash*.

**courier.** F. *courrier*, It. *corriere*; cf. MedL. *currenus*, from *currere*, to run.

**course.** Combined from F *cours*, L. *cursus*, from *currere*, *curs-*, to run, and the later fem. form *course*.

**court.** OF *court* (Mod. *cour*), L. *cohors*, *cohort-*, cogn. with *hortus*, garden, and used by Varro in sense of poultry-yard.

**court-card.** For earlier *coat-card*, from the pictures.

**courteous.** For OF. *courteis* (Mod. *courtois*), from OF. *court*, court (q.v.).

**courtesan.** F. *courtisane*, It. *cortigiana*, from *corte*, court. Orig. euph.

**courtesy.** F. *courtoisie*. See *courteous*.

**couscous.** Afr. dish F *couscous*, Arab. *kuskus*, from *kashasa*, to pound small.

**cousin.** F. *cousin*; cf. It. *cugino*, MedL. *cosinus* (7 cent.), with meaning of L. *consanguineus*. *Cosinus* is supposed to be a contr. (? due to infantile speech) of L. *consobrinus*, but this seems hardly credible. But one might conjecture that the OL. form

\**consuesrinus* could have become \**consuesinus* and so *cosinus*.

**couvade.** Custom ascribed to some races of father taking to his bed on birth of a child. F. *couvade*, It.

*covata* (see *covey*).

**cove**<sup>1</sup>. Creek. AS. *cofa*, chamber, cell, recess. Com. Teut., cf. Ger. *kofen*, pig-sty (from LG.), *koben*, hut, ON. *kofi*, hut. See *cubby-house*.

**cove**<sup>2</sup> [slang]. Earlier *cofe*. Prob. ident with Sc. *cofe*, hawker, cogn. with *chapman* (q.v.)

**covenant**. Pres. part. of OF. *covenir* (Mod. *convenir*), to agree, L. *convenire*, to come together

**Coventry, send to**. In current sense from 18 cent. Origin unknown.

**cover**. F. *couvrir*, L. *cooperire*.

**coverlet, coverlid**. AF. *coverlit*, cover bed, formed like *curfew*, *kerchief* (q.v.).

**cover**<sup>1</sup>. F. *couvert*, p.p. of *couvrir*, to cover (q.v.)

**cover**<sup>2</sup>. OF. *coverter* (Mod. *convoyer*), VL \**cupidiare*, from *cupidas*, desire.

**covey**. F. *couvée*, brood, p.p. fem. of *couver*, to brood, incubate, L. *cubare*.

**cow**<sup>1</sup>. Noun. AS. *cū*. Aryan, cf. Du. *hoe*, Gr. *kūh*, ON. *kýr*, Sanskrit *go* (see *nyighau*, *garkwar*); ult. cogn. with G. *boûs*, *bo-*, L. *bos*, *bov-*.

**cow**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. ON. *kūga*, to oppress, whence Norw. *Dan. kue*.

**cowage, cowitch**. Plant. Hind. *ka-wānch*. (Corrupted to *cowitch* owing to its stringing properties.)

**coward**. Archaic F. *coward*, from OF. *coue* (Mod. *queue*), tail, L. *cauda*, with depreciatory suffix *-ard*, Ger. *-hart*, as in *bastard*, *laggard*, etc.; cf. It. *codardo*.

**cower**. Prob. of Scand. origin; cf. Sw. *kura*, *Dan. kure*, to squat, and Ger. *kauern*, to cower.

**cowitch**. See *cowage*.

**cowl**<sup>1</sup>. Garment. AS. *cugele*, Late L. *cucullus*, cowl, from *cucullus*, hood of a cloak. Cf. OF. *coule*.

**cowl**<sup>2</sup> [archaic]. Tub. AS. *cūfel*, dim. from L. *cupa*; cf. Ger. *kübel*, tub, bucket, and see *coop*.

**cowrie**. Hind. *kaurī*, small shell used as coin

**cowslip**. AS. *cūslippe*, cow dung. Cf. *oxlip*.

**cox**. See *coxswain*

**coxal** [anat.]. Of the hip, L. *coxa*.

**coxcomb**. For *cock's comb*, orig. ornamentation of head-dress of professional fool.

**coxswain**. Earlier *cock-swain*. See *cockboat* and *swain*. Hence, by incorr. separation, *cox* as noun and verb.

**coxy**. See *cocky*.

**coy**. F. *coi*, VL \**quietus* for *quietus*.

**coyote**. Prairie wolf. Sp. *coyote*, Mex. *coyotl*.

**coz**. For *cousin*, which is usu. spelt *cozen* in 17 cent.

**cozen**. Earlier *cozon*, It. *cozzonare*, "to break horses, to plait the horse-courser, or knavish knave" (Flor.), "to have perfect skill in all cosenages" (Torr.), from *cozzone*, "a horse-courser, a horse-breaker, a craftie knave" (Flor.). Cf. to *jockey*. *Cozzone* is VL. *coctio-n-* (for *cocio*), whence OF. & ME. *cosson*, horse-dealer.

**cozy**. See *cosy*

**crab**<sup>1</sup>. Crustacean. AS. *crabba*; cf. Du. *krab*, Ger. *krabbe* (from LG.), ON. *krabbi*; also LG. *krabben*, to scratch, claw; cogn. with Ger. *krebs* (see *crayfish*) and with *crawl*<sup>1</sup>. Adj. *crabbed* referred orig. to the crooked, wayward gait of the crab.

**crab**<sup>2</sup>. Fruit. Cf. Sw. *krab-apple*; perh. from *crab*<sup>1</sup>, with disparaging sense.

**crack**<sup>1</sup>. Noise, break. First as verb. AS. *cracran*; cf. Du. *kraken*, Ger. *krachen*, F. *craker*; of imit. origin.

**crack**<sup>2</sup>. As in *crack regiment*. From *crack*<sup>1</sup>, in sense of praising loudly, "cracking up."

**cracker**. Biscuit. From *crack*<sup>1</sup>. Cf. *cracknel*.

**crackle**. Frequent of *crack*. Hence *crackling* (of roast pork).

**cracknel**. Metath. of F. *crachein*, from Du. *krakein*; cf. *cracker*.

**cracovienne** [archaic]. Dance. F., from *Cracovie*, Cracow.

**cracy**. F. *-cratie*, G. *-kparia*, from *kráros*, power.

**cradle**. AS. *cradol*, cogn. with OHG. *chratto*, basket; cf. Du. *krat*, basket. See also *cart*, *crate*.

**craft**<sup>1</sup>. Skill. AS. *craft*. Com. Teut. in sense of strength; cf. Du. *kracht*, Ger. *kraft*, ON. *kráptr*.

**craft**<sup>2</sup>. Vessel. Back-formation from *small craft*, for vessels of *small craft*<sup>1</sup>, i.e. power.

**crag**. Celt.; cf. Gael. Ir. *creag*, Welsh *craig*.

**crake**. In *corn-crake*. Cf. ME. & dial. *crake*, crow, ON. *krāka*, crow, *krākr*, raven. Imit.; cf. *craak*.

**cram**. AS. *cramman*, from *crimman* (*cram*, *crummon*), to insert, orig. to squeeze, press.

**crambo**. For L. *crambe*, cabbage, G. *kráβη*, with ref. to *crambe repeticia*, cabbage served up again.

**cramoisy** [archaic]. F. *cramoisi*, *crimson*. See *carmine*, *crimson*.

**cramp**. OF. *crampe*, bent, twisted, of LG. origin (cf. Du. *kramp*), and cogn.

with Ger. *krampf*, cramp, orig. adj., bent. Cogn. with *crimp*, *crump-le*.

**cran** [Sc]. Measure of fresh herrings. ? Cf. Gael. *crannchur*, share, lot.

**cranberry**. Ger. *kranbeere*, crane berry.

**crane**. AS *cran*; cf. Du. *kraan*, Ger. *kran-ich*; cogn. with L. *grus*, G. *yéparos*, Welsh *garan*. The mech. application is found also in other langs.

**cranium**. MedL. *cranium*, G. *κράνιον*, skull.

**crank<sup>1</sup>**. Instrument, handle. AS. *cranc*, in *crancstaf*. Orig. something bent, cogn. with *cringe*, *cringle*, *crinkle*, and with Ger. *krank*, sick.

**crank<sup>2</sup>**. Eccentric. From *crank<sup>1</sup>*. Cf. *cranky*, *crook<sup>2</sup>*.

**crank<sup>3</sup>** [naut.]. Easily capsized. Earlier *crank-sided*. From Du. *krengen*, to push over, careen a ship, ult. cogn. with *crank<sup>1</sup>*, in sense of turn.

**cranky**. Cf. *crank<sup>2</sup>*.

**crannog**. Celt. lake-dwelling. Ir. *cran-nóg*, Gael. *crannag*, from *crann*, tree, beam.

**cranny**. App. from F. *cran*, earlier *cren*, VL. \**crennum*. The dim. appears in *crenelate* (q.v.). Cf. It. *crena*, notch, indentation on leaves.

**crape**. F. *crêpe*, OF. *creспе*, L. *crispa*, curly (sc. *tela*).

**crapulous**. From L. *crapula*, drunkenness, G. *κραπύλη*, drunken headache, nausea.

**crash<sup>1</sup>**. Of noise, etc. Imit.; related to *crash<sup>2</sup>* as *clash* to *clack*. Cf. Ger. *krach*, crash, commercial disaster, from *krachen*, to crack.

**crash<sup>2</sup>**. Coarse linen formerly used for towels. From Russ. *krashenina*, coloured linen.

**crasis** [ling.]. Contraction. G. *κράσις*, mixture, from *κεραινύειν*, to mix.

**crass**. L. *crassus*, fat, thick.

**-crat**. See *-cracy*.

**cratch** [dial.]. Manger. F. *crèche*, OHG. *chripfa* (Mod. *krippe*), ident. with *crib* (q.v.). Cf. *match<sup>2</sup>*, *patch*.

**crate**. Du. *krat*, basket (see *cradle*).

**crater**. G. *κρατήρ*, mixing-bowl (see *crasis*).

**crunch**. Earlier used for *crunch* (q.v.). Prob. nasalized form of *crash<sup>1</sup>*. *Scrunch* is also found (cf. *scrunch*).

**cravat**. F. *cravate* (17 cent.), scarf like those worn by Croatian soldiers (Thirty Years War). Cf. F. *Cravate*, Croat, Ger. *Krabate*, Flem. *Crawaat*, Croato-Serbian *Hrvat*.

**crave**. AS. *crafian*, to demand as a

right, cf. synon. ON. *krefja*. ? cogn. with *craft*, power.

**craven**. ME. *cravant*, *cravand*, vanquished, cowardly, from OF. *craventer*, *crevanter*, to overthrow, VL. \**crepantare*, for *crepare* (whence F. *crever*, to burst, etc.). It may be the F. p.p. with suffix lost as in *costive*, *defile<sup>2</sup>*, *troue*, or a verbal adj. of the same type as *stale*.

**craw**. Crop of a bird. ME. *crawe*, cogn. with Du. *kraag*, neck, Ger. *kragen*, collar, Sc. *cra(i)g*, neck. These forms point to an AS. \**craga*.

**crawfish**. See *crayfish*.

**crawl<sup>1</sup>**. Verb. ON. *krafla*, to claw; cf. Norw. Dan. *kravle*, to crawl, climb, Sw. *krafla*. Orig. to claw one's way. Cogn. with *crab<sup>1</sup>*; cf. Ger. *krabbeln*, to crawl, from LG.

**crawl<sup>2</sup>**. [Wind.]. Pen in water for turtles, etc. Var. of *corral*, *kraal* (q.v.).

**crayfish**, **crawfish**. Corrupted from ME. *crevesse*, F. *écrevisse*, OF. also *crevice*, OHG. *krebitz* (Mod. *krebs*), *crab<sup>1</sup>* (q.v.).

**crayon**. F. *crayon*, pencil, from *craie*, chalk, L. *creta*.

**craze**. To break, crack, whence *crazed*, *crazy*. Aphet. for AF. *acraser*, for OF. *escraser* (Mod. *écraser*), from Sw. *krasa*, to break, prob. related to *crash<sup>1</sup>*.

**creak**. Imit., cf. *crahe*, *croak*.

**cream**. F. *crème*, OF. *creisme*, L. *chrisma* (see *chrism*). Referred by 16 cent. etymologists to L. *cremor lactis*, "creame of milke" (Coop.), which has no doubt influenced the sense-development.

**crease<sup>1</sup>**. Inequality. Earlier *creaste*, OF. *creste* (Mod. *crête*), crest, ridge, Lat. *crista*. Orig. the ridge as opposed to the corresponding depression.

**crease<sup>2</sup>** [US]. To stun a horse by a shot through the "crest" of the neck. From *crease<sup>1</sup>*.

**crease<sup>3</sup>**, **creese**, **kris**. Dagger. Malay *kiris*, kris, of Javanese origin.

**creator**. L, from *creare*, to create, whence also *creatura*, creature.

**crèche**. F., from OHG. See *cratch*, *crib*.

**credence**. F. *crédence*, It. *credenza*. VL. \**credentia*, from *credere*, to believe. In Mod. F. usual meaning is side-board, as in eccl. E. *credence-table*. This arose from the practice of "assaying" meat and drink at the side-board so as to inspire confidence against poison. Cf. *salver*.

**credentials**. For earlier letters of *credence*.

**credit.** F. *crédit*, It. *credito*, p p. of *credere*, to believe, trust.  
**credo.** L., I believe, first word of Apostles' and Nicene Creeds.  
**credulous.** From L. *credulus*, from *credere*, to believe.  
**creed.** AS. *crēda*, L. *credo* (q v.)  
**creek.** In ME usu *crike*, F. *crique*, ON. *kriki*, bend, nook, cogn. with *crook*, cf. Du. *kreek*  
**creel.** OF. *greuille*, grill, sieve, VL *cratcula*, from *crates*, wicker-work, hurdle, cf. OF. *creil*, hurdle  
**creep.** AS. *crēopan*, cf. Du. *kruipen*, ON. *kriupa*. Cf. *cripple*.  
**creese.** See *crease*<sup>3</sup>.  
**cremation.** L. *crematio*-n-, from *cremare*, to burn. *Crematorium* is MedL  
**cremona.** Violin from *Cremona*, in Lombardy.  
**crenate** [bot.]. ModL. *crenatus*, notched (v.i.).  
**crenulate.** To embattle. For earlier *crenel*, F *créneler*, from OF. *crenel* (Mod. *crénneau*), battlement, dim. of OF. *cren* (Mod. *cran*), notch (see *cranny*).  
**crieole.** F. *créole*, earlier *criole*, Sp *criollo*, orig. applied to all West Indians (white or black) wholly or partly of foreign parentage; now usu. to those of Europ. ancestry. Perh. corrupt. or dim. of Sp *criado*, foster-child, L. *creatus*, said to have been orig. applied to the indoor slaves. Cf. OPort. *gallinha crioula*, pet hen.  
**creophagous.** Carnivorous. See *creosote*, -phagous.  
**creosote.** From G *κρέας*, flesh, and *σώζω*, to save, from antiseptic properties.  
**crêpe.** F, see *crape*.  
**crepitate.** From L. *crepitare*, frequent of *crepare*, *crepit-*, to crack, resound.  
**crépon.** F., from *crêpe*, crape.  
**crepuscular.** From L. *crepusculum*, twilight.  
**crescendo** [mus.]. It., from L. *crescere*, to grow.  
**crescent.** From pres. part. of L. *crescere*, to grow. First applied to the growing moon.  
**cross.** AS. *cærse*, *cerse*, *cresse*. WGer.; cf. Du. *kers*, Ger. *kresse*; also borrowed from Scand. & Rom. langs., e.g. F. *cresson*.  
**cresset.** Portable beacon. OF. *craisset*, lantern, from OF. *craisse* (Mod. *graisse*), grease (with which a *cresset* is filled). See *grease*.

**crest.** OF. *creste* (Mod. *crête*), L. *crisia*.  
**cretaceous.** From L. *cretaceus*, from *creta*, chalk.  
**Cretan.** Liar (Tit. 1. 12). Cf. *syncretism*.  
**cretic** [metry]. L. *Cræticus*, of *Crete*.  
**crétin.** Deformed idiot, in Alps F, from Swiss dial. *crestin*, *cretin*, Christian. Cf. similar use of *innocent*.  
**cretonne.** Made at *Creton* (Eure).  
**crevasse** [Alp.]. F., see *crevice*.  
**crevice.** ME. *crevace*, F. *crevasse*, from *crever*, to burst, L. *crepare*.  
**crew.** Earlier *crue*, also *accrue*, p p. fem of F. *croître*, *accroître*, to grow, OF. *creistre*, L. *crescere*. Orig. reinforcement, mil. or nav.; cf. *recruit*.  
**crewel.** Earlier *crule*, *crewle*, *croole*, *croile*, also *crewe*, *crue*. Origin doubtful. ? From F. *écru*, unbleached, L. *ex* and *crudus*, raw, as in *fil escru*, unbleached yarn (13 cent.), altered as *scroll* (q.v.).  
**crib.** AS *cribb*, ox-stall, etc. WGer.; cf. Du. *krib*, Ger. *krippe* (see also *cratch*, *crèche*); cf. MHG. *krebe*, basket, a common meaning of *crib* in E. dial., whence *crib*, to steal (cf. *cabbage*<sup>2</sup>), and hence, to cheat in schoolboy sense. The game of *cribbage* is from the *crib*, or store of cards, secured by the dealer.  
**cribbage.** See *crib*.  
**Crichton.** All round gifted man. *James Crichton*, called "the Admirable" by Urquhart, killed in a brawl at Mantua (1585).  
**crick.** Prob. cogn. with *crook*; cf. synon. F. *torricols*, It. *torricollo*, lit. twist-neck.  
**cricket**<sup>1</sup>. Insect. F. *criquet*, from *criquer*, "to creak, rattle, crackle" (Cotg.), imit. of sound; cf. Du. *krekkel*.  
**cricket**<sup>2</sup>. Game. First recorded (*creckett*) 1598. App. first used of the wicket; cf. OF. *criquet*, stake used as goal at bowls, from Flem *krick*, "scipio, baculus" (Kil.), cogn. with *cruich*.  
**crikey** [vulg.]. Euph. alteration of *Christ*. Cf. *lawks*.  
**crim. con.** [leg.]. For *criminal conversation*.  
**crime.** F. *crime*, L. *crimen*, *crimin-*, from root of *cernere*, to separate, decide.  
**criminy, crimine** [colloq.]. Suggested by *Christ* (cf. *crikey*) and *jimmy* (q.v.).  
**crimmer lamb** [fur trade]. From *Crimea*. Cf. *astrakhan*.  
**crimp**<sup>1</sup>. Verb. Du. *krimpen*, "contrahere, diminuere, arctare, coarctare,

extenuare" (Kil.); cogn. with *cramp*, *crumple*.

**crimp**<sup>2</sup> [*naut.*]. Prob. from *crimp*<sup>1</sup>, with the idea of "squeezing."

**crimson**. Earlier (15 cent.) *cremesyn*, OSp. *cremesin* (Mod. *carmesi*) or OIt. *cremesino* (Mod. *cremesi*), Arab. *qirmazi*, cf. F. *cramoisi*. Ult. source is Arab. *qirmiz*, kermes, cochineal insect. See *hermes*, *carmine*.

**cringe**. Orig. trans. ME *crengen*, causal of AS. *cringan*, to fall in battle, orig. to become bent, "succumb"; cogn. with *crank*<sup>1</sup>.

**cringle** [*naut.*]. Ring. Earlier *creengle*. From LG or Du. Cf. Du. Ger. *kring*, circle, etc., ON *kringja*, to encircle; cogn. with *crank*<sup>1</sup>, *crinkle*.

**crinite** [*biol.*]. L. *crinitus*, from *crinis*, hair.

**crinkle**. Frequent. from AS. *crincan*, var. of *cringan* (see *cringe*), or from cogn. LG. or Du. *krinkel*, turn, twist; cogn. with *crank*<sup>1</sup>, *cringle*. Cf. *crinkum-crankum*, elaborately intricate.

**crinoline**. Orig. stiff fabric with warp of thread and woof of horse-hair. F. *crinoline*, from *crin*, horse-hair, L. *crinis*, and *lin*, flax, L. *linum*.

**cripple**. AS *crýpel*, cogn. with *crēopan*, to creep, crawl, cf. Du. *kreupel*, Ger. *krüppel* (from LG.), ON. *crýppill*.

**crisis**. G. *κρίσις*, decision, from *κρίνειν*, to judge.

**crisp**. L. *crispus*, curled.

**crispin** [*archaic*]. Shoemaker. From St *Crispin*, patron saint of the craft.

**criss-cross**. Now regarded as redupl of *cross*, but orig. suggested by *christ-cross* row (q.v.).

**cristate** [*biol.*]. L. *cristatus*, from *crista*, crest.

**criterion**. G. *κριτήριον*, from *κρίτης*, judge.

**critic**. G. *κριτικός* from *κρίνειν*, to judge (v.s.).

**croak**. ME. *crowken*, *crowken*. Imit., cf. *crake*, *creak*, Ger. *krächzen*, F. *croasser*. Slang to *croak*, die, is from the sound of the death-rattle.

**Croat** [*hist.*]. See *cravat*.

**crochet**. F., dim. of *croc*, hook (see *crook*).

**crocidolite** [*min.*]. From G. *κροκίς*, *κροκίδ-*, var. of *κροκός*, nap of cloth, and *λίθος*, stone.

**crook**<sup>1</sup>. Vessel. AS. *crocc*, *crocca*, pot. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *kruck*, Ger. *krug*, ON. *krúkká*; also in Rom. langs., e.g. *cruche* (from Teut.), and with cogn. forms in Celt.

**crook**<sup>2</sup>. Duffer. Earlier (16 cent. Sc.) worn-out ewe; hence applied to horse and person. Various words of somewhat similar meaning in *krak-*, found in Scand. & LG., are app. related to *crack*, so that a *crack* and a *crook* may be etym. ident. It may, however, be noted that F. *cruche*, pitcher, *crook*<sup>1</sup>, from OHG, also has the meaning of duffer, simpleton.

**crocket** [*arch.*]. ONF. form of *crochet*, hook. See *crochet*, *crotchet*.

**crockford**. Clergy directory. From compiler of first issue (1865).

**crocodile**. G. *κροκόδειλος*, lizard.

**crocus**. L. *crocus*, G. *κρόκος*, crocus, saffron, prob. of Semit. origin.

**Croesus**. King of Lydia (6 cent. B.C.), famed for wealth.

**croft** [*dial.*]. AS *croft*, small field; cf. Du. *kroft*, *hrocht*, hillock, land above water-level.

**cromlech**. Welsh, crooked stone, from *crom*, fem. of *cwm*, bent, and *llech*, flat stone.

**cromorne** [*mus.*]. Reed-stop. F. *cromorne*, Ger. *krummhorn*, crooked horn.

**crone**. Usu identified with archaic and dial *crone*, worn-out ewe, archaic Du. *kronje*, *karonje*, from Picard *carogne* (ModF. *charogne*), carrion (q.v.). The sense of hag is, however, much the older (Chauc.); and the mental picture of a bent or crooked crone suggests a possible connection with Walloon *cron*, bent, hunch-backed, of Teut. origin (see *crumple*).

**crony**. Earlier *chrony*, G. *χρόνιος*, from *χρόνος*, time, used in univ. slang for contemporary.

**crook**<sup>1</sup>. Bend, etc. ON. *krōkr*; cogn. with obs Du. *croec*, OHG *krāho*. The same root is represented in VL. (see *crochet*, *crochet*, *croquet*, *crosier*).

**crook**<sup>2</sup>. Swindler. From *crook*<sup>1</sup>, as not being straight. Cf. *crank*<sup>2</sup>.

**croon**. Orig. Sc. Prob. of LG. origin; cf. Du. *kreunen*, earlier *kronen*, to whimper, groan.

**crop**. AS. *cropp*, head of herb, bunch of flowers, ear of corn, crop (of bird), kidney. Ground-sense appears to be swelling; cf. Du. *krōp*, Ger. *kröpf*, crop of bird, ON. *krōppr*, hump. Has passed into Rom. langs. (see *group*). *Hunting-crop*, orig. switch, preserves the sense of shoot, slender growth, as in Chauc. See also *croup*<sup>1</sup>.

**cropper**. Header. From *crop* in archaic sense of head. Cf. *neck* and *crop*.

**croquet**. Said to be from Brittany and

to be etym. ident. with *crochet* (q.v.),  
? curved stick used for mallet

**croquette**. Kind of rissole. F., from  
*croquer*, to crunch

**crore** [*Anglo-Ind.*]. One hundred lakhs  
(esp. of rupees). Hind. *kroy*, Sanskrit  
*koṭi*.

**crozier**, **crozier**. For *crozier-staff*, the  
*crozier* being orig. the bearer, ME.  
*crozier*, OF. *crossier*, from *crosse*,  
crook, pastoral staff, VL. \**croccia*,  
bent (see *crook*). Not immediately  
related to *cross*. Cf. *lacrosse*.

**cross**<sup>1</sup>. Noun. Late AS. *cros*, ON. *kross*,  
L. *crux*, *cruc*.

**cross**<sup>2</sup>. Adj. From *cross*<sup>1</sup>, with idea  
of opposing directions.

**cross-country**. For *across-country*. Cf.  
*longshore*.

**crosse**. See *lacrosse*.

**cross-patch**. From obs. *patch*, fool,  
from motley garments.

**crotalus**. Rattle-snake. From G. *κρότα-*  
*λον*, rattle

**crotch** [*dial.* & *US.*]. Fork in various  
senses. F. *croche*, fem. of *croc*, hook,  
VL. \**croccus* (see *crook*).

**crotchet** [*mus.*]. F. *crochet*, little hook  
(v.s.). For *crotchet*, whim, cf. *kink*,  
*crank*<sup>2</sup>.

**crotan**. G. *κροτών*, a tick, dog-louse,  
and hence the castor-oil plant, from  
the shape of its seed.

**crouch**. Late ME., perh. suggested by  
combination of *crook*, *cringe* and  
*couch* (see *Gen.* xlix 14).

**croup**<sup>1</sup>. Of a horse. F. *croupe*, of  
Teut origin and ident. with *croop* (q.v.),  
in sense of rounded protuberance.

**croup**<sup>2</sup>. Disease. Sc., orig. verb, to  
croak hoarsely. Perh. unconsciously  
formed from *croak* and Sc *roup* (q.v.).

**croupier**. F., orig. one who rides  
behind, *en croupe*, hence one acting  
as second to gamester. See *croup*<sup>1</sup>.

**crow**<sup>1</sup>. Bird. AS. *crāwe*, imit. of cry,  
AS. *crāwan*, to crow; cf. Du. *kraai*,  
*kraaijen*, Ger. *krähe*, *krähen*, etc. So  
also L. *cornix*, *corvus*, from imit. *cor*!

**crow**<sup>2</sup>. Tool, crowbar. The oldest  
examples are always *croes* of iron,  
representing synon. OF. *cros* (pl. of  
*croc*, hook, crook) *de fer*. See *crochet*.

**crow**<sup>3</sup>. Mesentery, esp. in liver and  
crow. ? Cf. obs. Du. *kroos*, giblets,  
Ger. *gekroese*, cogn. with *kraus*, curly,  
from appearance. But it may be a  
fig. use of *crow*<sup>1</sup>; cf. F. dial. *corneille*,  
diaphragm of bullock, lit. raven.

**crowbar**. See *crow*<sup>2</sup>.

**crowd**<sup>1</sup>. First as verb. AS *crūdan*, to

press, push; cf. Du. *kruijen*, earlier  
*krūden*.

**crowd**<sup>2</sup> [*archaic* & *dial.*]. Fiddle.  
Welsh *crwth*. See *rote*<sup>1</sup>.

**crown**. AF. *coronne*, OF. *corone* (Mod.  
*couronne*), L. *corona*, from G. *κορώνη*,  
curved.

**crowner**. See *coroner*

**croydton**. Gig From *Croydon* (Surrey)

**crozier**. See *crozier*.

**crucial**. From L. *crux*, *cruc*-, cross, in  
sense of finger-post at cross-roads,  
where decision has to be made.

**crucible**. MedL. *crucibulum*, with suffix  
as in *thuribulum*, censer; cf. OF.  
*croiseul*, *croiset*, *creuseul*, crucible (Mod.  
*creuset*). The first element is prob.  
MHG. *kruse*, earthen pot (see *cruse*).

**cruciferous** [*bot.*]. See *cross*, -ferous.

**crucifix**. Orig. the Crucified One. F.  
*crucifix*, L. *cruci fixus*, fixed to the cross.

**crude**. L. *crudus*, raw, cogn. with  
*cruo*, blood.

**cruel**. F. *cruel*, L. *crudelis*, from  
*crudus* (v.s.).

**cruet**. AF. dim. of OF. *crue*, pot,  
OHG. *krūga*, *krūca* (cf. Ger. *krug*, E.  
*crook*<sup>1</sup>), whence also F. *cruche*, pitcher.

**cruise**. Du. *kruisen*, from *kruis*, cross.

**crumb**. AS. *cruma*, cf. Du. *krum*,  
Ger. *krume* (from LG.); cogn. with  
L. *grumus*, hillock.

**crump**. A hard hit. From verb *crump*,  
orig. of "crunching" food. Prob.  
associated with *clump*.

**crumpet**. App. ME. *crumpid* (cake),  
p.p. of *crump*, to bend, curl up, from  
archaic adj. *crump*, crooked, AS.  
*crump*, cogn. with *cramp*, *crimp*<sup>1</sup>; cf.  
Ger. *krumm*, OHG. *krum̃pf*. Gael.  
Ir. *crom*, bent, crooked, whence *Crum-*  
*mie*, "cow with crumpled horn," is  
prob. cogn. *Crompeit*, "genus cibi,"  
is recorded in AS.

**crumple**. From obs. *crump* (v.s.).

**crunch**. Mod. var. of *craunch* (q.v.),  
perh. influenced by *crump*.

**crupper**. Orig. tail-strap. F. *croupière*;  
see *croup*<sup>1</sup>.

**crural** [*anat.*]. L. *cruralis*, from *crus*,  
*crur*-, leg.

**crusade**. A blend of F. *croisade* and  
Sp. *cruzada* (vi).

**crusado**. Coin. Port. *cruzado*, marked  
with cross.

**cruse** [*archaic*]. Cf. Du. *kroes*, Ger.  
*krause*, ON. *krús*; prob. cogn. with  
*crook*<sup>1</sup>. See also *crucible*.

**crush**. OF. *croissir*, *cruiisir*; cf. It.  
*crosciare*, Sp. *crujir*; of Teut. origin;  
cf. Goth. *krustian*, to gnash the teeth,



**crust.** OF. *crouste* (Mod. *crouste*), L. *crusta*; cf. *crustacean*, hard-shelled.  
**crutch.** AS. *crocc*; cf. Du. *kruk*, Ger. *krucke*; cogn. with *crook*<sup>1</sup>.  
**crutched.** Only in *Crutched Friars*, order carrying, or wearing, a cross, ME. *crouch*, AS. *crūc*, L. *crux*, *cruc-*.  
**crux.** L., cross, as in MedL. *crux interpretum*, torture of translators.  
**cry.** F. *crier*, ? VL. \**criare*, L. *currere*, to summon to one's help the *Quirites*, citizens; cf. It. *gridare*, Sp. *gritar*. A rival, and more likely, etym. is from Goth. \**krentan*, to cry out, shriek, corresponding to MHG. *krizen*, Ger. *kreischen*.  
**cryo-.** From G. κρύος, frost.  
**crypt.** L. *crypta*, G. *κρυπτή*, vault, etc., from *κρύπτειν*, to hide. Cf. *cryptogram* (see *-gram*), *cryptogam* (bot.), without stamens or pistils, from G. γάμος, marriage.  
**crystal.** G. κρύσταλλος, clear ice, from κρύος, frost.  
**cteno-.** From G. κτείν, κτεν-, comb.  
**cub.** Orig. young fox; cf. Norw. *kobbe*, Icel. *kobbi*, seal, which, like *cub*, are prob. related to Norw. *kubbe*, *kub*, block, stump, cogn. with *cob*<sup>1</sup>; from idea of shapelessness, "unlickedness."  
**cubby-house.** From archaic and dial. *cub*, crib, partition. See *cove*<sup>1</sup>.  
**cube.** G. κύβος, orig. a die for play.  
**cube.** Berry. F. *cubebe*, MedL. *cubebea*, Arab. *kabābah*.  
**cubicle.** L. *cubiculum*, from *cubare*, to lie.  
**cubit.** L. *cubitus*, arm from elbow to finger tips, from *cubare*, to recline.  
**cucking-stool** [hist.]. Instrument for punishing scolds, etc. From obs. verb *cuck*, *stercorare*, ON. *kūka*. From its orig. form.  
**cuckold** [archaic]. OF. *cucualt*, formed, with suffix *-ald*, Ger. *-wald*, from *coucou*, cuckoo, from some belief as to the habits of the hen-bird; cf. synon. F. *cocu*.  
**cuckoo.** F. *coucou*, imit. of cry. Cf. L. *cuculus*, G. κόκυξ, Ger. *kuckuck*, etc.  
**cucumber.** OF. *cocombre* (Mod. *concombre*), L. *cucumis*, *cucumer*.  
**cud.** AS. *curudu*, *cuđu*, cogn. with OHG. *chuti*, *quiti*, glutinous substance (Mod. *kit*, plaster, glue). Cf. *quid*<sup>1</sup>.  
**cudbear.** Dye from lichen. Coined from his own name by patentee, Cuthbert Gordon (18 cent.).  
**cuddle.** Of late appearance (18 cent.).

App. a mod. variation (after *mull*, *muddle*, *mell*, *meddle*, etc.) on archaic *cull*, *coll*, to embrace, OF. *acoler*, from *col*, neck.  
**cuddy**<sup>1</sup> [naut.]. Du. *kajuit*, earlier *kajute*, F. *cahute*, little hut.  
**cuddy**<sup>2</sup> [dial.]. Donkey. From name Cuthbert; cf. *dicky*, *neddy*, in same sense.  
**cudgel.** AS. *cycgel*; cogn. with Ger. *kugel*, ball, *keule*, cudgel.  
**cue**<sup>1</sup>. Pigtail, billiard cue. F. *queue*, tail, L. *cauda*.  
**cue**<sup>2</sup> [theat.]. Earlier *q*, prob. abbrev. of L. *quando*, when (to come in).  
**cuff**<sup>1</sup>. Mitten. ME. *coffe*, *cuffe*. If orig. sense was covering in general, it may be related to *coif* (q.v.).  
**cuff**<sup>2</sup>. Buffet. First as verb. F. *coiffer*, OF. also *coewffer*, to cap, dress the hair, fig. "donner un coup sur la tête" (Godef.).  
**cui bono.** L., to whose advantage?  
**cuirass.** F. *cuirasse*, from *cuir*, leather, L. *corium*.  
**cuisine.** F. *cuisine*, VL. *coquina* (from *coquere*, to cook), for *culina*. Cf. *kitchen*.  
**cuisse, cuish** [hist.]. Thigh armour. ME. pl. *cuissues*, OF. *cuisseaux*, pl. of *cuisse* (from *cuisse*, thigh, L. *coxa*, hip), became *cuissees*, whence new sing.  
**Culdee** [hist.]. Scoto-Ir. rel. order (Iona, 8 cent.). OIr. *cēla dē*, friend or servant of God.  
**cul de lampe, cul de sac.** F. *cul*, L. *culus*.  
**-cule.** L. dim. suffix *-culus*, *-a*, *-um*.  
**culinary.** L. *culinarius*, from *culina*, kitchen.  
**cull.** F. *cueillir*, from L. *colligere*, to collect. Cf. *coll*<sup>1</sup>.  
**cullender.** See *colander*.  
**culm**<sup>1</sup> [dial.]. Soot, coal-dust. Also *coom*. ? Cf. Ger. *qualm*, Du. *kwalm*, reek, smoke.  
**culm**<sup>2</sup> [bot.]. L. *culmus*, stalk.  
**culminate.** From Late L. *culminare*, from *culmen*, *culmin-*, summit.  
**culpable.** L. *culpabilis*, from *culpa*, fault.  
**culprit.** Prop. only in "Culprit, how will you be tried?" said by Clerk of Crown to prisoner pleading not guilty. Supposed to have arisen from written contr. *cul. prest*, for Law F. *culpable*; *prest à averer nostre bille*, (you are) guilty; (I am) ready to prove our case.  
**cult.** L. *cultus*, from *colere*, *cult-*, to cultivate, worship, etc. Cf. *culture*.

**cultivate.** From Late L. *cultivare*, from *cultiva* (terra), from *colere*, *cult-* (v.s.).

**culver** [*archaic*]. Dove, pigeon. AS. *culfre*; ult. cogn. with L. *columba*.

**culverin** [*hist.*]. Long cannon. F. *couleuvrine*, from *couleuvre*, snake, from L. *coluber*.

**culvert.** From c. 1770. Origin unknown.

**cumann** [*pol.*]. Ir. House of Commons. Borrowed from E. *common*.

**cumber.** For F. *encombrer*, from Late L. *combrus*, barrier, weir, of doubtful origin, prob. Celt. Cf. Du. *kommer*, Ger. *kummer*, It. *ingombro*, etc., from Late L.

**Cumbria.** See *Cambria*.

**cumin, cummin.** G. κύμινον, Heb. *kammôn* or Arab. *kammûn*.

**cummer, kimmer** [*Sc. & north*]. Female friend, gossip. F. *commère*, fellow god-mother.

**cummerbund.** Urdu *kamar-band*, loin-band, from Pers.

**cummin.** See *cumin*.

**cumshaw** [*pidgm.* Chin. (Amoy), *kâm-sia*, "grateful thanks."

**cumulate.** From L. *cumulare*, from *cumulus*, heap.

**Cunarder.** Ship of line established (1839) by Samuel Cunard.

**cuneate, cuneiform.** From L. *cuneus*, wedge.

**cunning.** From ME. *cunnen*, to know, AS. *cunnan*.

**cup.** AS. *cuppe*, Late L. *cuppa* for *cupa* (see *coop*). A *cupboard* was orig. a table, side-board.

**cupel.** Vessel used in assaying. F. *coupelle*, dim. of *coupe*, cup (q.v.), goblet.

**Cupid.** Personification of L. *cupido*, from *cupere*, to desire. Cf. *Venus*.

**cupola.** It. *cupola*, from L. *cupa*, cask, tun (see *coop*).

**cupreous.** From L. *cupreus*, from *cuprum*, copper (q.v.).

**cur.** Earlier *cur-dog*, prob. from ON. *kurra*, to grumble.

**curaçao.** From name of island off Venezuela, whence also *curassow*, kind of turkey.

**curare.** Indian arrow poison from Guiana. Carib *ourari*, *ourah*, etc., the *c-* being an attempt at a native imit. "click." Cf. *wourah*.

**curassow.** See *curaçao*.

**curate.** MedL. *curatus* (whence also F. *curé*), entrusted with a *cure*, L. *cura*, care, cure (of souls).

**curator.** L., from *curare*, to care.

**curb.** F. *courber*, to bend, VL. \**curbare* for *curvare*. Hence *curbstone*, *kevb*.

**curcuma.** Arab. *kurkum*, saffron, turmeric.

**curd.** ME. *crudde*, prob. from AS. *crūdan*, to press (see *crowd*<sup>1</sup>); cf. relation of L. *coagulum*, curd, to *cogere* (co-agere), to press. Hence *curdle*.

**cure**<sup>1</sup>. To heal, prepare. L. *curare*, from *cura*, care.

**cure**<sup>2</sup> [*slang*]. Short for *curno* or *curiosity*.

**curé.** F., see *curate*.

**curfew.** AF. *cove-fu*, *cure-fu*, cover (imper.) fire. See *cover* and *focus*.

**curia.** Court, esp. Papal; hence *curialism*. L., division of orig. Roman tribe; hence, senate, senate-house.

**curio.** Abbrev. of *curiosity*.

**curious.** F. *curieux*, L. *curiosus*, inquisitive, caring for, from *cura*, care.

**curl.** First as adj. ME *crul*; cogn. with Du. *krul*, Ger. *krölle*, curl (from LG.). For metath. cf. *curd*, *crass*. The game of *curling* is so called from the curving path of the stones, like that of a bowl. Cf. Flem. *krullebol*, bowl<sup>2</sup>.

**curlew.** F. *courleu*, *courlis*, with many dial. vars. App. imit. of cry (cf. *peewit*).

**curmudgeon.** Origin unknown.

**curragh.** Ir. boat. See *coracle*.

**currant.** Orig. AF. *raisins de Coraunte*, Corinth grapes, the small fruit imported dried from the Levant. Later applied, from resemblance of clusters, to garden currant.

**current.** From pres. part. of L. *currere*, to run.

**curricule** [*archaic*]. L. *curriculum*, race-course, racing chariot, dim. of *currus*, chariot. Cf. *curriculum*, academic "course."

**curry**<sup>1</sup>. To dress (a horse or leather). OF. *correer* (Mod. *corroyer*, *courroyer*), to prepare, VL. \**conredare*, from Teut. root of *ready* (q.v.); see *array*, and cf. It. *corredare*, to fit out. To *curry favour* is folk-etym. for ME. *curry favel* (c. 1400), from FAVEL, OF. *Fauvel*, the name of a fawn coloured horse (see *fallow*<sup>2</sup>) used as type of hypocrisy in a 14 cent. F. allegory.

**curry**<sup>2</sup>. Dish. Tamil *kari*, Canarese *kari*, sauce, relish.

**curse.** First as noun. Late AS. *curs*,

? Norman *curuz* (Laws of William the Conqueror), for OF. *coroz* (Mod. *courroux*), wrath, from verb *corocier*, (Mod. *courroucer*), VL. *corruptiare*, from *cor*, heart, *rumpere*, *rupt*-, to break.

**cursor** [hist.]. MedL. *cursor*, clerk of Court of Chancery who made out writs *de cursu*, of common routine.

**cursive**. MedL. *cursivus*, running, from L. *cursus*, from *currere*, *curs*-, to run. Cf. *cursor*, L. *cursorius*, from *cursor*, runner.

**cut**. L. *curtus*, short, cogn. with G. *kaprós*, from *kelpeu*, to cut.

**curtail**. Mentally associated with *tail*<sup>1</sup>, or with F. *tailler*, to cut, but really evolved as verb from earlier *curtal*, horse with docked tail (or ears), OF. *courtald* (Mod. *courtald*), from *court*, short, L. *curtus*, and suffix *-ald*, Ger. *-wald*; cf. It. *cortaldo*.

**curtain**. F. *courtine*, Late L. *cortina* (Vulg. Ex. xxvi. 1), transl. of G. *αἰθῆρα*, curtain, *αἰλή*, hall, court, being regarded as equivalent to *cohors* (see *court*).

**curtal-axe**, **curtle-** [hist.]. Corrupt of *cullas* (q.v.). Cf. *pickaxe*.

**curtana** [hist.]. Pointless "sword of mercy" borne before E. monarchs at coronation. OF. *cortan*, the sword of Ogier le Danois, but orig. that of Tristram, the point of which broke off in the skull of Morolt. From L. *curtus*, short.

**curtilage** [leg.]. Court-yard, etc. OF. *courtillage*, from *court*, court, enclosure, dim. of *cort* (Mod. *cour*), court.

**curtle-axe**. See *curtal*.

**curtsy**. Var of *courtesy*. Cf. fig. use of *reverence*.

**curule chair** [hist.]. L. *cur(r)ulus*, supposed to come from *currus*, chariot. **curve**. L. *curvare*.

**curvet**. It. *corvetta*, from archaic *corvo* (Mod. *curvo*), bent, L. *curvus*; cf. F. *courbette*, "a curvet, or the curvetting of a horse" (Cotg.).

**cuscus**. Indian grass. Urdu *khas khas*, from Pers.

**cushat** [dial.]. Wood-pigeon. AS. *cūscote*, first element of which is prob. from cry, *coo*, second perh. cogn. with *scēotan*, to shoot. Cf. relationship of *dove* to *dive*.

**cushion**. F. *coussin*, OF. *coissin*, VL. \**coxinum*, from *coxa*, thigh (cf. L. *cubital*, elbow-cushion, from *cubitus*, elbow); cf. It. *cuscino*, Sp. *cojín*.

**cushy** [Anglo-Ind.]. Urdu, from Pers. *khūsh*, pleasant.

**cuspid**. L. *cusps*, point.

**cuspidor** [US.]. Spittoon. Port. *cuspidor*, from *cuspir*, to spit, L. *conspuere*.

**cuss**. Colloq. US. for *curse* (cf. *burst* for *burst*). Hence *cussedness*. But a *rum cuss* is prob. rather for *customer*.

**custard**. Altered from ME *crustade*, a pie with crust; cf. F. *croustade*, from OF. *crouste* (Mod. *croûte*), crust (q.v.).

**custody**. L. *custodia*, from *custos*, *custod*-, keeper.

**custom**. OF. *coustume* (Mod. *coutume*), L. *consuetudo*, *-tudm-*; cf. *costume*. See *desuetude*.

**custos rotulorum** [hist.]. L., keeper of the rolls.

**cut**. ? F. *écourier*, VL. \**excurtare*, from *curtus*, short. *Cutty* (*pipe, sack*) corresponds exactly to F. *écourié*; cf. also *cut-ial* (for *curtail*). ME to *draw cuts*, i.e. lots, is very suggestive of F. *tirer à la courte paille*.

**cutaneous**. From MedL. *cutaneus*, from *cutis*, skin.

**cutcha** [Anglo-Ind.]. Mud brick. Prop. anything incomplete, unripe, etc. Hind. *kachchā*, raw, crude, etc.

**cutcherry** [Anglo-Ind.]. Office, administration. Hind. *kachahrī*, audience room.

**cute**. Aphet for *acute*.

**Cuthbert** [hist.]. Used 1914-8 of "knut" supposed to be escaping mil. service by holding government employ.

**Cuthbert duck**. From St Cuthbert, apostle of Northumbria, because it breeds on the Farne islands.

**cuticle**. L. *cuticula*, dim. of *cutis*, skin. **cutlas**. F. *coutelas*, augment. of OF. *coutel* (Mod. *couteau*), L. *cullellus*, dim. of *culter*, ploughshare. Often corrupted into *curtal-axe*. Cf. It. *coltellaccio*, "a curtelax, or chopping knife" (Flor.).

**cutler**. F. *couteher*, from OF. *coutel* (v.s.).

**cutlet**. F. *côtelette*, double dim. of *côte*, rib, L. *costa*.

**cutter**. Vessel. ? From *cut* (cf. *clipper*). ? Or ident with *catur*, a vessel used on Malabar coast, perh. from Sanskrit *catura*, swift. *Catur* was adopted by Port., and is used in E. (1643) a century before the first record of *cutter* (1745).

**cuttle-fish**. AS. *cudele*, glossed as *wase-scile*, ooze shooter. Found also in OFrankish. Cogn. with *cod*<sup>1</sup>, with allusion to the bag that contains the black fluid.

**cutty**. See *cut*.

**cwt.** For hybrid *centum weight*, for *hundred-weight*. Cf. *dwt.*

**cyan-** [*chem*]. From G. κύανος, dark blue.

**cycad.** Palm. ModL *cycas*, *cycad-*, from supposed G. κύκας, scribal error for κύκας, acc. pl. of κύειξ, the Egypt. doum-palm.

**cyclamen.** From G. κυκλάμινος, perh. from κύκλος, circle, in allusion to round roots.

**cycle.** F. *cycle*, G. κύκλος, circle.

**cyclo-**. See *cycle*.

**cyclone.** Irreg. from G. κύκλος, circle.

**cyclopaedia.** For earlier *encyclopaedia* (q.v.).

**Cyclops.** G. Κύκλωψ, from κύκλος, circle, ὤψ, eye.

**cyder.** See *cider*.

**cygnet.** Dim. from F. *cygne*, swan, L. *cygnus*, earlier *cycnus*, G. κύκνος, cogn. with L. *ciconia*, stork.

**cylinder.** G. κυλινδρος, roller, from κυλινδρω, to roll.

**cyma** [*arch*]. Moulding. G. κύμα, anything swollen or waved.

**cymar** [*hist.*]. F. *smarre*, earlier *amarre*, It. *cimarra*. Cf. *chmerv*.

**cymbal.** G. κύμβαλον, from κύμβη, hollow of vessel, whence L. *cymba*, boat. See *chmerv*.

**cyme** [*bot.*]. F. *cime*, summit. As *cyma* (q.v.).

**Cymric.** From Welsh *Cymru*, Wales (see *Cambria*).

**cynanche** [*med.*]. See *quinsy*.

**cynic.** G. κυνικός, dog-like, from κύων, κυν-, dog. Cf. *hunks*.

**cynocephalus.** Dog-headed baboon. From G. κεφαλή, head (v.s.).

**cynosure.** G. κυνόςουρα, dog's tail (οὐρά). Constellation of Ursa Minor, in tail of which is pole star.

**cypher.** See *cipher*.

**cypres** [*leg.*]. Law F., for *si près*, as nearly as possible.

**cypress<sup>1</sup>.** Tree. Late L. *cyprissus* for *cupressus*, G. κυπάρισσος.

**cypress<sup>2</sup>** [*archaic*]. Fabric. Used in ME of various fabrics from *Cyprus*.

**Cyprian.** Of *Cyprus*; hence, licentious. Cf. *corinthian*.

**Cyrenaic.** Of *Cyrene*, G. Κυρήνη, G. colony in Afr. Esp. in ref. to hedonistic philosophy of Aristippus of Cyrene (5 cent. B.C.).

**Cyrillic.** Alphabet used by Slav. nations of Greek church. Attributed to *St Cyril*, apostle of Slavs (9 cent.).

**cyрто-**. From G. κυρτός, curved.

**cyst.** From G. κύστις, bladder.

**Cythrean.** Of Aphrodite, or Venus, from her favourite isle of Κύθηρα, now Cergo.

**cytissus.** Shrub. G. κύτισος

**cyto-**. From G. κύτος, hollow

**czar, tzar, tsar** [*hist.*]. Russ. *tsar*, Slav. *cesare*, L. *Caesar*, adopted (via Teut.) in various forms by Slav. langs. Cf. *kaiser*. *Czarina*, F. *tsarine*, *czarine*, and corresponding It. Sp. Port. forms in *-ina* all represent Ger. *zarin*, with the Ger. fem. suffix *-in* (see *vixen*). The correct Russ. word is *czaritzza*, *tsaritsa*. See also *cesarevitch*.

**Czech.** Native and lang. (Slav) of Bohemia. Also *Tschekkh*. Bohemian; cf. Pol. *Czech*

**D.** For 500, in Roman numerals, is an approximate imitation of half the peculiarly shaped Roman **D** i.e. M (for *mille*, thousand). But see *M*

**dab<sup>1</sup>.** Verb. Perh. imit. of a short soft blow. Hence prob *dab*, small flat fish, likened to a *dab* (of wax, paint, etc.), as *pat* (of butter) from verb to *pat*. Cf. *dab, dub*.

**dab<sup>2</sup>.** Adept. Orig. a cant word. F. *dabe* (*thieves' slang*), king, for *dabo*, boss<sup>2</sup>, i.e. he who pays, L, lit I will give.

**dabble.** Obs. Du. *dabbelen*, frequent. of earlier *dabben*. Perh. akin to *dab<sup>1</sup>*.

**dabchick.** Earlier also *dap-*, *dip-*, *dob-*, related to *dip*. Cf. synon *didopper* (q.v.).

**dabster.** From *dab<sup>2</sup>*. Cf. *trickster*, etc.

**da capo** [*mus.*]. It., from beginning (head)

**dace.** In ME. also *darse*, OF. *dars*, as though nom. of *dard*, dart, dace. But the name is prob. of Gaulish origin and unconnected with *dart*. For loss of *-r* cf. *bass<sup>1</sup>*.

**dachshund.** Ger., badger hound.

**dacoit.** Hind. *dakait*, *dākāyat*, robber belonging to armed band.

**dactyl** [*metr.*]. G. δάκτυλος, finger (— ∪ ∪).

**dad, daddy.** From infantile speech; cf. *mammy, baby*, etc. Corresponding forms in most langs., e.g. Sanskrit *tata*.

**dadaism** [*neol.*]. Latest form of literary and artistic eccentricity. F. *dadaïsme*, from *dada*, hobby (q.v.).

**dado.** It. *dado*, L. *datum* (see *dne<sup>2</sup>*). Orig. the die-shaped part of pedestal;

then, part of wall representing continuous pedestal.

**daedal.** Maze-like, etc. From G. name *Δαίδαλος*, "the cunning one," constructor of the Cretan labyrinth.

**daemoniac.** See *demon*.

**daffodil.** For earlier *affodil*, F *asphodèle* (see *asphodel*). The *d*- is playful elaboration, as in *dapple-grey*.

**Daffy's elixir** [*archaic*]. Invented by Thomas Daffy (17 cent.).

**daft.** AS. *gedæfte*, gentle, meek, cogn. with *gedafemian*, to be fitting, becoming, whence the sense preserved in *deft* (q.v.); cf. Goth. *gadaban*, to be fitting. For degeneration of *daft* cf. *silly* (q.v.).

**dag** [*hist.*]. Short hand-gun. F. *dague*, dagger (q.v.). Cf. F. *pistolet*, which formerly meant dagger as well as pistol.

**dagger.** Cf. F. *dague*, It. Sp. *daga*, Ger. *degen*, sword (from F.). MedL. *daggarus* occurs c. 1200. Origin unknown.

**daggle.** Frequent. of dial. *dag*, to wet, from ON. *dogg*, dew. Associated in meaning with *dabble*, *draggles*.

**dago** [US]. Orig. Spaniard. Sp. *Diego*, a form of James, taken as typical name (cf. *John Bull*, *Fritz*).

**dagoba.** Buddhist shrine for relics of saint. Sinhalese *dāghaba*, Sanskrit *dhātu-garbha*, relic receptacle

**Dagon** [*Bibl.*]. Heb. *dāgōn*, dim. of *dāg*, fish.

**dags, to do.** Schoolboy perversion of *dare*. Cf. *fag*<sup>1</sup>, *fug*.

**daguerreotype.** From *Daguerre*, F. inventor (1839).

**dahabeeyah.** Large sailing barge on Nile. Arab. *dhahabiyah*, the golden, from *dhahab*, gold.

**dahlgren** [*hist.*]. Heavy gun invented by J. A. Dahlgren (Amer. Civil War).

**dahlia.** Named in honour of *Dahl*, Sw. botanist.

**Dail Eireann** [*pol.*]. Gael. Ir. *dáil*, meeting, and genitive of *Eire*, Ireland (see *Erse*).

**daimio.** Obs. Jap. title. Jap. pronunc. of Chin. *ta-ming*, great name

**dainty.** First as noun, meaning honour, regard, etc. OF. *deinté*, L. *dignitas*, -*iat*-, from *dignus*, worthy. Cf. *deign*, *disdain*.

**dairy.** ME. & AF. *deyerie*, from ME. *dey*, woman, servant, AS. *dæge*, for which see *lady*.

**dais.** F. *dais*, L. *discus*, disk, quoit, G. *δίσκος*; in Late L., *table*; cf. *desk*, *dish*, *disk*

**daisy.** AS. *dæges ēage*, day's eye.

**dak, dawk.** Hind. & Mahratti *dāk*, post, orig. transport by relays of men and horses. Hence *dak-bungalow*, rest house in India

**Dalai Lama.** Mongolian *dalai*, ocean, to indicate the extent of power of the Grand Lama of Tibet. See *lama*.

**dale.** AS. *dæl*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *dal*, Ger. *tal* (see *thaler*), ON. *dalr*, Goth. *dal*; cogn. with *dell*.

**dallastype** [*phot.*]. Invented by D. C. Dallas.

**dally.** OF. *darlier*, *dallier*, to chaff, from OF. *dail*, sickle, blade. Orig. in F. to slash, then used of cut-and-thrust repartee; hence, in E., conversation, and finally, frivolous preoccupation, etc. OF. *darl* is of unknown origin.

**dalmatian.** Dog from *Dalmatia*, whence also *dalmatic*, vestment, F. *dalmatique*.

**daltonism.** Colour-blindness. John Dalton (†1844), famous E. chemist, was colour-blind.

**dam**<sup>1</sup>. Barrier. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *dam* (as in *Amsterdam*), MHG. *tam* (Mod. *damm*), ON. *dammr*. Noun is not recorded in AS., which has, however, *fordemman*, to obstruct, with which cf. Goth. *faurdammjan*.

**dam**<sup>2</sup>. Mother. Var. of *dame* (q.v.). Cf. *dan*.

**damage.** OF. *damage* (Mod. *dommage*), from OF. *dam*, harm, L. *damnum*.

**damascene, -keen.** To ornament with incised patterns as famous armourers of *Damascus*

**damask.** From *Damascus*, through It. *damasco*.

**dame.** F. *dame*, L. *domina*.

**damn.** F. *damner*, L. *dam(p)nare*, to condemn to a penalty.

**Damnonian.** From L. *Damnonia*, Roman name for Devon.

**damoclean.** Of *Damocles*, who, feasted by Dionysius, tyrant of Syracuse (4 cent. B.C.), suddenly noticed sword suspended by horse-hair above his head.

**damosel** [*poet.*]. Archaic form of *damsel* (q.v.).

**damp.** Prob. a LG. word. Cf. Du. *damp*, Ger. *dampf*, steam, Norw. Dan. *damp* (from LG.); cogn. with Ger. *dumpf*, close, oppressive. Cf. verb to *damp*, choke, smother.

**damsel.** OF. *dameiselle* (Mod. *demoiselle*), VL. \**dominicella*, from *domina* (see *dame*).

**damson.** ME. *damascene*, *damsin*, etc., plum of *Damascus*

**dan** [archaic]. As in *dan* Chaucer. OF. *dan*, lord, L. *dominus*; masc. of *dame* (q.v.).

**danaidean.** Of the G *Δαναίδες*, daughters of *Danaus*, king of Argos, condemned, for the murder of their husbands, to attempt to fill sieves with water.

**dance.** F. *danser*; cf. It. *danzare*, Sp. *danzar*, Ger. *tanzen* (from It.). Origin unknown

**dancette** [arch.], **dancetté** [her]. Cf. OF. *danché*, indented, Late L. \**denticatus*, or *denticatus*, from *dens*, *dent*, tooth.

**dandelion.** F. *dent de lion*, from toothed edge of leaf.

**dander** [US.]. Temper, as in to get one's dander up? Fig. use of WInd. *dander*, fermentation (of sugar), usu. *dunder*, from Sp *redundar*, to overflow, L. *redundare*.

**dandie dinnont.** From *Dandie Dinmont*, border farmer in Scott's *Guy Mannering*.

**dandiprat.** Insignificant dwarf. First element from *Andrew* (see *dandy*) *Jack Prat* was similarly used in 16 cent.

**dandle.** From F. *dandiner*, to sway to and fro, from *dan din* (cf. *ding-dong*), suggesting a bell Cf. *dangle*.

**dandruff, dandriff.** Second element is ON. *hrufa*, scab (cf. Ger. *rufe*, OHG. *hruf*), first doubtful. Cf. AS *hrēofla*, leper.

**dandy**<sup>1</sup>. Fop. First on Sc. border at end of 18 cent., hence prob. for *Andrew*

**dandy**<sup>2</sup> [Anglo-Ind.]. Hammock slung on pole for carrying. Hind. *dāndī*, from *dānd*, staff.

**dandy**<sup>3</sup>. Pop. form of *dengue* (q.v.).

**Dane.** From Dan. *Daner*, ON. *Danr*. Hence also (hist.) *Danegeld*, ODan. *Danegjeld* (see *yield*), and *Danelaw*, -lagh (see *law*<sup>1</sup>) With great *dane* (dog), cf. F. *grand danois*.

**dane-hole.** See *dene-hole*

**dang.** Euph. for *damn*; cf. *darn*<sup>2</sup>.

**danger.** F. *danger*, OF. *dongier*, VL. \**dominiarium*, for *dominium*, rule, lordship. Earliest meaning survives in *in danger* of, subject to the jurisdiction of (*Matt.* v. 22).

**dangle.** A frequent. verb, related by ablaut to *ding*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.), in sense of setting in motion. Confused with *dandle*.

**Daniel.** Wise and upright judge (*Merch. of Ven.* iv. 1) From *Daniel* of *Apocrypha*.

**Danite.** Member of supposed murderous organization among early Mormons, taking name from Bibl. *Danites* (*Gen.* xlix. 16).

**dank.** Origin obscure; believed to be cogn. with Ger. *dunkel*, dark. Earliest records refer to dew.

**daphne.** Laurel. G. *δάφνη*, derived in myth. from name of nymph changed into laurel to escape pursuit of Apollo.

**dapper.** Du. *dapper*, brave, sprightly; cf. Ger. *tapfer*, brave, OSlav. *dobh*, strong, doughty, Russ. *doblest*, valour

**dapple.** Back-formation from *dapple-grey*, for unrecorded \**apple-grey*, the markings being likened to the splashes of colour on an apple; cf. F. *gris pommelé*, It. *pomelato*, Ger. *apfelschimmel*, etc., all rendered *dapple-grey* in early dict. So also ON. *apalgrär* and Russ. adj. *jablochnyy*, from *jabloko*, apple. For prefixed *d-* cf. *daffodil*.

**darbies** [slang]. Handcuffs. Earliest records (c 1600), always *Derby's bands* (*bonds*), suggest derivation from a personal name.

**Darby and Joan.** First used of attached old couple in song in *Gentleman's Mag.* (1735).

**dare.** AS. *dearr*, with past *dorste* (*durst*), cogn. with G. *dauern*, to dare; cf. OSax. *gidar*, OHG. *tar*, Goth. *ga-dausan*.

**daric** [hist.]. Persian coin. G. *Δαρεικός* (*οτρήρ*), from *Darius* I.

**dark.** AS. *deorc*, cogn. with OHG. *tarchanjan*, to conceal.

**darling.** AS. *dēorling*, *dēorling*, double dim., -ling, of *dear*.

**darn**<sup>1</sup>. To mend. Also earlier *dern*, *dearn*. Prob. a spec. use of obs. *dern*, *darn*, to hide, from AS *dierne*, hidden, secret, cogn. with Ger. *tarn-kappe*, coat of invisibility in *Nibelungenlied*. Cf. Ger. *strümpfe stopfen*, to darn (lit. stop up) stockings.

**darn**<sup>2</sup> [US.]. Euph. for *damn*. So also *darned*, *darnation* (*tarnation*).

**darnel.** Tares. F. dial. *darnelle*. Second element is F. *nielle*, cockle, L. *nigella*, first is of unknown origin, but app. contains idea of stupefying; cf. F. *vrare*, tares, from *vrre*, drunk, L. *ebrius*; also Du. *dolh*, *darnel*, from *dol*, mad.

**dart.** F. *dard*, OF. also *dart*; cf. It. Sp. *dardo*. Of Teut. origin; cf. AS.

*daroth*, -*eth*, javelin, found also in OHG., whence prob. the continental forms, also ON *darrathr*.

**dartre**. Ulcer. F *dartre*, for OF. *derte*, *darte*, ? from Gaulish *derbita*.

**dash**<sup>1</sup>. Of hasty movement, etc. Prob. imit., of same type as *bash*, *smash*, etc., cf. Sw. *daska*, Dan. *daske*, to beat, slap, etc. Oldest sense as in mod. to *dash in* *pieces*.

**dash**<sup>2</sup> [WAfr] Present, commission App. native word (16 cent).

**dastard**. Formed with depreciatory suffix -*ard* (cf. *sluggard*) from p.p. of *daze*. Cf. obs Du. *dæsærd*, "delirious, insanus, phantasticus, perterritus" (Kil).

**dasyure**. Brush-tailed opossum (Austral.). From G. *δαρύς*, hairy, *οὐρά*, tail.

**data**. L., things given, from *dare*, *dat-*, to give.

**date**<sup>1</sup>. Fruit. F. *datte*, G. *δάκτυλος*, finger; cf. OIt. *dattilo*, whence Ger. *dattel*. From shape; cf. L. *dactylus*, "a long grape like a finger" (Coop.).

**date**<sup>2</sup>. Time. F *date*, L. *data*, p.p. neut. pl. of *dare*, to give, as in *Data Romae prid. kal Apr*, (these) given at Rome March 31.

**dative** [gram.]. L. *dativus*, rendering G. *δοτική* (*πίπτουσα*), giving (case).

**datum**. Sing. of *data* (q.v.).

**datura**. Narcotic plant Hind. *dhatūra*, from Sanskrit.

**daub**. F. *dauber*, L. *dealbare*, to plaster, from L. *albus*, white.

**daughter**. AS. *dohtor*. Aryan; cf. Du. *dochter*, Ger. *tochter*, ON. *dóttir*, Goth. *daukhtar*, G. *θυγάτηρ*, Sanskrit *duhitri*.

**daunt**. OF. *danter*, *donter* (Mod. *dompter*), L. *domitare*, frequent. of *domare*, to tame (q.v.).

**dauphin** [hist] Title assumed (1349) by eldest son of king of France, from province of Dauphiné, ceded to the F. crown. The province was named from the *Dauphin* family, lit. dolphin (q.v.), a common early surname in E. & F.

**davenport**. Writing-table (19 cent) Maker's name.

**davit** [naut] OF. *davret*, *davrot*, dim. of name *David*. ? Allusion to David being let down from a window (1 Sam. xix. 12).

**davy**<sup>1</sup>. Lamp Invented (1815) by Sir Humphry Davy.

**davy**<sup>2</sup>. Vulgar for *affidavit* (q.v.).

**Davy Jones**. ? Reminiscence of *Jonah* ii. 5, the prophet, formerly called

*Jonas*, being made into *Jones* and supplied with a fitting Welsh christian name.

**daw**. Now usu *jackdaw* (cf. *magpie*, *tom-tit*, etc.), cf. Sc. *caddow*, from ME. compd. *ca-daw*, of which both parts are prob. imit. of cry. Ger. *döhle*, earlier *dähle*, MHG. *tahle*, from *take*, OHG. *iāhā*, may be related.

**dawdle**. Prob. dial. var. of *daddle*, to walk unsteadily, trifle. Cf. *dadder*, *dodder*, *driher*, all with idea of unsteady movement; also obs. or dial. *dade*.

**dawk**. See *dak*.

**dawn**. Earliest is *dawning* (c. 1300), of Norse origin; cf. Sw. Dan. *dagning*, from ON. *daga*, to become day (q.v.).

**day**. AS *dæg* Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *dag*, Ger. *tag*, ON. *dagr*, Goth.  *dags*. Orig. time of sunlight, the 24 hours being represented by *nicht* (q.v.).

**daysman** [archaic]. Umpire. Usu. after *Job* ix 33. Contains a reminiscence of archaic use of *day*, in sense of time appointed for judgment. Cf. Ger. *tagen*, to hold assembly (as in *reichstag*, *landtag*) and see *diēt*<sup>2</sup>.

**daze**. ON. \**dasa*, as in reflex. *dasask*, to become exhausted (cf. *bash*, *bush*<sup>2</sup>); cf. ON. *dasi*, dullard. Or via OF. *daser* (from Teut.).

**dazzle**. Frequent. of *daze*.

**de-**. L. *de*, from, downward, but often a mere intens. (*demur*, *demigrate*). In words of F. origin usu. for *dé-*, OF. *des-*, L. *dis-*, which largely replaced *de-* in VL. Often in nonce-words or neols (*decelerate*, *decontrol*, *decode*).

**deacon**. AS. *diacon*, G. *διάκονος*, servant.

**dead**. AS. *dēad*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *dood*, Ger. *tot*, ON. *dauthr*, Goth. *dauhts*; cogn. with *dre*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.).

**deaf**. AS. *dēaf*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *doof*, Ger. *taub*, ON. *daufr*, Goth. *daufts*; cogn. with G. *τυφλός*, blind, common idea being dullness, obtuseness.

**deal**<sup>1</sup>. Share, quantity AS *dæl*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *deel*, Ger. *teil*, Norw. Dan. *del*, Goth. *dails*. See also *dole*<sup>1</sup>. Hence verb to *deal*, AS. *dēalan*.

**deal**<sup>2</sup>. Timber. Orig. plank. Cf. Du. *deel*, Ger. *äele*, plank (from LG.). Cogn. with E. *thill*, OHG. *drilli*, ON. *thilja*, rower's bench.

**dean**<sup>1</sup>. Dignitary. OF. *deren* (Mod. *doyen*), L. *decanus*, Church G. *δεκανός*, from *δέκα*, ten. Orig. chief of ten monks.

**dean**<sup>2</sup>, **dene**. Valley AS *denū*, valley Cogn. with *den*.  
**dear**. AS. *dēore*, *dēere*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *duur*, costly, Ger. *teuer*, ON. *dýrr*.  
**dearth**. From *dear* (q.v.).  
**death**. AS. *dēath*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *dood*, Ger. *tod*, ON. *dauði*, Goth *dauþus*; cogn. with *die*<sup>1</sup>, *dead*.  
**debacle**. F. *débâcle*, orig. "bust-up" of ice on river; hence, stampede. From *débâcler*, from *bâcler*, to fasten up, Prov. *baclar*, to bar, from L. *baculus*, staff, crossbar.  
**debar**. Of E. formation from *bar* (q.v.).  
**debarb**. F. *débarquer*. See *bark*<sup>2</sup>.  
**debase**. Of E. formation from *base*<sup>2</sup>.  
**debate**. F. *débattre*. Orig., in F. & E., to fight. See *combat*.  
**debauch**. F. *débaucher*, OF. *desbaucher*, orig. to lead astray. Origin unknown. Possibly from Teut. *balk*, in gen. sense of line, ridge, boundary (see *balk*).  
**debenture**. For *debentur*, they are owing, from L. *debēre*, to owe.  
**debility**. L. *debilitas*, from *debilis*, weak.  
**debit**. L. *debitum*, from *debēre*, to owe.  
**debonair**. OF. *debonaire* (Mod. *débonnaire*), for *de bon' aire*, of good race, orig. of hawks (see *aery*, *eyry*).  
**deboshed**. Archaic var. of *debauched*.  
**debouch**. F. *déboucher*, OF. *desboucher*, from *bouche*, mouth, L. *bucca*, lit. cheek, used in VL. for os. See *disembogue*.  
**débris**. F., from *débriser*, from *briser*, to break. See *bruisse*.  
**debt**. Restored spelling of ME. *det*, F. *dette*, L. *debita*, p.p. neut. pl. of *debēre*, to owe.  
**début**. F., from *débuter*, to lead off at bowls, etc. From *but*, mark, goal.  
**deca-**. G. *δέκα*, ten.  
**decade**. G. *δεκάς*, *δεκάδ-*, group of ten, *δέκα*.  
**decadent**. F. *décadent*, from pres. part. of VL. \**decadere* (for *decidere*), to fall, decay.  
**decalogue**. G. *δεκάλογος* (sc. *βιβλος*), from phrase *οἱ δέκα λόγοι*, the Ten Commandments.  
**Decameron**. It. *Decameron*, title of Boccaccio's (†1375) collection of tales, supposed to occupy ten days. From G. *δέκα*, ten, *ἡμέρα*, day. Cf. F. *Heptaméron* (seven days), tales of Marguerite de Navarre (16 cent.).  
**decamp**. F. *décamper*, orig. to break up camp, OF. *descamper*.

**decanal** [eccl.]. Of a *dean*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.).  
**decani** [eccl.]. Dean's side of choir. Genitive of L. *decanus*, dean.  
**decanter**. F. *décantier*, MedL. *decanthare* (alchemy), from *canthus*, corner, lip of jug, supposed to be from G. *καθός*, corner of eye.  
**decapitate**. From Late L. *decapitare*, from *caput*, *capit-*, head.  
**decay**. OF. *décair*, dial. form of *dècheir* (Mod. *déchoir*), VL. \**decadere*, for *decidere*, to "fall off."  
**decease**. F. *décès*, L. *decessus*, lit. departure, euph. for *mors*.  
**deceive**. F. *décevoir*, VL. \**decipere*, for *decipere*, from *capere*, to take. See *conceive*.  
**December**. L. *december*, from *decem*, ten, with suffix *-ber*, of obscure origin.  
**decemvir** [hist.]. L., sing. of *decem viri*, ten men, appointed (5 cent. B.C.) to draw up the laws of the Twelve Tables.  
**decennial**. From L. *decennium*, ten years, from *decem* and *annus*.  
**decent**. From pres. part. of L. *decēre*, to be fitting. Cf. *decorate*.  
**deci-**. Abbreviated from L. *decimus*, tenth.  
**decide**. F. *décider*, L. *decidere*, *-cis-*, from *cadere*, to cut.  
**deciduous**. From L. *deciduus*, from *decidere*, to fall down, from *cadere*.  
**decimal**. MedL. *decimalis*, from *decem*, ten.  
**decimate**. From L. *decimare*, to put to death every tenth man of unit, as punishment for mutiny, etc.  
**deck**<sup>1</sup>. Of ship. Du. *dēk*, covering, roof, cogn. with E. *thatch* (q.v.). Cf. verb to *deck*, adorn, orig. to cover.  
**deck**<sup>2</sup> [archaic]. Pack of cards (3 Hen. VI, v. 1); still usual in US. Ident. with *deck*<sup>1</sup>; cf. dial. *deck*, used of things of same shape piled one on another.  
**deckle-edge**. Of paper, rough edge caused by the *deckle*, or covering over the mould, Ger. *deckel*, cover, lid (see *deck*<sup>1</sup>).  
**declaim**. L. *declamare*, from *clamare*, to shout.  
**declare**. L. *declarare*, to make clear, *clarus*.  
**déclassé**. F, unclassified, one who has lost class.  
**declension**. Altered from F. *déclinaison*, L. *declinatio-n-*, from *declinare*, to decline. Cf. *case* (gram).  
**decline**. L. *declinare*, to bend away; cf. G. *κλίνειν*, to bend; cogn. with *lean*<sup>2</sup>.



**declivity.** L. *declivitas*, from *declivus*, sloping down, from *clivus*, slope, cogn. with *decline*.

**decoct.** From L. *decoquere*, *decoct-*, to boil down.

**decollation.** From L. *decollare*, to behead, from *collum*, neck.

**décolleté.** F, lit uncollared, from *collet*, dim. of *col*, collar (q.v.).

**decorate.** From L. *decorare*, from *decus*, *decor*, ornament.

**decorticate.** From L. *decorticare*, from *cortex*, *cortic-*, bark.

**decorum.** L. neut. adj., fitting. Cf. *decent*, *decorate*.

**decoy.** First in *decoy-duck*, with which cf. Du. *kooieend* (*eend*, duck) Earlier *coy*, Du. *kooi*, cage, Late L. *cavea* (see *cage*).

**decrease.** OF. *descreiss-*, stem of *descreistre* (Mod. *décroître*), VL. \**discrescere* for *decrescere*, from *cre-scere*, to grow.

**decree.** OF. *decré* (Mod. *décree*), L. *decretum*, from *decernere*, to decree, from *cernere*, *crei-*, to separate, etc.

**decrement.** L. *decrementum*, from *decre-scere*, to decrease.

**decrepit.** L. *decrepitus*, "very olde; at the pittes brinke" (Coop), from *crepare*, to creak.

**decretal.** Orig. papal decree. Cf. MedL. *decretales epistolae*.

**decry.** F. *décrier*, OF. *descrier*, from *dis* and *crier* (see *cry*), orig. to announce withdrawal of coin from currency.

**decuman.** Usu. with wave, billow. L. *decumanus*, powerful, orig. of the tenth cohort, and applied to the chief entrance of camp.

**decumbent.** From pres. part. of L. *decumbere*, to recline

**decuple.** F. *décuple*, L. *decuplus*, ten-fold.

**decurion** [hist.]. L. *decurio-n-*, from *decem*, ten. Cf. *centurion*.

**decussate** [bot.]. X-shaped. From L. *decussare*, to divide cross-wise, from *decussis*, the number ten (X), the ten-as piece.

**dedal.** See *daedal*.

**dedicate.** From L. *dedicare*, to devote in set words, from *dicare*, to proclaim.

**deduce.** L. *deducere*, to lead down. Hence *deductive*, opposed to *inductive*.

**dee.** D-shaped piece of harness.

**deed.** AS *dæd*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *daad*, Ger. *tat*, ON. *dáth*, Goth. *dēds*. See *do*<sup>1</sup>. A *deed-poll* is cut even (see *poll*<sup>1</sup>), instead of being indentured.

**deem.** AS. *dēman*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *doemen*, OHG. *tuoman*, ON. *dēma*, Goth. *dōmjan* (see *doom*). Hence *deemster*, judge

**deep.** AS. *dēop*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *diep*, Ger. *hef*, ON. *djuþr*, Goth. *drups*; cogn. with *dip*

**deer.** AS. *dēor*, wild animal Com. Teut., cf. Du. *dier*, Ger. *tier*, animal, Icel. *dýr*, Goth. *drus*.

**deface.** OF. *desfacer* (see *face*); cf. It. *sfacciare*.

**defalcate.** From MedL. *defalcare*, to lop off, from L. *falx*, *falc-*, sickle, pruning hook.

**defame.** L. *diffamare*, from *dis-* and *fama*, report.

**default.** Earlier *default*, F. *défaut*. See *fault*.

**defeasance** [leg.]. Annulment, etc. OF. *desfesance*, from *desfaire* (Mod. *défaire*), to undo (v.i.).

**defeat.** From *défait*, p.p. of F. *défaire*, to undo, VL. \**disfacere* for *deficere*.

**defecate.** From L. *defaecare*, to clear from dregs, *faex*, *faec-*

**defect.** L. *defectus*, from *deficere*, *defect-*, to undo.

**defend.** L. *defendere*, to ward off (cf. *fend*, *fence*).

**defer**<sup>1</sup>. To delay Etym. ident. with *differ* (q.v.). F. *différer*, from L. *differre*, to set aside, postpone, from *ferre*, to bear.

**defer**<sup>2</sup>. To submit. F. *déferer*, from L. *deferre*, to submit (trans.), from *ferre*, to bear.

**defervescence.** See *effervescence*.

**deficient.** From pres. part. of L. *deficere*, to fail, etc.

**deficit.** L., there lacks.

**defilade** [mil.]. To protect from enfilading fire. Coined on *enfilade* (q.v.).

**defile**<sup>1</sup>. Verb. ME. *defoulen*, *defouilen*, OF. *defouler*, to trample upon (see *fuller*), with sense influenced by E. *foul* and by the corresponding verb *file* (obs.), AS. *fýlan*, to make foul, filthy.

**defile**<sup>2</sup>. Narrow way. Earlier *defilee*, F. *défilé* (mil.), from *défiler*, to march past, from *file*, *file*<sup>3</sup> (q.v.). For loss of ending cf. *signal*<sup>2</sup>, *costive*, etc.

**define.** Orig. to determine the end or limits. OF. *definir*, from *fin*, end (see *fine*<sup>1</sup>).

**deflagrate.** From L. *deflagrare*, to burn away.

**deflate.** Mod. coinage on *inflate*; misuse of L. *deflare*, to blow away.

**deflect.** L. *deflectere*, to bend aside.

**deflower** [*archaic*]. F. *déflorer*, L. *de-florare*, from *flos*, *flor-*, flower. Orig. to strip of flowers.

**deformity**. OF. *deformité*, L. *deformitas*, -*tas*-, from *deformis*, ill-formed. ModF. has *difformité*, from *difformis* (*dis-*).

**defray**. F. *défrayer*, from OF. *fray*, cost (now only in pl. *frays*), OHG *fridu*, peace (Mod. *friede*), whence MedL. *fredum*, fine. For sense-development cf. *pay*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.).

**deft**. AS. *gedæfte*, mild, gentle. See *dapt*.

**defunct**. L. *defunctus*, p.p. of *defungi*, to accomplish one's duty.

**defy**. F. *défier*, VL. \**disfidare*, from *fidus*, faithful. Orig. to proclaim breach of alliance.

**dégagé**. F., free, unembarrassed. Cf. *engage*.

**degenerate**. From L. *degenerare*, from *genus*, *gener-*, race.

**deglutition**. From L. *deglutire*, to swallow down.

**degrade**. Church L. *degradare*, to reduce in rank, from L. *gradus*, degree, step.

**degree**. F. *degré*, VL. \**degradus*, from *gradus*, step. Cf. *grade*.

**degust**. L. *degustare*, from *gustare*, to taste

**dehiscent** [*biol.*]. From pres. part. of L. *dehiscere*, from *de* and *hiscere*, incept. of *hiare*, to gape. Cf. *hiatus*.

**dehort**. L. *dehortari*, to dissuade.

**deictic**. Directly demonstrative. G. *δεικτικός* from *δεικνόναι*, to show.

**deify**. F. *déifier*, L. *deificare*, to make into a god, from *deus* and *facere*.

**deign**. OF. *deignier* (Mod. *daigner*), VL. *dignare*, for *dignari*, to deem fit, *dignus*. Cf. *disdain*, *dainty*.

**deipnosophist**. One skilled in art of dining. From G. *δείπνον*, dinner.

**deist**. F. *déiste*, from L. *deus*, god.

**deity**. F. *déité*, Late L. *deitas*, *deitatus*, coined by Augustine from *deus*, God.

**deject**. From L. *deicere*, *deject-*, to cast down, from *jacere*.

**déjeuner**. F., see *dine*.

**del**. For *delineavit*, he drew, after artist's name.

**delaine**. Fabric. For *muslin delaine*, F. *mousseline de laine*, muslin of wool, L. *lana*.

**delate** [*chiefly Sc*]. To accuse, inform against. From *delator*, informer, L. *delator*, from *deferre*, *delat-*, to deliver, etc.

**delay**. F. *délai* (noun), from OF.

*delaier* (verb), from *laser*, to leave, let, of obscure origin.

**del credere**. It., of trust.

**dele** [*typ*]. Imper. of L. *delēre*, to blot out, delete.

**delectable**. L. *delectabilis*, from *delectare*, to delight (q.v.).

**delectus**. L., selection, from *deligere*, *delect-*, to choose

**delegate**. From L. *delegare*, from *legare*, to send on a mission.

**delete**. From L. *delēre*, *delet-*, to blot out, cogn. with *liver*, to daub.

**deleterious**. From G. *δηλητήριος*, from *δηλητήριος*, destroyer, from *δηλεῖσθαι*, to destroy.

**delf(t)**. Earthenware from *Delft* (Holl.), formerly *Delf*, from Flem. *delf*, canal (see *delve*).

**Delian**. Of *Delos*, G. island, esp. in ref. to Apollo.

**deliberate**. From L. *deliberare*, to weigh, from *libra*, scales.

**delicate**. L. *delicatus*, prob. from *deliciae*, delight. Cf. *delicious*, F. *délicieux*, Late L. *deliciosus*. See also *delight*.

**delict**. L. *delictum*, fault, from *delinquere*, -*lict-*, to leave undone. Cf. L. in *flagrante delicto*, in glaring offence.

**delight**. ME & OF. *deht*, from *deliter*, to delight, L. *delectare*, frequent. of *delicere*, to entice, from *lacere*, to ensnare (see *lace*); cf. *diletante*.

**Delilah**. Temptress (*Judges xvi.*).

**delineate**. From L. *delineare*, from *linea*, line.

**delinquent**. From pres. part. of L. *delinquere*, from *linquere*, to leave.

**deliquesce**. L. *deliquescere*, from *lique-scere*, incept. of *liquere*, to be liquid.

**delirium**. L., from *delirare*, to rave, lit. leave the furrow, *lira*. Hence *delirium tremens*, trembling delirium.

**delitescence**. From pres. part. of L. *delitescere*, from *litescere*, incept. of *latere*, to be hidden.

**deliver**. F. *délivrer*, VL. *deliberare*, in sense of *liberare*, to set free, *liber*.

**dell**. AS. *dell*. Related to *dale* as *den* to *dean*<sup>2</sup>; cf. Du. *del*, Ger. dial. *delle*.

**Della Cruscan**. From It. *Accademia della Crusca*, Academy of the bran (sifting), formed (1582) at Florence to purify It. lang. It. *crusca* is from OHG. *crusc*, bran.

**Della Robbia ware**. From name of It. sculptor (†1482).

**Delphic**. Of *Delphi*, seat of G. oracle.

**delphin** [*biol.*]. Of L. texts edited in

*usum Delphini*, i.e. for the son of Louis XIV. See *dauphin*, *dolphin*.

**delphinium**. Larkspur. L. *delphinium*, G. δελφίνιον, little dolphin, from form of nectary.

**delta**. G. letter Δ (Δ), adapted from Phoenician *daleth*, "tent door" (see *alphabet*). Hence *deltoid* (anat.), *delta* shaped.

**delude**. L. *deludere*, to play false, from *ludere*, *ius-*, to play.

**deluge**. F. *déluge*, L. *diluvium*, from *diluere*, to wash away.

**delve** [archaic]. AS. *delfan*. WGer. ; cf. Du. *delven*, OHG. *bi-telban*.

**demagogue**. G. δῆμαγωγός, from δῆμος, people, ἄγωγός, leader, from ἄγω, to lead.

**demand**. F. *demander*, L. *demandare*, to entrust (from *mandare*, to order), which assumed in Late L. sense of request.

**demarcation**. Sp. *demarcación*, from *demarcar*, to mark out boundary (see *march*<sup>1</sup>, *mark*<sup>1</sup>).

**démarche**. F., step (see *march*<sup>2</sup>), esp. in pol. sense.

**deme**. G. δῆμος, district, township.

**demean**. F. *démener*, to conduct, from *mener*, to lead, VL. *minare*, for *minari*, to threaten, drive with threats, lead (see *amenable*). Hence *demeanour*, *misdeemeanour*, AF. formations (cf. *behaviour*).

**dement**. L. *de mentare*, to send out of one's mind, *mens*, *ment-*.

**démenti**. Official denial. F., p.p. of *démentir*, to give the lie, belie.

**demerit**. F. *démérite*, L. *demeritum*, desert, prefix *de-* having been erroneously taken as neg. in Late L. & Rom. langs.

**demesne** [leg.]. Estate held with full rights. ME. *demein*, *domeyn*, OF. *demeine*, L. *dominium*, now replaced by *domaine*. OF. *demeine* is also an adj., own.

**demi-**. F. prefix, also used in E. See *demy*.

**demi-john** [naut.]. Corrupt of F. *dame-jeanne*, lit. lady Jane; cf. It. *dami-giana*, Sp. *damaiana*. It is not certain in which lang. the word arose. Fanciful names for vessels are common. Perh. the wicker-covered bottle suggested a portly lady in the costume of the period.

**demi-monde**. Coined (1855) by Alexandre Dumas fils.

**demi-rep**. *Rep* is short for *reputation*.

**demise**. AF., p.p. fem. of F. *démétre*,

to put off, *se démettre*, to resign, VL. \**dismittere* (see *dismiss*).

**demiurge**. Orig. creator of world in Platonic philosophy. G. δημιουργός, from δῆμιος, public, -εργος, working.

**demob** [slang]. For *demobilize* (1919).

**democracy**. G. δημοκρατία, from δῆμος, people (see *-cracy*).

**Democritean**. Of *Democritus*, laughing philosopher of Abdera (5 cent. B.C.).

**demogorgon**. App. Late L. formation from δαίμων, divinity, demon, and γοργός, terrible (see *gorgon*).

**demolish**. F. *démolir*, *démoliss-*, from L. *demoliri*, from *moles*, heap, building.

**demon**. L. *daemon*, G. δαίμων, divinity, tutelary genius.

**demonetize**. F. *démonétiser* (see *money*).

**demonstrate**. From L. *demonstrare*, from *monstrare*, to show. See *monster*, *muster*.

**demoralize**. F. *démoraliser*, a Revolution coinage.

**demos**. G. δῆμος, people.

**demotic**. G. δημοτικός, plebeian, of the people (v.s.). Contrasted with *hieratic* (q.v.).

**demulcent**. From pres. part. of L. *demulcere*, to soothe.

**demur**. AF. *démurer*, OF. *demorer* (Mod. *demeurer*), VL. \**demorare*, for *demorari*, to delay.

**demure**. From AF. *démurer*, to stay (v.s.). Cf. synon. *staid* (q.v.) It possibly represents the p.p., cf. *costive*, *signal*<sup>2</sup>, *trove*, for parallels to loss of -é. But OF. forms many adjs. from verb stems without suffix (cf. *stale*). The oldest meaning of *demure* is quiet, settled (of the sea).

**demurrage**. See *demur*.

**demy**. Sheet folded in half. F. *demi*, L. *dimidium*, half, from *dis-* and *medium*. A *demy* at Magdalen (Oxf.) was so-called because his allowance was half that of a fellow.

**den**. AS. *denn*, lair of wild beast, cogn. with *dean*<sup>2</sup>; ? cf. Ger. *tenne*, floor, archaic Du. *denne*, floor, cavern.

**denary**. L. *denarius*, relating to ten, from *deni*, ten at a time, for \**decni*, from *decem*.

**dendrite** [min.]. G. δένδριτης, from δένδρον, tree. From markings.

**dene**. Sandhill. ? F. *dune* (q.v.).

**denegation**. L. *denegatio-n-*, from *denegare*, to deny.

**dene-hole** [antiq.]. Also *Dane-hole*, prob. due to popular connection with the Danes.

**dengue.** Eruptive fever with pain in joints (E Afr and Wind.). Agrees in form with Sp. *dengue*, affected contortion, prob from *denegar*, to refuse (with idea of affectation). But, in this sense, a perversion, assimilated to Sp. *dengue*, of Swahili (Zanzibar) *dinga*, cramp-like seizure. The negro Wind name is dandy.

**denier** [hist.]. F. *denier*, L. *denarius*, coin worth ten asses.

**denigrate.** From L. *denigrare*, to defame, lit. blacken

**denim** [US.]. Fabric. For de Nîmes (Gard.), place of manufacture.

**denizen.** AF. *deinzern* (*denzein*, *deinzarn*), from *deinz*, within, OF. *denz* (Mod. *dans*), L. *de intus*. Orig native as distinguished from foreigner. Cf. *foreign*

**denominate.** From L. *denominare*, to specify by name, *nomen*.

**denote.** L. *denotare*, from *nota*, mark, note.

**dénouement** [theat.] F., lit. untying (of plot). F. *nouer* is L. *nodare*, from *nodus*, knot.

**denounce.** F. *dénoncer*, L. *denuntiare*, to intimate by messenger, *nuntius*.

**dense.** F. *dense*, L. *densus*, compact.

**dent.** Var. of *dint* (q.v.).

**dental.** MedL. *dentalis*, from *dens*, *dent*, tooth. Cf. *dentifrice*, L. *dentifricum*, from *fricare*, to rub.

**dentist.** F. *dentiste* (v.s.).

**denude.** L. *denudare*, to lay bare, *nudus*.

**denunciate.** See *denounce*.

**deny.** F. *dénier*, L. *denegare*, from *negare*.

**deodand** [hist.]. L. *Deo dandum*, to be given to God.

**deodar.** Hind. *dēod'ār*, Sanskrit *deva-dāru*, tree of the gods.

**deodorize.** Coined (19 cent.) from *odour*.

**deontology** [philos.]. Ethics. From G. *deon*, pres. part. neut of *dein*, it behoves.

**depart.** F. *départir*, VL. \**dispartire* for *dispartire*, to divide, from *pars*, *part*, part. Orig. trans., to divide, mod. sense springing from reflex. use, as in the case also of F. *partir*.

**depend.** F. *dependre*, from L. *dependere*, to hang from.

**depict.** From L. *depingere*, -*pict*-, from *pingere*, to paint.

**depilatory.** From L. *depilare*, to remove hair, *pilus*.

**deplete.** From L. *deplere*, -*plet*-, to empty, lit. un-fill.

**deplore.** L. *deplorare*, from *plorare*, to weep.

**deploy.** F. *déployer*, L. *displicare*, to unfold. Cf. *display*.

**deponent.** From pres. part. of L. *deponere*, to put down.

**deport<sup>1</sup>.** To behave (reflex.). OF. *desporter*, from *porter*, to carry. Hence *deportment*.

**deport<sup>2</sup>.** To expel, transport. F. *déporter*, L. *deportare*, also from *portare*, to carry, but mentally associated (like *import*, *export*) with *portus*, harbour.

**depose.** F. *déposer*, to set down (see *pose*).

**deposit.** L. *depositum*, what is laid down (v1).

**depot.** F. *dépôt*, OF. *depost*, L. *depositum*, from *deponere* (v.s.).

**deprave.** L. *depravare*, from *pravus*, crooked, wrong.

**deprecate.** From L. *deprecari*, to pray against.

**depreciate.** From L. *depretiare*, to lower price, *pretium*.

**depradate.** From L. *depraedari*, from *praeda*, prey.

**depress.** From L. *deprimere*, *depress*, to press down, from *premere*.

**deprive.** OF. *depriver*, Late L. \**depruare* for *pruare*, to deprive.

**de profundis.** L., out of the depths (Ps. cxxx. 1).

**depth.** Formed in ME. from *deep*. AS. has *deopnes*.

**depute.** L. *deputare*, lit. to cut off. *Deputy* is F. p.p. *député*.

**deracinate.** From F. *déraciner*, from *racine*, root, VL. *radicina*, from *radix*, *radic*-.

**derail.** F. *dérailer*. See *rail<sup>1</sup>*.

**derange.** F. *déranger*, lit. to throw out of rank. See *range*, *arrange*.

**Derby.** Race, at Epsom, founded (1780) by twelfth Earl of Derby.

**Derby scheme** [hist.]. From Earl of Derby's appeal (1915) to Britons to attest as ready for national service.

**derelict.** L. *derelictus*, p.p. of *derelinquere*, to forsake entirely.

**deride.** L. *deridere*, to laugh at.

**derive.** F. *dériver*, L. *derivare*, to lead water, from *rivus*, brook.

**derm** [med.]. G. *δέρμα*, skin.

**derogate.** From L. *derogare*, to repeal partly, from *rogare*, to ask.

**derrick.** Gallows-shaped mech. device. From *Derrick*, hangman at Tyburn (c. 1600).

**derring-do** [archaic]. Used several

times by Spenser in the sense, "manhood and chevalrie." He mistook Chaucer's *durring don*, daring to do (*Troil.* v. 834), for an abstract noun.

**derringer.** Name of US gunsmith c. 1850.

**derry-down.** Meaningless song refrain; cf. *tol-de-rol*

**dervish.** Turk. *dervîsh*, Pers *darvîsh*, poor, hence, religious mendicant. Equivalent to Arab *faqîr*.

**des-.** OF. *des-* (Mod. *dés-*, *dé-*), L. *dis-*. See *dis-*.

**descant.** First as noun, variation on melody. OF. *deschant*, *descant* (Mod. *déchant*), MedL. *discantus*, part song.

**descend.** L. *descendere*, to climb (*scandere*) down.

**describe.** L. *describere*, to write down.

**descri.** OF. *descrier*, to shout, proclaim, equivalent to *escrier* (Mod. *écrier*), whence obs E. *ascry*, *escry*, in same sense (see *cry*). Orig. used of announcing by a shout the presence of enemy, land, game, etc (cf. *explore*).

**desecrate.** Formed in E. as opposite of *consecrate* (q.v.). L. *desecrare* means to make holy.

**desert<sup>1</sup>.** What is deserved. OF. *desert*, from *deservir* (Mod. *desservir*), L. *deservire*, to serve well, and, in VL., to merit

**desert<sup>2</sup>.** Wilderness. F. *désert*, L. *desertum* (wilderness in *Vulg.*), from L. *deserere*, to abandon, lit. to unbind, from *severe*, *sert-*.

**desert<sup>3</sup>.** Verb. F. *désertier*, from above.

**deserve.** See *desert<sup>1</sup>*.

**déshabillé, dishabille.** F. *déshabillé*, undressed. See *habîlment*.

**desiccate.** From L. *desiccare*, to make dry, *siccus*.

**desiderate.** From L. *desiderare*, of which *desideratum* is the p.p. neut. See *desire*.

**design.** L. *designare*, to mark out, from *signum*, mark.

**desipience.** L. *desipientia*, from *desipere*, to be silly, from *sapere*, to know, be wise.

**desire.** F. *désirer*, L. *desiderare*, orig. to regret. Prob., like *consider* (q.v.), derived from *sîdus*, *sîder-*, star.

**desist.** L. *desistere*, to stand back.

**desk.** It. *desco*, "a deske, a table, a board, a counting board" (*Flor.*), L. *discus*, disk, in Late L. table (cf. Ger. *tisch*, table, from L.). See *dish*, *dais*.

**desm-.** From G. *δεσμός*, bond, chain.

**desolate.** From L. *desolare*, to desert, leave alone, *solus*.

**despair.** OF. *desperer*, *despeir-* (replaced by *désespérer*), L. *desperare*, to give up hope, from *sperare*, to hope.

**despatch.** See *dispatch*.

**desperado.** OSP., p.p. of *desperar* (replaced by *desesperar*), to despair.

**desperate.** L. *desperatus*, p.p. of *desperare*, to despair.

**despise.** OF. *despire*, *despis-*, L. *despicere*, to look down, from *specere*, to look Cf. *despicable*, *despite*

**despite.** OF. *despit* (Mod. *dépit*), L. *despectus*, from *despicere* (v.s.). Orig. scorn, as in *in despite of*. Now replaced in most senses by *aphet*. *spite* (cf. *sport*, *splay*, etc.)

**despoil.** OF. *despoilier* (Mod. *dépouiller*), L. *despoliare*, to plunder. See *spoil*.

**despond.** L. *despondere* (sc. *animum*), to lose heart, lit to give away, affiance, from *spondere*, to promise. See *spouse*.

**despot.** G. *δεσπότης*, orig. master of the house.

**desquamation** [med.]. From L. *desquamare*, to remove scale, *squama*.

**dessert.** F., from *desservir*, to clear away, from *servir*, to lay the table.

**dessous.** F., underneath, L. *de subtus*.

**destine.** L. *destinare*, to make fast, cogn. with *stare*, to stand, and with *obstinate*.

**destitute.** L. *destitutus*, p.p. of *destituere*, to abandon, from *statuere*, to set up.

**destrier** [hist.]. Warhorse. F. *destrier*, MedL. *dextrarius* (*equus*), from L. *dextra*, right hand.

**destroy.** OF. *destruire* (Mod. *détruire*), VL. \**destrugere* (cf. It. *distruiggere*), for *destruere*, from *strues*, pile, building (cf. *demolish*).

**destruction.** L. *destructio-n-* (v.s.).

**desuetude.** F. *désuétude*, L. *desuetudo*, disuse, from *de* and *suescere*, *suet-*, to be accustomed, prob cogn. with *suus*, one's own. See *custom*.

**desultory.** L. *desultorius*, from *desultor*, circus equestrian, lit. leaper down, from *desilire*, from *salire*, to leap.

**detach.** F. *détacher*. See *attach*.

**detail.** F. *détail*, from *détailler*, to cut up. See *tally*, *tailor*.

**detain.** F. *détenir*, VL. \**detenire*, for *detinere*, to hold back.

**detect.** From L. *delegere*, *detect-*, to uncover (see *thatch*).

**détente** [neol.]. Slackening of pol. tension. F., from *tendre*, to stretch.

**detention.** L. *detentio*-n-, from *detinēre*, *detent-*, to detain.

**deter.** L. *deterrere*, to frighten off.

**deterge.** L. *detergere*, to wipe off.

**deteriorate.** From L. *deteriorare*, from *deterior*, compar. of lost adj. \**deter*, from *de*, down. Cf. *inferior*, etc.

**determine.** L. *determinare*. Orig. to bring (come) to an end, *terminus*, as still in some spec. senses (cf. *define*).

**detersive.** See *deterge*.

**detest.** L. *detestari*, to execrate, calling God to witness, *testis*.

**detinue** [leg.]. ME. *detenewe*, F. *détenu*, p.p. of *détenir*, to detain.

**detonate.** From L. *detonare*, to thunder down.

**détour.** F., from *détourner*, to turn aside. See *turn*.

**detract.** From L. *detrahere*, *detract-*, to draw away.

**detriment.** L. *detrimentum*, from *deterere*, *detrīt-*, to rub away.

**detritus** [geol.]. Incorr. use of L. *detritus*, process of wearing down, from *deterere* (v.s.).

**deuce.** Two, at cards or dice. F. *deux*, L. *duos*; equal, at tennis, F. *à deux de jeu*. Hence the *deuce*! dicer's exclamation at making lowest throw (*ambsace*), later adopted as euph. for *devil*.

**deus ex machina.** L., god from a machine, orig. intervening deity suspended in air on ancient stage.

**deutero-.** From G. *δευτερος*, second.

**deutzia.** Flower. From J. *Deutz*, Du. botanist (18 cent.).

**devanagari** [lng.]. Sanskrit script Sanskrit *deva-nāgarī*, lit. divine-urban.

**devastate.** From L. *devastare*, to lay waste. See *vast*, *waste*.

**develop.** F. *développeur*, from OF. *veloper*, *voloper*, to wrap, from a radical *velop*, *volep*, of unknown origin. Cf. *envelope* and It. *involuppare*, to wrap up. Perh. from Teut. *wrap* (q.v.), affected initially by L. *volvere*; cf. *Salop*, from Norman pronunc. of *Shropshire*, scrub shire.

**deviate.** From L. *deviare*, to depart from the way, *via*.

**device.** F. *devis* (m.), *devise* (f.), verbal nouns from *deviser*, to divide, arrange, VL. \**divisare*, for *dividere*, *divis-*, to divide. See also *deuse*.

**devil.** AS. *æðfol*, G. *διάβολος*, lit. slanderer, from *διαβάλλειν*, to slander, lit. throw across.

**devious.** From L. *devius*, out of the way, *via*.

**devise.** F. *deviser*, VL. \**divisare* (see *device*). In this, as in other words, the mod. distinction between -s- and -c- is artificial. Orig. to arrange, etym. sense surviving in law, to *devise* being to arrange a "division" of one's property.

**devoid.** Orig. p.p. of obs. verb *devord*, to empty out, OF. *desvuider* (replaced by *dévider*). See *avoid*.

**devoir** [archaic]. F. *devoir*, L. *debēre*, used as noun. See *endeavour*.

**devolve.** L. *devolvere*, to roll down. Hence *devolution*.

**Devonian** [geol.]. Old red sandstone, well exemplified in *Devon*.

**devote.** From L. *devovēre*, *devot-*, to dedicate by vow, *votum*.

**devour.** F. *dévorer*, L. *devorare*, to swallow down, from *vorare*, to swallow.

**devout.** F. *dévot*, L. *devotus*, p.p. of *devovēre*, to devote.

**dew.** AS. *dēaw* Com. Teut., cf. Du. *dauw*, Ger. *tau*, ON. *dogg*. *Dewlap*, *dewclaw*, prob. belong together, as F. *fanon* means both dewlap and the hair of the fetlock. For *dewlap* see *lap*<sup>1</sup>. The first element is prob. *dew*, with which both the *dewlap* and *dewclaw* come naturally into contact.

**dewan.** See *divan*.

**dexter** [her.]. L. *dexter*, on the right hand; cogn. with G. *δεξιός*, Goth. *taihswa*, OHG. *zeso*, *zesw-*. Hence *dexterous*, *dexterity*.

**dextr-, dextro-.** From L. *dexter* (v.s.).

**dey** [hist.]. F. *dey*, Turk. *dāi*, maternal uncle, name applied to commander of janissaries at Algiers, who in 1710 deposed the civil governor and became ruler.

**dhooly.** See *doche*.

**dhourra.** See *durra*.

**dhow, dow.** Vessel, esp. of slavers. ModArab *dāw*. Origin unknown.

**di-<sup>1</sup>.** For L. *di-*, *dis-*, apart.

**di-<sup>2</sup>.** G. *di-* for *dis*, twice, corresponding to L. *bi-*.

**di-<sup>3</sup>.** For *dia-* (v.i.)

**dia-.** G. *διά*, through, cogn. with *dis* (v.s.); also *di-*.

**diabetes.** G., from *διαβαίνειν*, to pass through.

**diablerie.** F., devilry. See *devil*.

**diabolical.** See *devil*.

**diabolo.** Game. App. a mixture of It. *diavolo* and Sp. *diablo*. See *devil*.

**diachylon.** L. *diachylon*, G. *διὰ χυλῶν*, by means of juices, from *χυλός*, juice (see *chyle*).

**diacanal.** See *deacon*.  
**diacritic.** G. διακριτικός, from διακρίνειν, to separate, distinguish.  
**diadem.** F. *diadème*, G. διάδημα, fillet, from G. διαδέν, to bind round.  
**diaeresis.** G., from διαίρειν, to take apart.  
**diagnosis.** G., from διαγιγνώσκειν, to discern, know apart.  
**diagonal.** From G. διαγώνιος, from γωνία, angle.  
**diagram.** G. διάγραμμα, from διαγράφειν, to mark out.  
**dial.** MedL. *diālis*, from *dies*, day.  
**dialect.** G. διάλεκτος, from διαλέγεσθαι, to discourse.  
**dialogue.** G. διάλογος (v s).  
**dialysis.** G. διάλυσις. See *analysis*.  
**diameter.** G. διάμετρος, measuring through.  
**diamond.** F. *diamant*, Late L. *diamas*, *diamanti*-, corrupt. of *adamas*. See *adamant*.  
**Diana.** L. divinity, later identified with G. Artemis For *Dwana*, from *divus*, god.  
**dianthus.** Flower. From G. Διός ἄνθος, flower of Zeus.  
**diapason.** G. διὰ πασάν, through all, for ἡ διὰ πασάν χορδών συμφωνία Cf. *diatessaron*.  
**diaper.** OF. *diaspre* (whence F. *diaper*, to checker), MedL. *diaprus*, MedG. *diāspros*, ? white in places, from Byzantine G. ἄσπρος, white. Used in OF. of a precious flowered fabric. The sense-development has been influenced by *jasper*, with which it is confused in MedL, It. & Sp.  
**diaphanous.** From G. διαφανής, transparent, from φαίνειν, to show.  
**diaphoretic.** G. διαφορητικός, promoting perspiration, from διαφέρειν, to carry off.  
**diaphragm.** G. διάφραγμα, from φράγμα, fence, from φράσσειν, to hedge in, etc.  
**diarchy.** See *dyarchy*.  
**diarrhoea.** L. *diarrhoea*, G. διάρροια, from διάρρῃν, to flow through.  
**diary.** L. *diarium*, daily allowance; later, daily record, from *dies*, day.  
**diastole.** Dilatation (of heart), opposed to *systole*, contraction. G. διαστολή, from διαστέλλειν, to put asunder.  
**diatessaron.** Gospel harmony. From title given (2 cent.) by Tatian to his gospel harmony, *Εὐαγγέλιον διὰ τεσσάρων*, gospel made of four. Cf. *diapason*.  
**diatonic.** G. διατονικός, through the notes, τόνος.

**diatribe.** G. διατριβή, wearing away (of time), from διατρίβειν, to rub through Orig. discourse, etc.  
**dib, dabble.** Lighter forms of *dab*, *dabble*; cf. *dibchick* for *dabchick*.  
**Dibs, money,** earlier applied to counters used at play (cf. *chips*), is perh. the same word; also *dibstones*, *dabs*, used of a children's game.  
**dicast** [hist.]. G. δικαστής, judge, jurymen, from δίκη, justice.  
**dice.** See *dice*.  
**dichotomy.** G. διχοτομία, cutting in two, from δίχα, in two, τέμνειν, to cut.  
**dichroic.** From G. δίχρους, two-coloured, from χρώς, colour, complexion.  
**dick** [slang]. In to take one's dick. Short for *declaration* (cf. *davy* for *affidavit*). Cf. up to *dick*, up to declared quality.  
**dickens.** Euph. for *devil*; cf. *old Nick*. From *Dicken*, *Dickon*, pet form of *Richard*.  
**dicker** [techn.]. Ten, esp. ten hides. L. *decurna*, set of ten. The wide and early extension of this word is due to ten hides having been adopted by the Romans as unit of tribute and barter on the frontier. Cf. Ger. *decher*, "a dicker of leather, ten hides" (Ludw.), Icel. *dekr*, Norw. Dan. *deger*, Sw. *däcker*, also MedL. *dacra*, OF. *dacre*. US. *dicker*, to haggle, orig. to barter for skins with the Indians on the frontier, is the same word.  
**dicky**<sup>1</sup>. In various senses (bird, shirt-front, part of carriage), all prob. from name *Dick*.  
**dicky**<sup>2</sup> [slang]. Inferior, shaky Origin unknown.  
**dictaphone** [neol.]. See *dictum*, -phone.  
**dictate.** From L. *dictare*, frequent. of *dicere*, to say.  
**diction.** L. *dictio*-n-, from *dicere*, *dict*-, to say; cogn. with Ger. *zeihen*, to accuse (*verzeihen*, to forgive), AS. *teon*, to accuse.  
**dictionary.** MedL. *dictionarium* or *dictionarius* (sc. *liber*), a collection of "dictions."  
**dictum.** L., from *dicere*, *dict*-, to say.  
**didactic.** G. διδακτικός, from διδάσκειν, to teach.  
**didapper.** Dabchick. For *dive-dapper*, from obs. *dive-dap*, AS. *dufedoppa*, from *dufan*, to dive, and second element cogn. with *dip*.  
**diddle.** To swindle. Back-formation

(cf. *peddle*) from *Jeremy Diddler*, name of swindling character in Kenney's farce *Raising the Wind* (1803). But the selection of the name was prob. due to dial. *duddle*, to trick (16 cent.), ult. cogn. with AS. *dyderian*, to fool.

**didymium** [chem.]. From G. *διδυμος*, twin, because of its close association with *lanthanum*.

**die**<sup>1</sup>. Verb. ON. *deyja*, replacing AS. *steorfan* (cf. Ger. *sterben* and see *starve*). See *dead*.

**die**<sup>2</sup>. Sing. of *dice*. ME. also *de*, *dee*, *dey*, F. *dé*, L. *datum*, from *dare*, in sense of throw. See *dado*.

**diesel (engine)**. From Du. inventor's name (20 cent.).

**dies irae**. Opening words of L. hymn ascribed to Thomas of Celano (c. 1250).

**dies non** [leg.]. For *dies non juridicus*, day not counting for legal purposes.

**diet**<sup>1</sup>. Rations. F. *diète*, L. *diaeta*, G. *diäta*, system of life.

**diet**<sup>2</sup>. Parliamentary assembly. MedL *dieta*, whence F. *diète*. MedL. *dieta* meant also a day's journey, work, wage, etc., corresponding thus to F. *journée*. This fact, and the spec. use of *diet* for Ger. *-tag*, day (see *daysman*, *reichstag*), point to derivation from L. *dies*. The form of the MedL. word was no doubt suggested by association with *diet*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.), hence agreement in form of the two words in the Rom. langs.

**differ**. F. *différer*, from L. *differre*, from *dis-* and *ferre*, to bear. Ident. with *defer*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.).

**difficult**. Back-formation from *difficultus*, L. *difficultas*, replacing (16 cent.) earlier *difficil*, F. *difficile*, L. *difficilis*, from *dis-* and *facilis*, easy.

**diffident**. From pres. part. of L. *diffidere*, to distrust.

**diffract**. From L. *diffringere*, *diffract-*, to break (*frangere*) apart.

**diffuse**. First as adj. F. *diffus*, L. *diffusus*, p.p. of L. *diffundere*, to pour apart.

**dig**. F. *diguer*, to prick, spur, orig. to excavate, from *digue*, dike. Of Teut. origin; cf. *dike* and AS. *dician*, to dig.

**digamma**. Sixth letter of orig. G. alphabet, with sound *w* or *v*. So called because it (F) was the shape of two *gamm*as (Γ).

**digest**. From L. neut. pl. *digesta*, from *digerere*, to put apart, arrange; also *digerere cibum*, to digest food.

**digit** [poet.]. Orig. p.p. of AS. *dshtan*,

to compose, L. *dictare*, whence also Ger. *dichten*, to write poetry.

**digit**. L. *digitus*, finger, the Arab. notation being based on the ten fingers. ModL. *digitalis*, fox-glove, translates Ger. *fingerhut*, fox-glove, lit thumble, "finger-hat."

**dignity**. F. *dignité*, L. *dignitas*, -tat-, from *dignus*, worthy. See *design*, *dainty*.

**digraph**. From G. *δι-*, two, *γραφή*, writing. Cf. *diphthong*.

**digress**. From L. *digredi*, *digress-*, to step aside, from *dis-* and *gradior*, I step.

**dike, dyke**. AS *dīc*, excavation; later also, mound resulting (cf. *moat* for converse case of double sense). Ident with *ditch* (q.v.), the EAngl. currency of the word being prob. due to association with cogn. Du. *dijk*, dam. Cf. also Ger. *teich*, pool.

**dilapidate**. From L. *dilapidare*, orig. to throw stones (*lapis*, *lapid-*) apart.

**dilate**. L. *dilatare*, from *latus*, wide.

**dilatatory**. Late L. *dilatatorius*, from *differre*, *dilat-*, to put off.

**dilemma**. G. *διλημμα*, from *δι-*, double, *λήμμα*, assumption, from *λαμβάνειν*, to take.

**dilettante**. It. *dilettante*, from *dilettare*, to delight (q.v.), L. *delectare*. Cf. *amateur*.

**diligent**. From pres. part. of L. *diligere*, to delight in, orig. to choose (*legere*) between (*dis-*). *Diligence*, stage-coach, F., is for *carrosse de diligence*, coach of dispatch. Hence dial. *dilly* for various vehicles.

**dill**. Plant. AS. *dīle* (Matt. xxiii. 23); cf. Du. *dille*, Ger. *dill*. Origin unknown.

**dilly**<sup>1</sup>. See *diligence*.

**dilly**<sup>2</sup>. Nursery name for duck, as in "dilly, dilly, come and be killed."

**dilly-bag** [Austral.]. Native *dilli*, bag of rushes (Queensland). See *ditty-bag*.

**dilly-dally**. Redupl. on *dally* (q.v.). Cf. *shilly-shally*.

**dilute**. From L. *diluere*, *dilut-*, from *luere*, to wash.

**diluvial**. See *deluge*, *antediluvian*.

**dim**. AS. *drim*, dark, wicked; cf. ON. *dimmr*, OHG. *timbar*, Swiss. dial. *timmer*. App. cogn. with Ger. *dämmern*, to be twilight (cf. *Götterdämmerung*), and L. *tenebrae*.

**dime** [US.]. F. *dime*, tenth part, tithe, Church L. *decima* (sc. *pars*).

**dimension**. L. *dimensio-n-*, from *deme-tiri*, to measure out, from *metiri*, *mens-*.



**dimidiated.** Halved. See *demy*.  
**diminish.** Combined from earlier *diminue*, F. *diminuer*, L. *diminuere*, and *minish*, F. *minuier*, VL. \**minutare*, from *minutus*, from *minuere*, cogn. with *minor*, less. See *mince*.  
**dimissory letters** [eccl.]. L. *litterae dimissoriae*, valedictory letter, from *dimittere*, *dimiss-*, to dismiss.  
**dimity.** It. *dimiti*, pl. of *dimito*, MedL. *dimittum*, from G. *δίμιτρος*, of double thread, *μτρος*. Cf. *twill*, *samite*.  
**dimorphous.** From G. *δι-*, two, *μορφή*, form.  
**dimple.** Cogn. with dial. *dumple*, *dumple*, ravine, Ger. *tümpel*, pool, and ult. with *deep*, *dēp*. Cf. synonym. F. *fossette*, Ger. *grübben*.  
**din.** AS. *dyne*, noun, *dynnan*, verb; cf. ON. *dynr*, din, MHG. *tunen*, to rumble, Sanskrit *dṛuṇi*, roaring.  
**dinar** [hist.]. Arab. *ḍīnār*, L. *denarius* (see *denier*).  
**dine.** F. *dîner*, OF. *disner*, VL. \**disjunare* for \**disjejunare*, to break fast, from *jejunus*, fasting. The two verbs *dîner*, *déjeuner* are from the atonic and tonic stems respectively, e.g. \**disjunare* gave OF. *disner*, \**disjūnat* gave OF. *desjeune*.  
**ding<sup>1</sup>** [archaic]. To knock, beat. Cf. ON. *dengja*, to hammer. See also *dangle* and cf. Ger. *dengeln*. Possibly of imit. origin (v.i.).  
**ding<sup>2</sup>, ding-dong.** Imit. Perh. ident. with *ding<sup>1</sup>*. See *dandle*.  
**dinghy, dingey.** Hind. *dēngī*, *dīngī*, small boat.  
**dingle.** Of late appearance in literature and app. cogn. with *dimple* (q.v.).  
**dingo.** Austral. wild dog. From obs. native (NSW.) name.  
**dingy.** A dial. (SE.) word of late appearance in literature. Prob. from *dung*. For changed sound of -g- cf. *stingy*.  
**dinky** [neol.]. Dainty, spruce. Cf. dial. *dink* (Sc. & north). Origin unknown.  
**dinner.** F. *dîner*, infin. as noun (cf. *supper*). See *dine*.  
**dinornis.** From G. *δεινός*, terrible, *δρνις*, bird.  
**dinosaur.** From G. *σαῦρος*, lizard (v.s.).  
**dinothere.** From G. *θηρίον*, wild beast (v.s.).  
**dint.** Also *dent* (q.v.) and dial. *dunt*. AS. *dynt*; cf. ON. *dýntir*. Orig. blow of weapon; hence by *dint* of (sword, axe, etc.).  
**diocese.** F. *diocèse*, MedL. *diocesis*, governor's (in Church L. bishop's) jurisdiction, G. *διοίκησις*, orig. house-

keeping, from *διοικεῖν*, to manage, from *oikos*, house. See *parish*.  
**dioecious** [biol.]. Sexually separate. From G. *δι-*, twice, *oikos*, house.  
**Diogenic.** Of *Diogenes*, cynic philosopher (4 cent B.C.).  
**dionysiac.** Pertaining to *Dionysus* (Bacchus).  
**Dionysian.** As above. Also, in *Dionysian era*, from abbot *Dionysius* (6 cent.), who is supposed to have established chronology from birth of Christ. Also of *Dionysius*, tyrant of Syracuse and *Dionysius* the Areopagite (*Acts* xvii. 34).  
**dioptric.** G. *διοπτρικός*, from *διόπτρα*, from *δι-*, *δια-*, through, *οπ-*, as in *optics* (q.v.).  
**diorama.** Coined (on *panorama*) from G. *διωρᾶν*, to see through.  
**diorite** [min.]. Greenstone. Irreg. from G. *διωρίλειν*, to distinguish, from *δρος*, boundary.  
**Dioscuri** [myth.]. Twins. G. *Διόσκουροι*, Castor and Pollux, twins of Leda. From *Δίος*, genitive of *Ζεύς*, and *κοῦρος*, boy.  
**dip.** AS. *dyppan*, cogn. with *deep*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *doopen*, Ger. *taufen*, ON. *deyfa*, Goth. *daupjan*, all chiefly in sense of baptize.  
**diphtheria.** From G. *διφθέρα*, skin.  
**diphthong.** F. *diphthongue*, G. *διφθογγος*, from *δι-*, twice, *φθόγγος*, voice, sound.  
**diplodocus.** Fossil saurian. From G. *διπλοῦς*, double, *δοκος*, beam, bar.  
**diploma.** G. *δίπλωμα*, folded paper, from *διπλοῦς*, double; hence, official document, certificate, etc.  
**dipsomania.** From G. *δίψα*, thirst.  
**diptera** [biol.]. G., neut. pl. of *δίπτερος*, from *δι-*, two, *πτερόν*, wing.  
**diptych.** L. *diptycha* (neut. pl.), Late G. *δίπτυχα*, pair of writing tablets, from *δίπτυχος*, double folded, from *πτυχή*, fold.  
**dire.** L. *dirus*, terrible, cogn. with G. *δεινός*.  
**direct.** First as verb. From L. *dirigere*, *direct-*, to make straight, from *regere*, to rule.  
**directoire.** Fabric. From *Directoire*, F. government, 1795-99.  
**dirge.** L. *dirige*, in antiphon at Matins in Office for the Dead, beginning "Dirige, Domine, Deus meus, in conspectu tuo viam meam" (*Ps.* v. 8).  
**dirhem** [hist.]. Coin. Arab. *ḍirhim*, G. *δραχμή*, drachma. Cf. *dinar*.  
**dirigible.** From L. *dirigere*, to direct (q.v.).

**diriment** [*leg.*]. From pres. part. of L. *dirimere*, to separate, hence to nullify.

**dirk**. Prob. proper name *Dirk*, *Dirik*, used in Dan. & Sw., like Ger. *Dietrich*, of a picklock, and hence perh. applied to an instrument for "letting daylight into" the human body.

**dirr**. ON. *dirr*, excrement. AS. has verb *drilan* (cf. Du. *drijlen*).

**dis-**. L. prefix cogn. with *bis* (for \**dis* = G. *δῖς*, twice) and with *duo*, two. Hence sometimes E. *de-*, via OF. *des-* (*dé-*).

**disaster**. F. *désastre* or It. *disastro*, orig. evil star, L. *astrum*. Cf. *ill-starred*.

**disband**. F. *débander*, earlier *desbander*, imitated from It. *sbandare* in mil. sense. See *band*<sup>2</sup>.

**disburse**. OF. *desbourser* (Mod. *débourser*), from *bourse*, purse. See *bursar*, *purse*.

**disc**. See *disk*.

**discard**. OF. *descarter*, to scatter (cf. Sp. Port. *descartar*), for more usual *escarter* (Mod. *écarter*), VL. \**exquartare*, to quarter out, remove portions (cf. It. *scartare*). Though early associated with card play it cannot be from *card*, as *discard* could only mean to remove from the card (cf. *disburse*, *disgorge*, *disfranchise*, etc.).

**discern**. L. *discernere*, to separate.

**discharge**. OF. *descharger* (Mod. *décharger*), to unload. See *charge*.

**disciple**. AS. *discipul* and F. *disciple*, L. *discipulus*, pupil, from \**discipere* (contrasted with *praecipere*, to teach), but influenced by *discere*, to learn. Cf. *discipline*, orig. instruction.

**disclaimer**. AF. infin. as noun, OF. *desclamer*, L. *disclamare*. Cf. *attainder*, *remainder*, *misnomer*, etc. See *claim*.

**discobolus**. Statue of quoit-thrower G. *δισκοβόλος*, from *βάλλειν*, to throw. See *disk*.

**disconfit**. OF. *desconfit*, p.p. of *desconfire* (Mod. *déconfire*), VL. \**disconficere*, to undo (see *confit*).

**discommon** [*univ.*]. Orig. to expel from community (see *common*).

**discord**. OF. *descorde*, L. *discordia*. See *accord*.

**discount**. OF. *desconte*, *descompte* (Mod. *décompte*), from *desconter*, to count off. See *count*<sup>2</sup>.

**discourse**. F. *discours*, L. *discursus*, orig. running to and fro, from *discurrere*. Etym. sense appears in *discursive*.

**discover**. OF. *descouvrir* (Mod. *découvrir*), to uncover. See *cover*.

**discreet**. F. *discret*, L. *discretus*, orig. separated, from *discernere*, but taking act. sense in Late L. Cf. Ger. *gescheidt*, clever, lit. separated.

**discrepant**. From pres. part. of L. *discrepare*, lit. to sound ill, jar, from *crepare*, to sound.

**discriminate**. From L. *discriminare*, to divide. See *crime*.

**discus**. See *disk*.

**discursive**. See *discourse*.

**discuss**. AF. *discusser*, from OF. *descous*, p.p. of *descoure*, L. *discutere*, to agitate, from *quater*, to shake.

**disdain**. OF. *desdain*, *desdeign* (Mod. *dédain*), from *desdesigner* (Mod. *dédaigner*), VL. \**disdignare* for *dedignari*, from *dignus*, worthy. See *deign*.

**disease**. OF. *desarse*, discomfort (see *ease*).

**disembogue** [*archaic*]. To come into open sea, now esp. of rivers. Sp. *desembocar*, "to come out of the mouth of a river or haven" (Minsh.), from Sp. *boca*, mouth (see *debouch*).

**disgorge**. OF. *desgorger* (Mod. *dégorger*), from *gorge*, throat. See *gorge*.

**disgrace**. Orig. loss of favour (*grace*).

**disgruntled**. From *gruntle*, frequent. of *grunt*.

**disguise**. OF. *desgunser* (Mod. *dégunser*), to change costume (see *guise*).

**disgust**. OF. *desgoust* (Mod. *dégoûti*). See *gusto*.

**dish**. AS. *disc*, bowl, platter, L. *discus*, quoit, dish (in *Vulg.*). See *disk*. Cf. Ger. *tisch* (from L.), table, and see *dais*, *desk*.

**dishabille** [*archaic*]. See *déshabillé*. For loss of final syllable cf. *signal*<sup>2</sup>, *defile*<sup>2</sup>, etc.

**dishevelled**. Earlier *dishevely*, OF. *deschevelé* (Mod. *déchevelé*, usu. replaced by *échevelé*), from *dis-* and *chevel* (Mod. *cheveu*), hair, L. *capillus*.

**disinherit**. Preserves obs. sense of *inherit* (q.v.), to make heir.

**disjunctive**. L. *disjunctivus*. See *join*.

**disk**, **disc**. L. *discus*, G. *δίσκος*, quoit. See *dais*, *desk*, *dish*.

**dislike**. Hybrid, replacing native *mislike*.

**dismal**. From ME. *in the dismal*, with which cf. mod. *in the dysmals*. AF. *dis mal*, L. *dies mali*, unpropitious days.

**dismantle**. OF. *desmanteler* (Mod. *démanteler*), to strip. See *manile*.

**dismay**. From AF. \**desmaier*, for OF. *esmaier*, whence ModF. *émor*, agitation. From *dis-* and Teut. *mag*,

power, as in OHG *magan* (Mod. *mogen*), to be able, E. *may*. Cf. It. *smagare*, Sp. *desmayar*. For E. preference for *dis-* cf. *discard*, *dishevel*.

**dismiss**. From L. *dimittere*, *dimiss-*, from *mittere*, to send, with usual change of prefix in VL.

**disorder**. F. *désordre*. See *order*, *ordain*.

**disoriented** [neol]. Adaptation of F. *désorienté*. See *orientation*.

**disparage**. OF. *desparagier*, orig. to marry unequally (cf. *mésalliance*), from *parage*, rank, "peerage." See *peer*<sup>1</sup>.

**disparity**. See *parity*.

**dispart** [mil]. Difference between semi-diameters of cannon at base-ring and muzzle. App. from archaic *dispart*, to separate, OF. *despartir* (Mod. *départir*), L. *dispartire*, -*partire*, to divide.

**dispatch, despatch**. Sp. *despachar*, to expedite, opposite of *empachar*, to impede (cf. It. *dispacciare*, *impacciare*). Has absorbed and superseded obs. *depeach*, F. *dépêcher*; but the two words are not related, F. -*pêcher* representing VL. \**pedicare*, to cause to stumble, from *pedica*, fetter (*pes*, *ped-*, foot), while the radical of the Sp. & It. words is prob. *pac-*, from *pangere*, to fasten.

**dispel**. L. *dispellere*, to drive apart.

**dispen**. L. *dispensare*, frequent. of *dispendere*, to weigh out.

**disperse**. F. *disperser*, L. *dispergere*, -*spers-*, to scatter (*spargere*) apart.

**dispiteous**. For archaic *despiteous*, from *despite* (q.v.).

**display**. OF. *despleier* (Mod. *déployer*). See *deploy*, *splay*.

**disport** [archaic]. OF. *desporter*, to carry away; cf. sense-development of *dis-tract*, *divert*. Now mostly replaced by aphet. *sport*.

**dispose**. F. *disposer* (see *pose*). Etym. to put apart.

**dispute**. L. *disputare*, to compute, discuss.

**disquisition**. L. *disquisitio-n-*, from *disquirere*, -*quisit-*, to investigate, from *quaerere*, to seek.

**disruption**. L. *disruptio-n-*, from *dis-rumpere*, -*rump-*, to break apart.

**dissect**. From L. *dissecare*, -*sect-*, to cut up. Cf. *anatomy*.

**disseinin** [leg.]. OF. *dessansine*. See *seisin*.

**dissel-boom** [SAfr.]. Waggon-pole. Du shaft-beam (see *boom*<sup>2</sup>). First element is cogn. with Ger. *deichsel*, AS. & ON. *thísl*, waggon-pole.

**dissemble**. Coined (on *assemble*, *resemble*) for earlier *dissimule*, F. *dissimuler*, L. *dissimulare*. See *similar*, *simulate*.

**disseminate**. From L. *disseminare*, to scatter seed, *semen*.

**dissent**. L. *dissentire*, to differ in feeling.

**dissertation**. L. *dissertatio-n-*, from *disserere*, to discuss, from *serere*, -*sert-*, to join, compose.

**dissever**. OF. *desseverer*, Late L. *disseparare*, in which prefix is intens.

**dissident**. From pres. part. of L. *dis-sidere*, to sit (*sedere*) apart.

**dissimulation** [ling]. Coined on earlier *assimilation*.

**dissimulate**. From L. *dissimulare*. See *dissemble*.

**dissipate**. L. *dissipare*, to scatter, from OL. *sipare*, to throw.

**dissociate**. From L. *dissociare*, from *socius*, companion. Cf. *associate*.

**dissolute**. Lit. dissolved, separated (v.i.).

**dissolve**. L. *dissolvere*, to loosen. See *solve*.

**dissonant**. From pres. part. of L. *dissonare*, to sound diversely.

**dissuade**. L. *dissuadere*, from *suadere*, to advise. See *suasion*.

**dissyllable**. See *disyllable*.

**distaff**. AS. *distæf*, first element cogn. with LG. *dresse*, bunch of flax, as in *dizen*, *bedizen* (q.v.).

**distain** [archaic]. OF. *desteindre* (Mod. *déteindre*), L. *dis-* and *tingere*, to colour.

Now usu. replaced by aphet. *stain*.

**distant**. From pres. part. of L. *distare*, to stand apart.

**distemper**<sup>1</sup>. Disease. From OF. *des-tempré*, -*trempe*, MedL. *distemperatus*, disturbed, immoderate, from L. *temperare*, to mix, temper. See *temper*.

**distemper**<sup>2</sup>. To paint. From OF. *des-temprer* (Mod. *détemprer*), as above.

**distend**. L. *distendere*, to stretch apart.

**distich**. G. *δίστιχον*, neut. of *δίστιχος*, from *δι-*, two, *στίχος*, line.

**distil**. L. *distillare*, to trickle down. See *still*<sup>2</sup>.

**distingué**. F. p.p. of *distinguer* (v.i.).

**distinguish**. From F. *distinguer*, L. *distinguere*, *distinct-*, lit to "prick off," cogn. with G. *stichew*, to prick. For incorr. -*ish*, also in *extinguish*, cf. *astonish*, *admonish*.

**distort**. From L. *distorquere*, -*tort-*, to twist apart.

**distract**. From L. *distrahere*, -*tract-*, to pull apart.

**distrain**. OF. *destreindre*, *destreign-*, L.

*distringere*, to draw asunder, but in Late L. as intens. of *stringere*, to stretch.

**distract.** F. *distract*, absent-minded, p. p. of *distrarre*, to distract, draw away, L. *distrare*.

**distracted** [*poet.*]. Barbarous spelling of above, perh. due to obs. *straught*, p. p. of *stretch*.

**distress.** OF. *destrece* (Mod. *détresse*), from *destrecier*, VL. \**districhare*, from *districtus*, p. p. of *distringere*, to pull asunder, etc. Cf. *distrain*.

**distribute.** From L. *distribuere*, -tribut-. See *tribute*.

**district.** F. *district*, orig. control; then, region over which control extends, MedL. *districtus*, from *distringere*, in sense of binding, controlling (see *distrain*).

**disturb.** L. *disturbare*, intens. of *turbare*, from *turba*, mob.

**disyllable.** Prefix is G. *δι-*, twice. Hence *disyllable* is etym. incorr. See *syllable*.

**ditch.** AS. *dic*, of which *dike* (q.v.) is the northern development., WGer.; cf. Du. *dijk*, Ger. *teich*, pool.

**dither** [*dialect.*]. To quake. Earlier *didder*, thinned form of *doðder*<sup>2</sup>.

**dithyramb.** G. *διθύραμβος*, choric hymn, orig. in honour of Dionysus.

**dittany.** From OF. *ditan*, *daitain*, G. *δίκταμον*, from *dicte*, mountain in Crete, where it grew.

**ditto.** It. *ditto*, for *detto*, said, L. *dictus*, as in the *said* (before mentioned) month. Cf. also *ditto*graphy, accidental repetition by copyist, *ditto*logy, double interpretation.

**ditty.** OF. *dité*, *ditie*, composition, poem, L. *dictatus*, p. p. of *dicere*, frequent. of *dicere*, to say.

**ditty-bag, -box** [*naul.*]. ? Sailors' corrupt. of Austral. *dilly-bag* (q.v.), ? or from obs. *dutty*, a coarse brown calico (Purch.), ident. with Hind. *dhōṭī*, loin-cloth.

**diuretic.** G. *διουρητικός*, from *διουρέιν*, to urinate. See *urine*.

**diurnal.** L. *diurnalis*, from *diēs*, day.

**diva.** Distinguished female singer. It. goddess, from L. (cf. *divine*).

**divagation.** L. *divagatio-n-*, from *divagari*, to wander off.

**divan.** Turk. *divān*, Pers. *divān*, *divān*. Orig. bundle of written sheets, collection of poems, collection of documents, register, office of accounts, custom-house, council chamber, cushioned seat, smoking-room, cigar-shop,

a curious chain of meanings. From Arab. form come It. *dogana*, F. *douane*, custom-house.

**divaricate.** To diverge. From L. *divaricare*. See *prevaricate*.

**dive.** Combines sense of AS. *dūfan* (strong intrans.) with forms of its causal *dýfan* (weak trans.); cogn. with *dip* (q.v.).

**diverge.** From L. *di-*, apart, and *vergere*, to turn.

**divers, diverse.** F. *divers*, L. *diversus*, turned different ways, from *divertere*.

**divert.** F. *divertir*, from L. *divertere*, to turn in different directions.

**dives.** L., rich, used in *Vulg.* (Luke xvi), hence often taken as name of rich man in parable. Cf. *lazar*.

**divest.** Earlier *devest*, OF. *desvestir* (Mod. *dévestir*), VL. \**disvestire* for *devestire*, to undress, from *vestis*, garment.

**divide.** L. *dividere*, to force asunder, with second element prob. cogn. with *vidua*, widow. Cf. *dividend*, L. *dividendum*, to be divided.

**divine.** L. *divinus*, belonging to the gods, from *divus*, *deus*. Earlier *devine*, from F. popular form, as in *devin*, soothsayer, *deviner*, to guess, ong. to interpret, predict, have supernatural knowledge.

**division.** L. *divisio-n-*, from *dividere*, *divis-*, to divide.

**divorce.** F. *divorce*, L. *divortium*, from *divortere*, archaic for *divertere*, to turn away.

**divot.** Sc., of unknown origin.

**divulge.** L. *divulgare*, to spread among the people, *vulgus*.

**divvy** [*slang*]. For *divine* and *divide*.

**dixie** [*mil. slang*]. Mess-tin. Urdu *degchi*, vessel, Pers. dim. of *dīg*, cauldron, pot.

**dizen** [*poet*]. See *bedizen*, *distaff*.

**dizzy.** AS. *dysig*, foolish. WGer.; cf. LG. *dösig*, OHG. *tusig*; also Du. *durzenen*, to be giddy. Prob., like *graddy* (q.v.), ult. possessed by a god, from Aryan root *dhwes-*, cogn. with G. *θεός*.

**Dizzy.** Nickname of Benjamin Disraeli, Earl of Beaconsfield (†1881). Cf. *Pam.*

**djereed.** See *jereed*.

**djinn.** See *genie*, *jinn*.

**do**<sup>1</sup>. Verb. AS. *dōn*. WGer.; cf. Du. *doen*, Ger. *tun*, not found in ON & Goth. Past *did* is a reduplicated form, AS. *dyde*; cf. Ger. *tat* (OHG. *teta*), Du. *deed* (ODu. *dede*), and G. *τέθεικα* from *τίθημι*, of which root syllable (*θη*) is cogn. with *do*.

- do**<sup>2</sup> [*mus*]. Arbitrary substitute for earlier *ut*. See *gamut*.
- doab** [*geog*]. Tongue of land between two rivers. Pers. *dōāb*, two waters; ult. cogn. with *Twynnam* (Hants), between Avon and Stour.
- doat**. See *dote*.
- dobbin**. Nickname for horse. Dim. of *Dob*, rimed on *Rob*, for *Robert*. See *hobby*<sup>1</sup>.
- doctetism** [*theol*]. Doctrine of the *Docetae*, early heretics who believed Christ's body to be a phantom, G. *Δοκηταί*, from *δοκεῖν*, to appear.
- docile**. F. *docile*, L. *docilis*, from *docēre*, to teach.
- dock**<sup>1</sup>. Plant. AS. *docce*; cf. obs. Du. *docke*, Ger. *dockenblätter*, obs. Dan. *ādokke*, water dock (cf. AS. *ēadocce*), also Gael. *dogha*. Hence *burdock*.
- dock**<sup>2</sup>. Solid part of tail. Cf. ModIcel. *dockr*, stumpy tail, LG. *dokke*, bundle, Ger. *docke*, bundle, plug. Perh. from *dock*<sup>1</sup>, the root of which is suggestive of a rat's tail. Hence verb to *dock*, to shorten, cut off.
- dock**<sup>3</sup>. For ships. Orig. furrow made on mud by grounded vessel. Cf. LG. *docke*, channel, runnel, Norw. *dokk*, hollow, E. dial. *doke*, furrow. Borrowed from E. by many other langs.
- dock**<sup>4</sup>. For criminals. Flem. *dok*, *docke*, hutch, pen.
- docket**. Memorandum, summary, customs certificate. Earlier *doggette*, obs. It. *doghetta*, bendlet in heraldry (Torr.), dim of *doga*, cask-stave. Cf. hist. of *label*, *schedule*, etc.
- doctor**. L. from *docēre*, to teach.
- doctrine**. F. *doctrine*, L. *doctrina*, from *doctor* (q.v.).
- document**. L. *documentum*, proof, example, from *docēre*, to teach.
- dodder**<sup>1</sup>. Plant. Cf. Du., Dan. *dodder*, Ger. *dötter*. Prob. cogn. with *dodder*<sup>2</sup>, from shaking.
- dodder**<sup>2</sup>. To quake, quaver. Also dial. *daäe*, *dädder*, *däddle*, *doddle*. Cf. Norw. dial. *duddra*, and see *dither*.
- doddered** [*poet.*]. Usu. with *oak*. For *doddard*, from obs. *doä*, to poll (cf. *pollard*).
- dodecagon**. From G. *δώδεκα*, twelve, *γωνία*, angle.
- dodge**. From 16 cent., in sense of shuffle, play fast and loose, lit. and fig. App. cogn. with Ger. *ducken*, to dodge, duck, earlier also *docken* (Hans Sachs).
- dodo**. Extinct bird (Mauritius), clumsy and of poor flight. Port. *douido*,

- stupid. Cf. *dotterel*, which is prob. related.
- Dodonaeae**. Of *Dodona* (Epirus), where was oracle of Zeus in oak-grove.
- doe**. ME *doo*, AS. *dā*, perh. cogn. with L. *dama*.
- Doe, John**. See *John*.
- doff**. Contr. of *do off*; cf. *don* and rarer *dup* (see *dub up*).
- dog**. Late and rare AS. *dogga* (usual word is *hound*), adopted in several Europ. langs. in sense of E. dog, mastiff (cf. *dogged*). Origin unknown.
- dogberrydom**. From *Dogberry*, foolish constable in *Much Ado about Nothing*. Cf. *bumbledom*.
- doge**. Venetian *doge*, L. *dux*, *duc*, leader, duke.
- dogger**. North Sea fishing-boat. Hence the *Dogger Bank*. Prob. related to *dog*; cf. obs. Du. *dogghe-boot*, from E.
- doggerel**. Prob. from L. *doga*, cask-stave. Cf. 16 cent. *dudgeon verse* (see *dudgeon*<sup>1</sup>), Ger. *stabreim*, stave rime, or *knüttelvers*, cudgel verse, Du. *kluppelvers* (for earlier *knuppel-*, cudgel), archaic E. *packstaff verse* (see *pike-staff*), and metr. sense of Prov. *bastonet*, little stick, also *rhopalie* (verse) from G. *ῥόπαλον*, cudgel.
- Doggett's coat and badge**. Prize for Thames watermen, established (1716) by Thomas Doggett, actor.
- doggo, to lie**. ? Like a cunning dog.
- dog-gone** [US.]. ? Fantastic perversion of *god-damned*, ? or from archaic imprecation *dog on't*.
- dogma**. G. *δόγμα*, opinion, from *δοκεῖν*, to seem.
- doily**. Orig. name of material. From *Douly*, who kept a shop in the Strand (17 cent.).
- doit** [*archaic*]. Chiefly in *not (worth) a doit*. Du. *dout*, earlier *doyt*, eighth part of stiver, ? ON. *thveit*, piece, from *thvita*, to cut.
- doited** [Sc.]. Crazy. Prob. for *doted*. See *dote*.
- dolabr-**. From L. *dolabra*, pickaxe.
- dolce far niente**. It., sweet do nothing.
- doldrums**. Slang *doldrum*, dullard, *doldrums*, dumps. From *dull*, after *tantrum*.
- dole**<sup>1</sup>. Share, esp. in charitable distribution. AS *dāl*, parallel form to *dæl*, deal<sup>1</sup>.
- dole**<sup>2</sup> [*poet.*]. Sorrow. Esp. in *doleful*. OF. *duel*, tonic stem of OF. *dolour*, *duel-*, to grieve, L. *dolere*. ModF. *deuil*, Late L. *dolum*, grief, is not quite the same word.

**dolerite** [*min.*]. F. *doléríte*, coined from G. *δολερός*, deceptive.

**dolichocephalic** [*eihn.*]. From G. *δολιχός*, long. Cf. *brachycephalic*.

**doll**. Short for *Dorothy*. Cf. Sc. *doroty*, a doll, and synon. F. *marionnette*, double dim. of *Marre*. Cf. *dolly* in various mech. applications, esp. the three-legged beater for treating clothes in a *dolly-tub*, also called a *peggy* or *maiden*.

**dollar**. Earlier (16 cent.) also *daler*, L.G. & archaic Du. *daler* (Mod. *daalder*), Ger. *taler*, for *Joachimstaler*, coin minted at silver mine of *Joachimstal* (Bohemia) from 1519 onward.

**dollop**. Orig. in E.Angl. a thick-growing tuft or clump (Tusser). Cf. Norw. dial. *dolp*, lump.

**dolly**. See *doll*.

**dolly varden**. Pattern, style of dress. From *Dolly Varden* (Barnaby Rudge).

**dolman**. Hussar jacket F. *dolman*, Pol. *doloman*, Turk. *dölmân*.

**dolmen**. Corn. *tolmen*, from *toll*, hole, *men*, stone. ? Or Breton, *tol*, table.

**dolomite** [*geol.*]. From *Dolomieu*, F. geologist (18 cent.).

**dolour**. OF. *dolour* (Mod. *douleur*), L. *dolor-em*, sorrow.

**dolphin**. OF. *dalfin* (Mod. *dauphin*), VL. \**dalfinus*, for *delphinus*, from G. *δελφίς*, *δελφῦν*.

**dolt**. From *dull*; perh. contr. of *dullard*.

**dom**. Port. *dom*, lord, L. *dominus*, cf. Sp. *don*. As title of Benedictines and Carthusians, shortened from L. *dominus*.

**-dom**. AS. *-dom*, cogn. with to *do* and *deem*, cf. Ger. *-tum*.

**domain**. F. *domaine*, L. *dominium*. OF. also *demaine* (see *demesne*).

**Domdaniel**. Magic submarine hall. From F. continuation (1788-93) of *Arabian Nights*.

**dome**. F. *dôme*, It. *duomo*, cathedral, L. *domus* (Dei), G. *δῶμος*. F. & E. senses are due rather to G. *δῶμα*, rendered "house-top" by Tynd.

**domesday** [*hist.*]. ME spelling of *doomsday*.

**domestic**. L. *domesticus*, of the house and home, *domus*.

**domicile**. F. *domicile*, L. *domicilium*, from *domus*, house.

**dominate**. From L. *dominari*, from *dominus*, master, from *domus*, home.

**domineer**. Archaic Du. *domineren*, F. *dominer*, from L. *dominari*, to "lord it" over. Cf. *commandeer*, *cashier*<sup>2</sup>.

**dominical** [*eccl.*]. Pertaining to the Lord or the Lord's Day. MedL. *dominicalis*.

**Dominican**. Black Friar. From order of *St Dominic*, Domingo de Guzman (†1221). Cf. *Franciscan*.

**dominie** [Sc]. L. *domine*, voc. of *dominus*, used by schoolboys in addressing master.

**dominion**. L. *dominio-n-*, from *dominus*, lord.

**domino**. Hooded cloak. It. *domino*, orig. worn by priests, and in some way connected with L. *dominus*. The game of *dominoes* comes from the phrase *faire domino*, to put the last piece and win. Cf. *faire capot* (also a hooded cloak) at piquet, but the metaphor is not clear.

**don**<sup>1</sup>. Title. Sp. *don*, L. *dominus*.

**don**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. For *do on*. Cf. *doff*.

**donate**. From L. *donare*, to give.

**doña, dona**. Sp. & Port., L. *domina*. Hence slang *doña(h)*, sweetheart.

**Donatist**. Christian sect in N.Afr. (4 cent.). From *Donatus*, leading member.

**donga**. Ravine (SAfr) Native word.

**dongola race**. Paddling in punts. ? Arbitrary perversion of *gondola*, ? or from *Dongola* on the Nile.

**donjon** [*hist.*]. See *dungeon*.

**Don Juan**. Libertine. The legend is of Sp. origin.

**donkey**. Slang or dial. word of late appearance. ? Cf. dial. *dunnock*, sparrow, from *dun*, brown. But possibly from name *Duncan* or *Dominic*; cf. *neddy*, *dicky*, *cuddy*, used in same sense.

**donna**. It. *donna*, L. *domina*.

**Donnybrook Fair**. At Donnybrook (co. Dublin) till 1855.

**donor**. OF. *doneor* (Mod. *donneur*), L. *donator-em*, from *donare*, to give.

**donzella**. It. form of *damsel* (q.v.).

**doolie**. Hind. *dōli*, litter, Sanskrit *dōlā*.

**doom**. AS. *dōm*, cogn. with *deem*. Com. Teut.; cf. OSax. *dōm*, OHG. *tuom*, ON. *dōmr*, Goth. *dōms*. Orig. law, judgment, what is set up (cf. *statute*); cogn. with G. *θέμις*.

**door**. Combines AS. *duru* (fem.) and *dor* (neut.), with which cf. Ger. *tür* (fem.), door, *tor* (neut.), gate. Aryan; cf. Du. *deur*, ON. *dyrr*, Goth. *daur*, G. *thür*, L. *fores*. See also *durbar*.

**dope**. Lubricant (US.). From Du. *doopen*, to dip (q.v.). Hence *dope*, to drug.

**doppelgänger**. Ger., "double-goer."

**dopper** [SAfr.]. Orig. Anabaptist. Du. *doooper*, lit dipper, Baptist. See *dip*.  
**dor.** Insect AS *dora*, prob. "buzzer."  
**Dora** [hist.]. Acrostic of *Defence Of Realm Act* (1914).  
**dorado.** Dolphin. Sp. *dorado*, L. *deauratus*, gilded. See *dory*<sup>1</sup>.  
**Dorcas society.** See *Acts* ix. 36.  
**Dorian, Doric.** Of *Doris*, division of ancient Greece. *Doric* is often used for broad Scots.  
**dorking.** Fowl. From *Dorking* (Surrey).  
**dormant.** F. *dormant*, pres. part. of *dormir*, L. *dormire*, to sleep.  
**dormer.** Orig. dormitory. OF. *dormeur* from *dormir* (replaced by *dortoir*, L. *dormitorium*). Hence *dormer-window*, -roof.  
**dormitory.** L. *dormitorium*, sleeping-place (v s.).  
**dormouse.** ? From northern dial. *dorm*, to doze, F. *dormir*, and mouse. Cf. archaic Du. *slap-muys* (Kil.).  
**dormy** [golf]. ? F. *endormir*, asleep, further exertion being unnecessary. ? Or from dial. *dorm* (v s.).  
**dorsal.** MedL. *dorsalis*, from *dorsum*, back.  
**dory**<sup>1</sup>. Fish. F. *dorée*, p p. fem. of *dorer*, to gild, L. *deaurare*. Cf. *dorado*.  
**dory**<sup>2</sup>. Boat (US. & WInd.). Origin unknown  
**dose.** F. *dose*, G. *δosis*, from *διδόαι*, to give.  
**doss** [slang]. Bed in lodging-house. Also (18 cent.) *dorse*. Prob. ident. with obs. *dorse*, *doss*, back, in various senses, F. *dos* (v i.).  
**dossal, dossel** [eccl.]. Ornamental hanging at back. MedL. *dossale*. See *dossier*.  
**dossier.** F., bundle of papers; hence, record of individual. Cf. obs. E. *dossier*, basket carried on back, from F. *dossier* in earlier sense, from *dos*, back, VL \**dossum* for *dorsum*.  
**dot**<sup>1</sup>. AS. *dot*, speck, head of boil. Cf. Du. *dot*, also as endearing name for small child, archaic Du. *doode*, plug, Ger. dial. *ditte*, nipple of breast. Of obscure origin and hist. *Dotty*, shaky, is perh. rather connected with *dotter*<sup>2</sup>, or with *dote* and *dotted*. Cf. obs. *doddy-poll*, earlier (c. 1400) *dotty-poll*.  
**dot**<sup>2</sup>. F. *dot*, dowry, L. *dos*, *dot-*, cogn. with *dare*, to give.  
**dote, doat.** AF. \**doter* for F. *radoter*. Of Teut. origin. Cf. obs. Du. *doten*, to dote, Du. *dut*, dotage, Ger. *verduzt*, flabbergasted.

**dottel.** See *dottle*.  
**dotteler.** Species of plover, fool (dial.). From *dote* (cf. *dodo*).  
**dottle.** Plug of unconsumed tobacco in pipe. Dim. of *dot*, of which orig. meaning was perh. clot.  
**dotty.** See *dot*.  
**douane.** F., custom-house. See *divan*.  
**Douay bible.** E version of *Vulg.* made at College of *Douay* (1584-1609).  
**double.** F. *double*, L. *duplus*, from *duo* and root of *plere*, to fill.  
**doublet.** F. *doublet*, prob. from *doubler* in sense of lining. The F. word is obs. in sense of garment, but is used of double words of ident. origin.  
**doubloon** [hist.]. Orig. double pistole. F. *doublon*, Sp. *doblón*.  
**doubt.** ME. *dout*, F. *douter*, L. *dubitare*; ult. from *duo*, two, as *dubious* (q.v.). For restored -b- cf. *debt*.  
**douce** [Sc.]. F. *doux*, L. *dulcis*. Cf. *dour*. Hence *douceur*.  
**douceur.** Gratuity. F., lit. sweetness (v.s.).  
**douche.** F. *douche*, It. *doccia*, water-pipe, jet, from *docchiare*, Late L. *ducitare*, from *ducere*, *duct-*, to lead (cf. *conduit*).  
**dough.** AS. *dāg* Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *deeg*, Ger. *teig*, ON. *deig*, Goth. *dargs*. Ground-idea kneading (see *lady*); cogn. with G. *reixos*, wall. Cf. *duff*.  
**doughty.** AS. *dýhtig*, altered to *dōhtig* by influence of *dohite*, past of cogn. *dugan*, to be fit, to avail, cf. Ger. *tüchtig*, *doughty*, *taugen*, to be fit. Pronunc. is abnormal and app. affected by F. *douté*, in its OF. sense of redoubtable, dread, as epithet. See *doubt*.  
**doukhobor.** Sect. Russ. *dukhobor*, from *dukh*, spirit, *borot'sya* (reflex), to fight.  
**doum, dom.** Palm. Arab *daum*, *dūm*.  
**dour** [Sc.]. Opposite of *douce*. F. *dur* or L. *durus*.  
**douse, dowse.** To strike, beat down, plunge in water, etc. Of LG. origin; cf. archaic Du. *doesen*, "pulsare cum impetu et fragore" (Kil.).  
**dove.** Com. Teut., though not recorded in AS. (see *culver*); cf. Du. *duif*, Ger. *taube*, ON. *dufa*, Goth. *dūbō*; prob. cogn. with *dive*, from dipping flight (see *cushat*).  
**dow.** See *dhow*.  
**dowager.** OF. *douagere*, from *douage*, dower (q.v.).  
**dowdy.** Orig. a shabby woman, from ME. *dowd*. Origin unknown.  
**dowel.** Headless peg for connecting

pieces of wood or stone. App. related to synon. Norw. Dan. *dyvel*, *dybel*, Ger. *dobel*, app. from same root as *dub*, to strike.

**dower, dowry.** F. *douaire*, Late L. *dotarium*, from L. *dos*, *dot-*, dower, gift.

**dowlas.** Coarse linen From *Daoulas* (Finistère).

**down<sup>1</sup>.** Hill, esp chalk-hills of south; hence, roadstead facing the eastern end of the *North Downs*. AS. *dūn*; cf. Du. *duin*, F. *dune*, sand-hill. Of Celt. origin and found in very old place-names, e.g. *Dumbarton*, hill-fortress of the Britons; cogn with *town*.

**down<sup>2</sup>** [*prep.* & *adv.*]. Aphet. for *adown*, AS. of *dūne*, off hill (v.s.).

**down<sup>3</sup>.** Of birds. ON. *dūnn*, whence also Ger. *daune*. Downy, artful, is associated with this in *downy bird*, but is from adv. *down* in slang sense of being "down on" (a situation), practically the same as being "up to" (snuff).

**downy** [*slang*]. See *down<sup>3</sup>*.

**dowse<sup>1</sup>.** See *douse*.

**dowse<sup>2</sup>.** To divine presence of water or minerals. *Deusing-rod* is in Locke (1691). Said to have been introduced into Devon and Cornwall by Ger. miners, temp Elizabeth, and perh. connected in some way with Ger. *deuten*, to indicate, also dial. *dauten*.

**doxology.** G. *δοξολογία*, from *δόξα*, glory.

**doxy<sup>1</sup>** [*archaic slang*]. Beggars' wench. Prob. from archaic Du. *doche*, doll, OHG. *tocha*, of unknown origin.

**doxy<sup>2</sup>.** Opinion. Playful for *ortho doxy*, etc. Cf. *ology*.

**doyen.** Senior (ambassador, professor, etc.). F. form of *dean<sup>1</sup>* (q.v.).

**doyley.** See *douly*

**doze.** Orig trans., to stupefy. Cf. Dan. *døse*, to make dull, Sw. dial. *dusa*, to sleep, Ger. *dusel*, doze, LG *dos*, sleepiness; ? ult cogn. with AS. *dwæ̃s*, stupid. The E. word came from Scand.

**dozen.** OF. *dozeine* (Mod. *douzaine*), from *douze*, twelve, VL \**dodece* for *duodecim*, with suffix from L. *-ena*, as in *centena*, etc.

**drab<sup>1</sup>.** Colour. Orig. cloth; then, colour of undyed cloth. F. *drap*, cloth, Late L. *drappus*, of unknown origin. See *trappings*.

**drab<sup>2</sup>.** Slut. Perh. the same word as *drab<sup>1</sup>*. Cf. Sp. Port. *trapo*, rag, and Ger. *lump*, rogue, orig. rag. Defoe

(*Mem. Cav.* ch. iv.) uses *rag* in sense of wench following camp. But analogy of *trapes* (q.v.) suggests possible connection with LG. *draben*, Ger. *traben*, to trot

**drabble.** To trail, esp. in water or dirt. Hence sail called *drabler*. LG *drabbeln*, to paddle in water.

**drachm.** G. *δραχμή*, orig. handful, from *δράσσεσθαι*, to grasp.

**draconic.** From *Draco*, archon of Athens (621 B.C.), severe lawgiver.

**draff.** Dregs, esp. of malt. ON. *draf*, offal; cogn. with Du *draf*, Ger. *treber* (orig. pl); cf. AS. *drēfan*, to make turbid, Ger. *trube*, turbid.

**draft.** Var. of *draught* (q.v.).

**drag.** Northern dial form of *draw* (q.v.), AS. *dragan* or cogn. ON. *draga*. Frequent *draggle* has been affected in sense by *drabble* and *daggle*.

**dragoman.** F. *dragoman*, MedL *dragummanus*, Late G. *δραγούμενος*, OArab. *tarjumān*, from *targama*, to interpret.

**dragon.** F. *dragon*, L. *draco-n-*, G. *δράκων*, from *δρακείν*, to see

**dragonnade** [*hist*] F, intimidation of Protestants, temp. Louis XIV, by quartering dragoons on them.

**dragoon.** F. *dragon*, orig kind of musket; cf. *falconet*, *culverin*, etc.

**drain.** AS *drēahnman*, to strain a liquid; cogn. with *dry*.

**drake<sup>1</sup>** [*archaic*]. Dragon. AS *draca*, dragon, from L. (see *dragon*). WGer.; cf. Du. *draak*, Ger. *drache*. Perh. an early Church-word.

**drake<sup>2</sup>.** Bird. Cf Sw. *anddrake*, Ger. dial *draak*, for OHG. *antrahho* (Mod. *enterich*), from *anut*, duck (Mod. *ente*), with doubtful second element, perh. ident with ON *-yrki*, ruler, as in *landreki*, king; cf. Ger. *ganserich*, gander.

**dram.** Popular form of *drachm* (q.v.).

**drama.** G. *δράμα*, action, from *δρᾶν*, to do, act. Hence *dramaturge*, G. *δραματουργός*, from *ἐργεω*, to work; *dramatis personae*, L., characters of the play.

**drape.** Orig. to weave cloth (see *drab<sup>1</sup>*).

**drastic.** G. *δραστικός*, active, from *δρᾶν*, to act. Cf. *drama*.

**drat.** Earlier 'od rot, disguising *God rot*. For change of vowel cf. *Gad! stap my vitals!*

**draught.** From *draw* in all senses, with specialized spelling *draft* in some. The game of *draughts* is from ME. sense of move.

**Dravidian** [*ling.*]. Group of ancient



agglutinative langs. in Southern India (Tamil, Telugu, Canarese, Malayalam). From Sanskrit *Drāvīda*, a geog. term, perh. etym. ident. with *Tamil*.

**draw.** AS *dragan* Com. Teut.; cf. OSax. *dragan*, to carry, Ger. *tragen*, to carry, ON. *draga*, to draw, drag, Goth. *gadragan*, to carry. A *drawn* game is for *withdrawn*, the stakes being "with-drawn" in absence of decision; cf. *drawing-room* for earlier *withdrawing-room*.

**drawcansir** [archaic]. Braggart, swash-buckler. Character in Villiers' *Rehearsal* (1672), parodying the *Almanzor* of Dryden's *Conquest of Granada*.

**drawer, drawing-room.** See *draw*.

**drawl.** Du. *dralen*, cogn. with *draw*. Orig. to lag, loiter.

**dray**<sup>1</sup>. Vehicle. AS. *dræge*, cogn. with *drag*, *draw* (q.v.). Cf. Sw. *drag*, sledge, drag.

**dray**<sup>2</sup>, **drey.** Squirrel's nest ? AS. *gedræg*, ? dwelling-place (*Beowulf*, 756).

**dread.** ME. *dreden*, aphet. for *adreden*, AS. *ādredan*, *ondredan*. WGer.; cf. OS. *antdradan*. OHG. *intrātan*. The simplex is not recorded and the ulterior hist. of the word is unknown. *Dreadnought* is an old naval ship-name (16 cent.), revived (1906) for all-big-gun battle-ship, first of its type.

**dream.** AS. \**drēam*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *droom*, Ger. *traum*, ON. *draumr*.

**dreary.** AS. *drēorig*, dreary, bloody, from *drēor*, gore, shed blood, from *drēosan*, to drip. Cf. cogn. and synon. Ger. *traurig*.

**dredge**<sup>1</sup>. To remove mud. First in *dreg-boat* (15 cent.). Cf. Du. *dreg*, earlier *dregghe*, "harpago, verriculum" (Kil); cogn. with *drag*.

**dredge**<sup>2</sup>. To sprinkle with flour, earlier with spice, etc. From obs. *dredge*, sweetmeat, ME. *dragie*, F. *dragée*, ult., like obs. It. *tréggea*, from G. *τραγήματα* (neut. pl.), sweetmeats. *Dredge* is also used, like F. *dragée*, "the coarse grain called bolymong" (Cotg.), of a mixture of cereals.

**dree** [archaic]. To endure, perform, in to *dree one's weird*. AS *drēogan*; cf. ON. *drýgja*, to perform, Goth. *drugan*, to serve as soldier.

**dreg.** ON *dregg*, usu. in pl.

**dreibund** [hist.]. Ger., three-bond, alliance between Germany, Austria, Italy (1883), also called the *triplice* (It.).

**drench.** Orig. to make to drink AS. *drencan*, causal of *drink*; cf. Ger. *tränken*, from *trinken*.

**Dresden china.** Manufactured at Meissen (Saxony) and named from capital.

**dress.** F. *dresser*, VL. \**directiare*, to make straight. Food was orig. "dressed" on the *dresser*.

**drey.** See *dray*<sup>2</sup>.

**dribble.** Frequent of obs *drīb*, cogn. with *drīp*, *drōp*. Hence *dribblet*, small instalment.

**drift.** From *drive* (q.v.). Fig. what one is "driving" at.

**drill**<sup>1</sup>. Tool Du. *dri*, cogn. with E. *thrill* (q.v.); cf. *nostril*. Also Du. *drillen*, to pierce. Cf. E. *dri*, Ger. *drillen*, to exercise soldiers (from Du.), orig. to torment, bore<sup>1</sup> (q.v.).

**drill**<sup>2</sup>. For seed. From obs. *drill*, rivulet, rill; cf. obs. *drill*, to flow, trickle, earlier *trill*, used of winding course. Cogn. Ger. dial. forms suggest ult. connection with *drill*<sup>1</sup>.

**drill**<sup>3</sup> [mil.]. See *drill*<sup>1</sup>.

**drill**<sup>4</sup>. Fabric. Earlier *drilling*, corrupt. of Ger. *drillich*, OHG. *drilich*, adaptation of L. *trilix*, *trilic*, three thread, from *lucium*, thread.

**drink.** AS. *drincan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *drinken*, Ger. *trinken*. ON. *drekkja*, Goth. *drugkan*.

**drip.** Scand. form of AS. *drēopan* (whence dial. *dreep*); cf. Norw. Dan. *dryppe*; cogn. with *drop*; cf. Ger. *triefen*.

**drive.** AS. *drīfan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *dryven*, Ger. *treiben*, ON. *drīfa*, Goth. *drēiban*.

**drivel.** Earlier *drevel*, AS. *dreftran*, to slobber. Ult. cogn. with *dribble*.

**drizzle.** Frequent of obs. *drese*, AS. *drēosan*, to fall in drops. See *dreary*.

**drogher** [naut.]. Du. *drooger*, lit. drier, earlier *drogher*, ship that caught and dried herring and mackerel.

**drogue** [naut.]. Drag attached to harpoon or boat. For *drug*, dial form of *drag*.

**droit** [leg.]. F. *droit*, right, law, L. *directus*, straight, right. Cf. *tori*.

**droll.** F. *drôle*, earlier (16 cent.) *drolle*, amusing rascal. Perh. MHG. *trolle*, clown, ult. ON *troll*, legendary giant.

**drome.** For *aerodrome* (see *hippodrome*). **dromedary.** Late L. *dromedarius* (sc. *camelus*), from G. *δρομάς*, *δρομάδ-*, runner, from *δραμειν*, to run.

**dromond** [hist.]. OF. *dromon*(t), swift ship, Byzantine G. *δρόμων*, from *δρόμος*, racing (see *dromedary*).

**drone.** AS. *drān*, with LG. cognates, whence Ger. *drohne*, replacing HG. *trene* (still in Saxony and Austria), Orig. imit. ; cf. Laconian *θρῶναξ*, a drone. As verb, and in *drone* of bag-pipe, from buzz of insect.

**droop.** ON. *drūpa*, cogn. with *drop*.

**drop.** AS. *dropa* and verb *dropian*. Cf. Du. *drop*, Ger. *tropfen*, ON. *dropi*; cogn. with *drip*. Orig. globule of liquid falling.

**dropsy.** Aphet. for ME. *ydropsie*, F. *hydropisie*, from G. *ὑδρωψ*, dropsy, from *ὑδωρ*, water.

**droshky.** Russ. *drozhki*, dim. of *drogi*, wagon, pl. of *droga*, shaft.

**dross.** AS. *drōs*, *drōsna*; cf. Du. *droesem*, Ger. *drusen*, dregs, husks. Ult. cogn. with *dreg*.

**drought.** AS. *drūgoth*, dryness, from root of *dryge*, dry.

**drove.** AS. *drāf*, from *drive*.

**drown.** AS. *druncman*, to be drunk, to get drowned, from p.p. of *drincan*; cf. Ger. *ertrinken* (intrans.), *ertränken* (trans.), to drown. See *drink*, *drench*.

**drowsy.** From verb *drowse*, to be sleepy, obs. Du. *droosen*, "dormitare, dormiscere" (Kil.), cogn. with *dreary* (q.v.).

**drub.** Orig. to bastinado. Turk. *durb*, from Arab. *daraba*, to beat.

**drudge.** App connected with AS. *drēogan*, to perform, endure (see *drée*), but first found in 15 cent.

**drug, drugget.** That these words belong together is shown by the fact that F. *c'est du droguet* (earlier also *c'est une drogue*) corresponds to E. a *drug* (in the market). *Drug*, F. *drogue*, found in most Europ. langs., is prob. from Du. *droog*, dry; and *drugget*, F. *droguet* (16 cent.), may have been applied to material manufactured without moisture. Another theory is that F. *drogue* represents Arab. *ṭiryāq*, from G., as *treacle* (q.v.), and a third connects it with Arab. *durāwaj*, chaff, refuse.

**druid.** L. *druidae*, *druides* (pl.). Cf. OIr. *drui*, Gael. *draoi*, the source of the L. word. Also Welsh *derwyddon*, soothsayers, cogn. with *derw*, true, and with E. *true*.

**drum.** Imit. cf. Ger. *trommel*, drum, whence prob. the E. word comes, also MHG. *trumbe*, *trumme*, trumpet, drum.

**Drummond light.** Limelight. Invented (c. 1821) by Capt. Drummond.

**drunk, drunken.** From *drunk*.

**drunkard.** Du. *dronkaard*, from *dronk*, drunk.

**drupe** [bot]. Stone-fruit. L. *drupa* (sc. *oliva*), G. *δρῦπνα*, over-ripe olive.

**Druse.** Tribe and sect in region of Lebanon. Arab. *durūz* (pl.), from founder, *Ismail al-darazi*, i.e. the tailor (11 cent.), with whose name cf. *Darzee* the tailor-bird (*Jungle Book*).

**druse** [min.]. Ger. *druse*, ident. with *drüse*, gland, tumour, orig. pl. of OHG. *druos*; cf. LG. *dröse*, obs. Du. *droes*.

**dry.** AS. *drýge*; cf. Du. *droog*, Ger. *trocken*; also ON. *draugr*, dry stump.

**dryad.** G. *Δρυάς*, *Δρυάδ-*, from *δρῦς*, *δρυ-*, tree, oak.

**Dryasdust.** Fictitious antiquary to whom some of Scott's novels are dedicated.

**duad.** For *dyad*. G. *δυάς*, *δυάδ-*.

**dual.** L. *dualis*, from *duo*, two.

**dub.** Late AS. *dubbian*, to dub (a knight); cf. F. *adoubier*, It. *addobbare*, ON. *dubba*. The chronological relation of these words has not been cleared up, but *adoubier* still means to strike, tap, in Walloon. Prob. the origin is a Teut. radical imit. of a light blow (cf. *dab*, *dib*). Later senses of *dub* follow those of F. *adoubier*, to trim, put in order, etc. Hence *dubbing* (*dubbin*), for preparing leather. See also *adobe*.

**dubious.** L. *dubiosus*, from *dubium*, doubt, from *duo*, two.

**dub up** [slang]. Pleon. for archaic *dub*, *dub*, to open, from *do up*. Cf. *doff*, *don*<sup>2</sup>.

**ducat.** F. *ducat*, It. *ducato*, orig. struck (1140) by Roger II of Sicily, ruler of the *ducat*, duchy, of Apulia.

**duchess.** F. *duchesse*, Late L. *ducissa* (v.1.).

**duchy.** F. *duché*, L. *ducatus*, from *dux*, *duc-*.

**duck**<sup>1</sup>. Bird. AS. *dūce*, diver, from \**dūcan*, to duck, dive. WGer. verb; cf. Du. *duken*, Ger. *tauchen*. Com. Teut. name of bird is represented by AS. *ened* (see *drake*<sup>2</sup>).

**duck**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. See *duck*<sup>1</sup>.

**duck**<sup>3</sup>. Fabric. Du. *doek*, linen, cogn. with Ger. *tuch*, cloth. Origin unknown.

**duct.** L. *ductus*, from *ducere*, *duct-*, to lead. Cf. *ductile*, L. *ductilis*.

**dud**<sup>1</sup>. Garment. Related to ON. *dútha*, to swathe.

**dud**<sup>2</sup> [slang]. Failure. ? Du. *dood*, dead.

**dude.** US. slang c. 1883. ? Ger. dial. *dude*, fool.

**dudeen** [*Ir.*]. Short clay pipe. *Ir. dim.* of *dūd*, pipe.  
**dudgeon**<sup>1</sup> [*archaic*]. Kind of wood used for knife-handles, etc. *Usu* contemptuous, the wooden handle being contrasted with metal, ivory, etc. Cf. *dudgeon verse* (16 cent.) for doggerel (q.v.). *ME. dogeon*, prob. from *MedL. doga*, cask-stave. Jamieson quotes *dugeon*, app. in sense of cask-staves, for 1551.  
**dudgeon**<sup>2</sup>. Resentment. In 16 cent. always to *take in dudgeon*; also found as *endugine*. Prob. from *It. aduggrare*, to overshadow, from *uggia*, shadow, of doubtful origin. Cf. to *take umbrage*.  
**due**. *ME. dewe*, *OF. deu* (*Mod. dû*), owed, *VL. \*debutus* for *debitus*, from *debere*, to owe.  
**duel**. *F. duel*, *It. duello*, *L. duellum*, archaic form of *bellum*, from *duo*, two.  
**duenna**. *Sp. dueña*, mistress, governess, *L. domina*.  
**duet**. Earlier *duetto*, *It. dim.* of *duo*, two.  
**duff**. Var. of *dough* (q.v.).  
**duffadar**. Urdu, Pers *dafadār*, cavalry non-commissioned officer, from *dafa*, section.  
**duffel**. Fabric. From *Duffel* (Brabant).  
**duffer**. *Sc. dowfart*, from *dowf*, deaf, stupid. In some senses affected by *duff*, to fake up, cheat, etc., thieves' slang of unknown origin.  
**dug** [*archaic*]. From 16 cent. Origin obscure. ? *Ult. cogn.* with *Sw. dägga*, *Dan. dægge*, to suckle.  
**dugong**. Cetaceous mammal. *Mal. duyung*, which is *dugung* in Philippines.  
**duke**. *F. duc*, *L. dux, duc-*, leader, from *ducere*, to lead. Slang sense of fist is late 19 cent., reason unknown.  
**dukhobor**. See *doukhobor*.  
**dulcet**. Respell. for *ME. doucet*, *F. dim.* of *doux*, sweet, *L. dulcis*.  
**dulcimer**. *OF. doulcemer*, *usu. douce-mel*, for *L. dulce melos*, sweet tune.  
**Dulcinea**. Don Quixote's idealized mistress.  
**dull**. *AS. dol*, foolish; cf. *Du. dol*, *Ger. toll*, mad. See *dwelt*.  
**dulse**. Edible seaweed. *Ir. & Gael. dúileasg*, ? for *duille usge*, water leaf. Cf. *whisky*.  
**duma** [*hist.*]. *Russ.*, orig. thought, idea, from *dumai*, to think, reflect. *Perh. cogn.* with *doom*.  
**dumb**. *AS. dumb*. *Com. Teut.*; cf. *Du. dom*, *Ger. dumm* (*OHG. tump*),

stupid (cf. *E. dummy*, *dolt*), *ON. dumbr*, *Goth. dumbs*, *dumb*. *Dumb-found* appears to be formed by analogy with *confound*.  
**dum-dum** [*mil.*]. Soft-nosed bullet. From *Dumdum*, near Calcutta, formerly headquarters of Bengal artillery. *Hind. damdama*, mound.  
**dummy**. In various senses, from *dumb*.  
**dump**<sup>1</sup>. *Usu. the dumps*. Cf. *Du. domp*, haze, etc., *Ger. dumpf*, oppressive, gloomy; cogn. with *damp*.  
**dump**<sup>2</sup>. *ME. dompen*, to fall heavily (cf. *thump*). In mod. use (chiefly U.S.), to throw down; hence *dump*, refuse heap, and verb to *dump*. Here belongs prob. also *dump* used of various small or "dumpy" objects (cf. *dab* of paint, *pat* of butter). *Dumpling* is a double *dim*.  
**dumpling**. See *dump*<sup>2</sup>.  
**dun**<sup>1</sup>. Colour. *AS. dun*, from *Celt.*; cf. *Gael. Ir. donn*, *Welsh dwn*.  
**dun**<sup>2</sup>. To demand payment. An allusion (15 cent.) in *Paston Letters* to *John Dyn* suggests that the word may be of the *burke*, *boycott* type.  
**dunce**. Earlier *dunsman*. From *John Duns Scotus* (†c. 1308), whose disciples were regarded by the Renaissance humanists and reformers as opponents of the new learning and enlightenment. He is said to have been born at *Duns* in Berwickshire.  
**dunderhead**. Cf. *Sc. donnered*, stupefied. But the hist. of *blunderbuss* (q.v.) suggests possible association with *blunder*.  
**Dundreary whiskers**. As worn by Lord *Dundreary* in Tom Taylor's *Our American Cousins* (1858).  
**dune**. *F. dune*, *Du. dun*, earlier *dune*. See *doun*<sup>1</sup>.  
**Dunelm**. Signature of Bishop of Durham. *MedL. Dunelmensis*, from *Dunelm* or *Dunholm*, earlier forms of Durham.  
**dung**. *AS. dung*; cf. *Ger. dung*, *Sw. dynga*, *Norw. dyngja*, dung-heap. Thought to be cogn. with *ON. dyngja*, underground dwelling, ? orig. winter lair of the old Teutons covered with dung for heating purposes.  
**dungaree**. *Hind. dungri*, coarse calico.  
**dungeon, donjon**. *F. donjon*, Late *L. domimo-n-*. Orig. central tower, keep, of castle, vaults under which were used as prisons.  
**duniwassal** [*hist.*]. Highland gentleman of secondary rank. *Gael. duine*, man, *uasal*, noble.

**dunker.** Sect. (US.). Ger. *tunker*, lit. dipper

**dunlin.** Bird. From *dun*<sup>1</sup>.

**Dunmow flitch.** Established (1244) at Dunmow (Ess.) by Robert Fitzwalter

**dunnage** [*naut.*]. Orig matting, brushwood, etc., used in packing cargo. Earlier also *dennage*, *donnage*, *dinnage*. Origin unknown.

**dunnock** [*dial*]. Hedge-sparrow. From *dun*<sup>1</sup> with dim. suffix *-ock*. Cf *dial. ruddock*, red-breast.

**dunstable** [*archaic*]. Plain, straightforward, etc. Orig. allusion to road to Dunstable (Edgware Road), part of Watling Street, famous for straight and even character.

**duo.** It. *duo*, duet, L. *duo*, two. Cf. *trio*.

**duodecimo.** For L. *in duodecimo*, (folded) in twelve

**duodenum** [*anat*]. Intestine. So called because twelve (*duodeni*) inches long.

**duologue.** From L. *duo*, two, after *monologue*.

**duomo.** It. cathedral. See *dome*.

**dupe.** F. *ident.* with *dupe*, *dial.* form of *huppe*, the hoopoe, L. *upupa*, regarded as a stupid bird.

**duplicate.** From L. *duplicare*, to double, from *duo*, two, *plicare*, to fold. Cf. *duplicity*, from *duplex*, *duplic*, double.

**durable.** L. *durabilis*, from *durare*, to last, endure.

**dura mater** [*anat.*]. Envelope of brain and spinal cord. MedL. for Arab. *umm al dumāgh*, mother of the brain. Dura is app. as contrast with *pia (mater)*.

**durance.** App. a corrupt. of earlier *duress* (q.v.).

**duration.** Late L. *duratio-n*, from *durare*, to last.

**darbar.** Urdu, Pers. *darbār*, court, first element cogn. with E. *door*.

**dure** [*archaic*]. F. *durer*, L. *durare*. Hence prep. *during*, orig. pres. part. in absolute constructions.

**duresco** [*neol*]. Trade name from L. *durescere*, to grow hard.

**duress** [*leg.*]. OF. *duresse*, L. *duritia* (*durities*), from *durus*, hard.

**durian.** Fruit. Malay *durian*, from *dūrī*, thorn.

**during.** See *dure*.

**durmast oak.** Prob. due to a mistake (1791) for *dun mast oak*, i.e. dark acorn oak.

**durn** [US.]. Var. of *darn*<sup>2</sup>.

**durra, dhurra.** Grain. Arab. *durrah*.

**durst.** See *dare*.

**dusk.** Orig. adj. AS. *dox*, for \**dosc*, dark-coloured. Cf. Norw. *dusk*, mist.

**dust.** AS. *dūst*; cf. ON. & LG. *dust*, dust, Du. *dust*, bran, Ger. *dunst*, fine vapour, the *-n-* having been lost in other langs.

**Dutch.** Du. *duitsch* (earlier *deutsch*), German, Ger. *deutsch*, OHG. *diutisc*, from OHG. *drot*, people; cf. AS. *thēod*, ON. *thjóð*, Goth. *thiuda*.

**dutch** [*slang*]. In old *dutch*, coster's wife. For *duchess*

**duty.** AF. *dueté*, what is due (q.v.) or owing

**duumvir** [*hist.*]. L., orig. man of the two.

**duvetyn.** Fabric. From F. *duvet*, down<sup>3</sup>, for earlier *dumet*, ? in some way related to ON. *dūnn*.

**D.V.** For L. *Deo volente*, God willing.

**dwarf.** AS. *dweorg*, *dweorh*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *dwerg*, Ger. *zwerg*, ON. *duverg*.

**dwell.** AS. *dwellan*, orig. trans., to lead astray, hinder, make "dull" (cf. AS. *gedwolen*, perverse); then, linger, tarry; hence, to live. Usual intrans. sense comes from cogn. ON. *dvelja*. Cogn. with obs. Du. *dwellen*, to stun, OHG. *gitwelan*, to be torpid.

**dwindle.** From earlier (now Sc.) *dwine*, AS. *dwīnan*, to waste away; cf. Du. *verdwynen*, to vanish, ON. *dwīna*.

**dwt.** Hybrid abbrev., *d* for L. *denarius*, *wt* for weight. Cf. *cwt.* and see L. s. *d*.

**dyad.** Correct form of *duad* (q.v.).

**dyarchy.** Double government. From G. *dyo*, two. Earlier is *diarchy*, from G. *di*, twice.

**dye.** AS. *deag* (noun), *deagian* (verb), of unknown origin.

**dyke.** See *dike*.

**dynamic.** G. *δυναμικός*, from *δύναμις*, power.

**dynamite.** Coined (1867) by Alfred Nobel, Sw. inventor (v.s.).

**dynamo.** Shortened from *dynamo-electric machine*.

**dynasty.** F. *dynastie*, G. *dynastie*, lordship, from *δυναστής*, prince, from *δύνασθαι*, to be powerful (v.s.).

**dyo-.** From G. *dyo*, two

**dysentery.** G. *δυσεντερία*, from *δυσέντερος*, sick in the bowels, from *δυο-*, pejorative, and *έντερος*, bowels. Cf. *enteric*.

**dyspepsia.** G. *δυσπεψία*, indigestion, from *πεπτός*, cooked, digested (v.s.).

e-. L., for *ex-*, out of.

**each.** AS. *ælc*, for *ā gelīc*, ever alike; cf. Sc. *īlk*, Du. *elk*. See *ay* and cf. Ger. *jeglich*, MHG. *re-gelīch*, of similar formation.

**eager.** F. *aigre*, sour, keen, L. *acer*, *acr-*, sharp, keen, cogn. with *acid*. Cf. *vrnegar*.

**eagle.** F. *aigle*, L. *aquila*, orig. black eagle, from *aquilus*, dark, whence also *aquilo*, the north wind (darkening the sky).

**egre.** Tidal wave. ? ON. \**ēa-gār*, water-borer, has been suggested (cf. *auger*). If this is right, *bore*<sup>2</sup> may belong to *bore*<sup>1</sup>.

**ean.** See *yeen*.

**ear**<sup>1</sup>. Organ of hearing. AS. *ēare*. Wāryan; cf. Du. *oor*, Ger. *ohr*, ON. *eyra*, Goth. *ausō*, L. *auris*, G. *oēs*, OIr. *ō, ua*

**ear**<sup>2</sup>. Of corn. AS. *ēar*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *aar*, Ger. *ähre* (orig. pl.), ON. *ax*, Goth. *ahs*. From an Aryan root *ah*, pointed, as in L. *acus*, needle.

**ear**<sup>3</sup> [archaic]. To plough. AS. *erian*. Wāryan; cf. ODu. *erien*, OHG. *erran*, ON. *erja*, Goth. *arjan*, L. *arare*, G. *ἀροῦν*, Ir. *araim*. Cogn. with *earth*.

**earring** [naut.]. Small rope fastening corner of sail to yard. Prob. for *ear-ring*, its earlier spelling.

**earl.** AS. *eorl*, nobleman, warrior; cf. *jarl*.

**early.** AS. *zērlīce* (adv.). See *ere* and *like*, -ly.

**earn.** AS. *earnian*; cf. OHG. *arnōn*, to earn, Ger. *ernste*, harvest

**earnest**<sup>1</sup>. Serious. Orig. noun. AS. *eornost*, eagerness, fierceness; cf. obs. Du. *ernst*, OHG. *ernust* (Mod. *ernst*).

**earnest**<sup>2</sup>. Pledge, orig. small payment to ratify bargain. ME *ernes*, altered, by natural association with *earnest*<sup>1</sup>, the two words being often quibbled on. *Ernes* is a corrupt. of *arles*, *erles*, still in dial. use, a dim. formation from F. *arrhes*, L. *arra*, "an earnest penny, earnest money" (Coop.), cogn. with G. *ἀρραβών*, of Heb. origin.

**earth.** AS. *eorthe*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *aarde*, Ger. *erde*, ON. *jörth*, Goth. *airtha*; ? ult. cogn. with L. *arvum*.

**earwig.** AS. *earwicga*, ear beetle, from the belief that it creeps into the ear. Cf. synonym. Ger. *ohrwurm*, F. *perce-oreille*, "the worme, or insect called an earewig" (Cotg.).

**ease.** F. *aïse*; cf. It. *agio*. Origin obscure.

**easel.** Du. *ezel*, ass, Ger. *esel*, L. *asinus*.

For change of consonant cf. *kettle*. Cf. F. *chevalet*, easel, lit. little horse.

**east.** AS. *ēaste*. Aryan; cf. Du. *oost*, Ger. *osten*, ON. *austri*, L. *aurora* (for \**ausōsa*), Sanskrit *ushās*, dawn

**Easter.** AS. *Ēastre*, usu. in pl. *Ēastron* (cf. Ger. *Ostern*), heathen festival at the vernal equinox in April in honour of Teut. goddess of dawn (see *east*).

**Easterling** [hist.]. Native of Eastern Germany, Baltic coast, a region known collectively as *Eastland*. From obs. adj. *easter*, after Du. *ooster*, *oosterling*.

**easy.** See *ease*.

**eat.** AS. *etan*. Aryan; cf. Du. *eten*, Ger. *essen*, ON. *eta*, Goth. *etan*, L. *edere*, G. *ēdeu*, Welsh *ysu*, to devour, OIr. *iithe* (noun), devouring, Sanskrit *ad*. See *fret*<sup>1</sup>, *tooth*.

**eaves.** Orig. sing. AS. *efes*; cf. ON. *ups*, Ger. dial. *obsen*, church porch, Goth. *ubizwa*; prob. cogn. with *over*. Hence *eavesdrop*, for earlier *eavesdrōp*, AS. *yfesdrype*, space round house liable to receive roof-water, hence used of listening at doors or windows.

**ebb.** AS. *ebba*; cf. Du. *eb*, *ebbe*, Ger. *ebbe* (from LG.); prob. cogn. with Goth. *ubuks*, backward.

**Ebenezer.** Nonconformist chapel Heb. *eben* 'ezer, stone of help (1 Sam. vii. 12).

**Ebionite** [theol.]. Early Christian sect. From Heb. *ebryōn*, poor.

**Eblis.** Arab. *iblis*, chief of spirits expelled from Paradise.

**ebon, ebony.** L. *hebenus*, *ebenus*, G. *ἔβεος*, prob. from Heb. *hobnīm* (Ezek. xxvii. 15); cf. F. *bois d' ébène*, Ger. *ebenholz*.

**Ebor.** Signature of archbp. of York. Late L. *Eboracum*, AS. *Eoforwic*.

**ebriety.** L. *ebrietas*, -lat-, from *ebrius*, drunk.

**ebullition.** L. *ebullitio-n-*, from *ebullire*, to boil out.

**écarté.** F. *écarté*, p.p. of *écarter*, to discard, put aside, VL. \**exquartare*, to divide into four. Though associated with *card*, it is not etym. connected with it. See *discard*.

**Ecce Homo.** L., behold the man (John xix. 5).

**eccentric.** From G. *ἑκκεντρος*, out of centre (q.v.).

**ecclesiastic.** G. *ἐκκλησιαστικός*, from *ἐκκλησία*, church, orig. assembly of Athenians, from *ἐκκαλεῖν*, to call out.

**echelon** [mil.]. F. *échelon*, rung of ladder, dim. of *échelle*, ladder, OF. *eschiele*, L. *scala*.

**echidna.** Austral. ant-eater. G. *ἐχιδνα*, viper.  
**echinus.** Sea-urchin. L *echinus*, G. *ἐχίνος*, hedge-hog.  
**echo.** G. *ἠχώ*, personified as nymph, from *ἠχή*, sound.  
**éclair.** F., flash, from *éclairer*, to light up (v.1.), app. from the lightness of the confectionery. Cf. *vol-au-vent*.  
**éclaircissement.** F. *éclaircissement*, from *éclaircir*, to clear up, OF. *esclaircir*, from L. *clarus*, clear, representing a VL \**exclaricare*.  
**éclat.** F. *éclat*, from *éclater*, to burst out, perh. from a VL \**exclappitare*, from the imit. *clap*.  
**eclectic.** G. *ἐκλεκτικός*, selective, from *ἐκλέγειν*, to pick out  
**eclipse.** F. *éclipse*, G. *ἐκλείψις*, from *ἐκλείπειν*, to fail, lit. leave out. Hence *echēris*, apparent orbit of sun.  
**eclogue.** G. *ἐκλογή*, from *ἐκλέγειν*, to select.  
**ecod.** See *egad*.  
**ecology.** "Economy" of animals and plants. From G. *οἶκος*, house (v.1.).  
**economy.** F. *économie*, L. *oeconomia*, G. *οἰκονομία*, house management, oldest sense in E, from *οἶκος*, house, *νέμειν*, to manage  
**écru.** F. *écru*, unbleached, OF. *escru*, from L. *ex* and *crudus*, raw.  
**ecstasy.** ME. *extasie*, OF. *extasie* (Mod. *extase*), G. *ἐκστασις*, from *ἐκ*, out of, *ιστάναι*, to put, esp. in *ἐξιστάναι* *φρενῶν*, to drive out of wits  
**ecto-.** From G. *ἐκτός*, outside.  
**ecumenical.** See *oecumenical*.  
**eczema.** G. *ἐκζεμα*, from *ἐκ*, out, *ζεῖν*, to boil.  
**edacious.** From L. *edax*, *edac-*, voracious.  
**Edda.** Ancient Icel. poems. *Edda* is the name of the great-grandmother in one of the ON. poems, but can hardly be the origin of the word, which appears to be connected with ON. *óðhr*, mind, poetry.  
**eddish** [*dial*]. Aftergrowth of grass, stubble. Also *errish*, *arrish*. AS. *edisc*, park, pasture, ? cogn. with *eddy*. For variation of consonant cf. *park*, *pad-dock*.  
**eddy.** ME. *ydy*; cf. ON. *úða*, whirlpool. Prob. cogn. with obs. prefix *ed-*, again, backwards (cf. OHG *it-*, ON. *it-*, Goth. *id-*), and ult. with L. *iterum*.  
**edelweiss.** Ger., noble white.  
**Eden.** Heb. *ēden*, pleasure, delight.  
**edentata** [*biol*]. From L. *edentare*, to remove teeth.

**edge.** AS. *ecg*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *egge*, Ger. *ecke*, corner, ON. *egg*, cogn. with L. *acies*, G. *akis*, point.  
**edible.** Late L. *edibilis*, from *edere*, to eat  
**edict.** L. *edictum* from *edicere*, to proclaim.  
**edifice.** F. *édifice*, L. *aedificium*, from *aedes*, building (see *aedile*). Cf. *edify*, F. *édifier*, L. *aedificare*, to build.  
**edition.** L. *editio-n-*, from *edere*, to give out, from *ex* and *dare*  
**educate.** From L. *educare*, cogn. with *educere*, to lead out, whence *educer*, *education*, etc.  
**edulcorate.** From Late L. *edulcorare*, from *dulcor*, sweetness.  
**-ee.** Prop. from F. p. ending *-é*, L. *-atus*, as in *debauchee*, *refugee*, *payee*, *committee* (q.v.). Hence extended to *bargee*, *devotee*, *dilutee*, etc. *Chinee*, *burgee* are false singulars from *-ese*, OF. *-eis* (Mod. *-ais*, *-ois*), L. *-ensis*; cf. *pea*, *cherry*.  
**eel.** AS. *æll*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *aal*, ON. *áll*. Earlier hist. unknown.  
**e'en.** See *eve*, *even*.  
**-eer.** F. *-ier*, L. *-arius*, agent suffix.  
**e'er.** See *ever*.  
**eerie, eery.** ME. *eri*, from *argh*, timid, AS. *earg*, cowardly. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *arg*, roguish, OHG. *arg*, cowardly, worthless (in ModGer. vexatious), ON. *argr*, cowardly.  
**efface.** F. *effacer*, from *é-*, L. *ex*, and *face*.  
**effect.** L. *effectus*, p.p. of *efficere*, to bring about, from *ex* and *facere*.  
**effeminate.** From L. *effeminare*, from *femina*, woman.  
**effendi.** Turk *efendi*, corrupt. of G. *αὐθέντης*, lord, master. See *authentic*.  
**effere[n]t** [*anat.*] From pres. part. of L. *efferre*, from *ex* and *ferre*, to carry.  
**effervesce.** L. *effervesce*, from *ex* and *fervescere*, incept. of *fervere*, to be hot  
**effete.** L. *effetus*, exhausted by breeding, *fetus*.  
**efficacious.** From L. *efficax*, *efficac-*. Cf. *efficient*, from pres. part. of *efficere*. See *effect*.  
**effigy.** Due to misunderstanding of L. in *effigie*, abl. of *effigies*, from *effingere*, from *ex* and *ingere*, to form.  
**effloresce.** L. *efflorescere*, from *ex* and *florescere*, incept. of *florere*, to bloom, from *flos*, *flor-*, flower.  
**effluent.** From pres. part. of L. *effluere*, from *ex* and *fluere*, to flow.  
**effluvium.** Late L., from *effluere* (v.s.).  
**effort.** F. *effort*, back-formation from *efforcer*, from *forcer*. See *force*.

**effrontery.** F *effronterie*, from *effronté*, lit. without brow (for blushing), from L. *ex* and *frons*, front-.

**effulgent.** See *fulgent*.

**effusion.** L. *effusio*-n-, from *effundere*, from *ex* and *fundere*, fus-, to pour out.

**efreet.** Var. of *afreet* (q.v.)

**eft.** Also dial. *efet*, *evet*. Older form of *newt* (q.v.).

**eftsoons** [poet]. Obs. *eft*, compar. of *aft*, and *soon*, with -s added by analogy with other adverbs formed from genitive.

**egad.** Prob. for *ah God*.

**Egeria.** Nymph who dictated the laws of Rome to King Numa.

**egg**<sup>1</sup>. Noun. ON. *egg*, replacing in ME. cogn. native *ey*, AS. *æg*. W. *aryan*, cf. Du. Ger. *ei*, L. *ovum*, G. *övn*, OIr. *og*.

**egg**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. Earlier also to *edge* (on). ON. *eggja*, from *egg*, edge, point.

**eglantine.** F. *églantine*, flower of the *églantier*, wild-rose tree, OF. *arglentie*, VL. \**aculentarius*, thorny, from *aculeus*, prickles, from *acus*, needle.

**ego.** L., I (q.v.). Introduced in 18 cent. to connote the "conscious, thinking subject" Hence *egoism*, *egoist*, orig. philos. terms, and the incorr. *egotism*, *egotist* (by analogy with such words as *nepotism*, *dramatist*).

**egregious.** From L. *egregius*, from *ex*, out of, *grex*, greg-, flock.

**egress.** L. *egressus*, from *egredi*, to go out, from *ex* and *gradior*, I step.

**egret.** Lesser white heron. F. *avrette*, dim. from OHG. *heigrir*, heron (q.v.).

**eh.** ME. *ey*; cf. F. *eh*, Ger. *ei*. Instinctive.

**eider-down.** ON. *æthar-dünn*, in which first element is genitive of *æthr*, eider-duck. The E. word came via Ger. *eider-daune*. Hence *eider* and *eider-duck*.

**eidolon.** Spectre. G. *εἰδωλον*. See *idol*.

**eight.** AS. *eahta*. Aryan; cf. Du. Ger. *acht*, ON. *átta*, Goth. *ahtau*, L. *octo*, G. *öktó*, OIr. *ocht*, Sanskrit *ashta*.

**eikon.** See *icon*.

**Einstein theory.** Relativity. Enunciated (1921) by Dr. Einstein.

**eirenicon.** Offer of peace. Neut. of G. *εἰρηνικός*, from *εἰρήνη*, peace.

**eisteddfod.** Welsh, from *eistedd*, to sit.

**either.** Orig. adj., each of two, both. AS. *ægher*, for *æghwæther*, from *ā ge hwæther*, for which see *ay*, *y*, *whether*. Cf. MHG. *jegeweder*, OHG. *eo-gi-wedar*, now replaced by *jedweder*.

**ejaculate.** From L. *ejaculari*, to shoot forth, from *jaculum*, javelin, from *jacere*, to throw.

**eject.** From L. *eicere*, *eject*-, from *ex* and *jacere*, to throw.

**eke.** To augment. AS. *ēcan*. Com. Teut.; cf. OSax. *ðkian*, OHG. *ouhhōn*, ON. *auka*, Goth. *aukan*; cogn. with L. *augēre*, G. *außāven*, to increase. The adv. *eke*, AS. *ēac* (cf. Du. *ook*, Ger. *auch*), was perh. orig. an imperative, "add."

**elaborate.** From L. *elaborare*, to work out, from *ex* and *laborare*.

**elaeo-.** From G. *ἐλαιον*, oil.

**élan.** F. *élan*, false sing. from *élans*, from *élancer*, to launch out. See *launch*<sup>1</sup>.

**eland.** SAfr. antelope. Du. *eland*, elk, archaic Ger. *elend* (now *elentier*), OLithuanian *elėmis*, cogn. with G. *éllos*, fawn, Welsh *elain*, hind, fawn, and ult. with *elk*.

**elapse.** From L. *elabi*, *elaps*-, from *ex* and *labi*, to glide.

**elastic.** Late G. *ελαστικός*, from *ἐλαύνειν*, to propel.

**elate.** Orig. adj., exalted. From L. *efferre*, *elat*-, from *ex* and *ferre*, to bear.

**elbow.** AS. *elmboga*, for which see *ell* and *bow*<sup>1</sup>. The compd. is Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *elleboog*, Ger. *ellenbogen*, ON. *olmbogi*.

**elchi, eltchee, eltchi** [hist.]. Turk. *ülchī*, ambassador, from *ül*, tribe.

**eld** [poet.]. Old age. AS. *eldo*, from *eald*, old; cf. OHG. *altī*.

**elder<sup>1</sup>, eldest.** Mercian compar. and superl. of *old* (q.v.). The only E. survival of umlaut in comparison.

**elder<sup>2</sup>.** Tree. With intrusive -d-, for earlier *eller*, AS. *ellen*, *ellern*, with LG. and Flem. cognates. For form cf. unrelated *alder*.

**eldorado.** Sp., the golden.

**eldritch** [Sc.]. Earlier *elvrish*, app. from *elf*, cf. synon. Sc. *elphrish*.

**elecampane.** Plant. OF. *enule-campagne*, MedL. *enula campana*, from L. *inula*, cogn. with G. *ἐλένιον*; *campana* is prob. for *campestris*, of the fields.

**elect.** From L. *eligere*, *elect*-, from *ex* and *legere*, to pick.

**electric.** From G. *ἤλεκτρον*, amber, which exercises attraction when rubbed. Hence *electrocution*, barbarously coined (1901) in US., after *execution*, with back-formation *electrocute*.

**electuary.** Late L. *electuarius*, perverted from G. *ἐκλεκτόν*, drug dissolved in mouth, from *ἐκλεῖν*, to lick out; cf. Ger. *latwerge*, It. *lattovaro*.

**eleemosynary.** MedL. *eleemosynarius*. See *alms*.

**elegant.** L. *elegans*, *elegant-*, pres. part. of early L. \**elegare* (= *eligere*, to pick out), hence orig. dainty, fastidious.

**elegy.** F. *élégie*, G. *Ελεγεία*, orig. neut pl., from *ἐλεγος*, mournful poem, of Asiatic origin.

**element.** L. *elementum*, with ground-sense of matter in its simplest form (cf. *rudiment*).

**elemi.** Resin. Cf. F. *élémi*, Sp. It. *elemi*. Origin doubtful, prob. Arab.

**elenchus.** Logical refutation. L. *elenchus*, G. *ἐλεγχος*, cross-examination.

**elephant.** L. *elephas*, *elephant-*, G. *ἐλέφας*; cf. Coptic *ebou*; cogn. with L. *ebur*, ivory.

**Eleusinian.** Of *Eleusis*, in Attica, where mysteries of Demeter were celebrated.

**eleutherism.** Zeal for freedom. From G. *ἐλευθερος*, free.

**elevate.** From L. *elevare*, from *ex* and *levare*, to raise, from *levis*, light.

**eleven.** AS. *endlufan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *elf* (earlier *elleven*), Ger. *elf* (OHG. *enluf*), ON. *ellfu*, Goth. *ainluf*. First element is *one*; second, found also in *twelve*, is ult. cogn. with Lithuanian *-lka*, similarly used, and perh. with L. *linquere*, to leave, thus "one left over from ten."

**elf.** AS. *elf*; cf. Ger. *alp* (now nightmare), ON. *álfr*. See also *oaf*.

**Elgin marbles.** Brought to England from Athens (1812) by *Earl of Elgin*.

**Eliau.** Lover of Charles Lamb, whose pen-name was *Eha*.

**elicit.** From L. *elicere*, *elicit-*, from *ex* and *lacere*, to entice.

**elide.** L. *elidere*, from *ex* and *laedere*, to dash. Hence *elision*.

**eligible.** Late L. *eligibilis*, from *eligere*. See *elect*.

**eliminate.** From L. *eliminare*, to put out of doors, from *ex* and *limen*, *limin-*, threshold.

**elision.** See *elide*.

**élite.** F. *élite*, from *élire*, L. *eligere*, to pick out.

**elixir.** MedL. *elixir*, Arab. *al-iksīr*, from Late G. *ἐξήριον*, drying powder for wounds, from *ξηρός*, dry.

**elk.** AS. *eolh*, cf. Ger. *elch*, ON. *elgr*; ult. cogn. with *eland*. L. *alces* (Caesar) is from Teut.

**ell.** AS. *eln*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *el*, Ger. *elle* (OHG. *elma*), ON. *oln*, Goth. *aleina*. Orig. length of fore-arm (cf. *cubit*, *foot*, etc.), and cogn. with L. *ulna*. See *elbow*.

**ellipse.** Back-formation from *ellipses*, pl. of *ellipsis*, from which it is now sometimes differentiated. L. *ellipsis*, G. *ἐλλειψις*, from *ἐλλείπειν*, to come short, from *λείπειν*, to leave.

**ellipsis.** See *ellipse*.

**elm.** AS. *elm*; cf. ON. *álmr*, OHG. *elm*, now replaced by *ulme*, L. *ulmus*, whence also Du. *olm*, OF. *olme* (Mod. *orme*). But *elm* and *ulmus* are ult. cogn.

**Elmo.** In *Sanni Elmo's fire*, corposant. It. *fuoco di sant'elmo* or Sp. *fuego de sant'elmo*; cf. Ger. *Helenenfeuer*. It is uncertain whether the orig. name was from *Helena* (lit. torch), sister of Castor and Pollux, or *Elmo*, *Ermo*, popular It. form from *Erasmus*, a Syrian saint.

**elocution.** L. *elocutio*-n-, from *eloqui*, to speak out.

**éloge.** F. *éloge*, praise, L. *elogium*, for G. *ἐλεγεῖον*, in sense of elegiac inscription on tomb.

**Elohist** [*theol*]. Author of those parts of the Hexateuch which are characterized by the use of *Elohim* (Heb. pl.), gods, instead of *Yah-veh*, *Jehovah*.

**eloi(g)n** [*leg*]. To remove. F. *éloigner*, from *é-*, L. *ex*, and *loin*, distant, L. *longe*; cf. *purloin*.

**elope.** AF. *aloper*, app. from ME. *lopen*, to run, ON. *hlauþa*, cogn. with *leap*, and with Du. *loopen*, Ger. *laufen*, to run. Cf. *interloper* (q.v.). Neither word is found in E till c. 1600, and influence of Du. *loopen* seems likely in both.

**eloquence.** F. *éloquence*, L. *eloquentia*, from *eloqui*, to speak out.

**else.** AS. *elles* (adv.), otherwise, genitive of lost Teut. adj. cogn. with L. *alius*.

**eltchee.** See *elch*.

**elucidate.** From Late L. *elucidare*, to clear up, from *lucidus*, bright, from *lux*, *luc-*, light.

**elude.** L. *eludere*, *elus-*, from *ex* and *ludus*, play. Hence *elusive*.

**elvan** [*geol.*]. Igneous rock. Corn. *elven*, spark.

**elver.** Young eel. For *eel-fare*, passage of young eels up a river.

**Elysium.** L. *Elysium*, G. *Ἠλύσιον* (sc. *πέδιον*, plain), abode of happy dead.

**elytron** [*bot.*]. Wing case. G. *ἐλτρον*, sheath, from *ἐλύειν*, to roll round.

**elzevir** [*bibl.*]. From *Elzevier*, name of famous family of Du. printers (1592-1680).

**'em.** Unstressed form of ME. *hem*, AS.



*him*, dat. pl. of pers. pron., 3rd pers., which supplanted acc. *hīe*, and was itself early superseded by *them* (q.v.).

**em-.** F., for *en-* before labial. Also in G compds. See *en-*.

**emaciate.** From L. *emacrare*, from *macies*, leanness.

**emanate.** From L. *emanare*, from *ex* and *manare*, to flow.

**emancipate.** From L. *emancipare*, to release from the power of the *paterfamilias*, from *ex* and *manceps*, *mancip-*, one who acquires property, from *manu capere*, to take by hand.

**emasculate.** From L. *emasculare*, to castrate, from *ex* and *masculus*, male.

**embargo.** Sp *embargo*, from *embargar*, to impede, restrain, VL. \**imbaricare*. Cf *bar*, *embarrass*.

**embark.** F. *embarquer*. See *barh*<sup>2</sup>.

**embarrass.** F. *embarrasser*, It. *imbarazzare* or Sp. *embarrazar*, to put within "bars."

**embassy.** Earlier also *ambassy*. See *ambassador*.

**embattled.** See *batillement*.

**embay [*naut.*]. To detain within a bay<sup>2</sup> (q.v.).**

**embellish.** F. *embellir*, *embelliss-*, from *en*, and *bel* (*beau*), L. *bellus*.

**ember.** Usu. pl. With intrusive *-b-* for ME. *emer*, *aymer*, AS. *ǣmerge*; cf. OHG. *emuria*, ON. *emyrja*. First element is cogn. with ON. *eimr*, steam, vapour, and second with Norw. *morje*, mass of glowing ashes.

**ember-day.** Usu. pl. AS. *ymbrendæg*, *ymbriḡdæg*, from *ymbryne*, revolution, from *ymbē*, around, from prep *ymb* (cf. Ger. *um*), *ryne*, running. But synonym. Ger. *quaterember*, MedL. *quatuor tempora*, suggests possible influence of folk-etym. in E. word also.

**ember-goose.** Also *imber*, Norw. *imbre*, prob. because usu. appearing on the coast during the Advent ember-days; cf. its Ger. name *adventsvogel*.

**embezzle.** AF. *embesiler*, to damage, waste, steal, from OF. *besillier*, from *besil*, ill-treatment, of unknown origin.

**emblem.** G. *ἐμβλημα*, lit. inlaid work, from *ἐμβάλλειν*, to throw in.

**emblement [*leg*]. Profit of sown land. OF. *embralement*, from *embraer* (Mod. *embrauer*), to sow with corn, *blé*, MedL. *bladium*, of unknown origin.**

**embolism [*med.*]. Stoppage of artery. G. *ἐμβολισμός*, from *ἐμβάλλειν*, to throw in.**

**embonpoint.** F., from *en bon point*, in good condition.

**emboss.** OF. *embosser*. See *boss*<sup>1</sup>.

**embouchure.** F. *embouchure*, from *en* and *bouche*, mouth, L. *bucca*, cheek.

**embrace.** F. *embrasser*, from *en* and *brasse*, in OF. the two arms, F. fem. sing. from L. neut. pl. *brachia*.

**embrasure.** F., from *embraser*, "to skue, or chamfret off, the jaumbe of a doore, or window" (Cotg.), prob. from *bras*, arm.

**embrocation.** From G. *ἐμβροχή*, lotion, from *ἐμβρέχειν*, from *ἐν*, in, *βρέχειν*, to wet.

**embroider.** See *broider* and cf. OF. *embroider*.

**embroil.** Orig. to entangle. F. *embrouiller*. See *brouil*<sup>1</sup>, *imbroglio*.

**embryo.** MedL. *embryo*, G. *ἐμβρυον*, neut. of pres. part., from *ἐν* and *βρέειν*, to swell.

**embusqué [F. slang]. From F. *s'embusquer*, to lie in wait. See *ambush* and cf. obs. E. *emboss*, to take refuge in a thicket.**

**emend.** L. *emendare*, to free from fault. See *amend*, *mend*.

**emerald.** F. *émeraude*, OF. *esmeraude*, G. *σμάραγδος*, cf. Sanskrit, *marakata*, ? for \**smarakata*.

**emerge.** L. *emergere*, from *ex* and *merge*, to dip.

**emeritus.** L., from *emerēri*, to earn one's discharge, lit. to earn out.

**emerod [*Bibl*]. Popular form (1 Sam. v. 6) of *haemorrhoid* (q.v.).**

**emery.** F. *éméri*, OF. *esmeril* (cf. Sp. *esmeril*, It.  *smeriglio*), Late L. *smerniculum*, *smynriculum*, from G. *σμήρις*, *σμήρις*.

**emetic.** G. *ἐμετικός*, from *ἐμεῖν*, to vomit.

**émeute.** F. *émeute*, VL. \**exmota*, p.p. fem. of \**exmovēre* (*emovēre*), to stir.

**emigrate.** From L. *emigrare* (see *migrate*).

**eminent.** F. *éminent*, from pres. part. of L. *eminēre*, to project, cogn. with *minari*, to threaten; ult. from *minae*, overhanging battlements.

**emir.** Arab. *amīr*, commander. Cf. *ameer*, *admiral*.

**emit.** L. *emitte*, from *ex* and *mittere*, *miss-*, to send. Cf. *emissary*.

**emmet [*drai*]. See *ant*.**

**emollient.** From pres. part. of L. *emollire*, to soften, from *mollis*, soft.

**emolument.** L. *emolumentum*, perh. orig. the miller's profit, from *emolere*, to grind out.

**emotion.** L. *emotio-n-*, from *emovēre*, to stir.

**emperor.** F. *empereur*, L. *imperator-em*, from *imperare*, to command, from *in* and *parare*, to set in order.

**emphasis.** G. *ἐμφασις*, from *ἐμφαίνειν*, from *ἐν* and *φαίνειν*, to show.

**empire.** F. *empire*, L. *imperium* (see *emperor*).

**empiric.** L. *empiricus*, G. *ἐμπειρικός*, experienced, from *ἐν* and *πείρα*, trial, experiment.

**emplacement.** F., site, from *en* and *placer*, to put.

**employ.** F. *employer*, L. *implicare* (in late L. to direct upon), from *in* and *phicare*, to fold, bend.

**emporium.** L. *emporium*, mart, G. *ἐμπορίον*, from *ἐμπορος*, merchant, lit. farer in, *ἐν*; cf. *πορεύεσθαι*, to travel.

**empressment.** F, eagerness, from *s'empresser*, to hasten, be eager. See *press*<sup>1</sup>.

**emprise** [archaic]. OF. *emprise*, p.p. fem. of *emprendre*, VL. \**imprendere*, from *in* and *prehendere*; cf. *enterprise*, *impresario*.

**emption.** Obs. exc. in compds. (*preemption*). L. *emptio-n-*, from *emere*, *empti-*, to buy, orig. to take.

**empty.** AS. *æmettig*, from *æmetta*, leisure, opposite of *gemōt*, meeting, discussion (see *moot*). The *æ-* is neg.

**empyrean.** From G. *ἐμπυρος*, fiery, from *ἐν* and *πῦρ*, fire.

**empyreumatal.** Having burnt taste. From G. *ἐμπυρεῖν*, to set on fire (v.s.).

**emu.** Prob. from Port. *ema*, crane, ostrich, of unknown origin.

**emulate.** From L. *aemulari*, to rival.

**emulsion.** From L. *emulgere*, *emuls-*, from *ex* and *mulgere*, to milk.

**emunctory.** From L. *emungere*, *emunct-*, to blow the nose.

**en-.** F. *en*, L. *in*, in. See also *in-*. *En-* also represents cogn. G. *ἐν* and is substituted for AS. *in* in *enlighten*, *enliven*; cf. *embody*, *embolden*.

**enact.** To put into form of an act.

**enallage** [gram.]. Substitution of one form for another. G. *ἐναλλαγή*, from *ἐναλλάσσειν*, to change.

**enamel.** From *en-*, in, and obs. *amel*, enamel, F. *email*, OF. *esmail*, OLG. *smalt* (cf. Ger. *schmelz*), whence also It. Sp. *smalto*. Cogn. with *smelt*.

**enamour.** F. *enamourer*, from *en* and *amour*.

**encaustic.** G. *ἐγκαυστικός*, from *ἐγκαίειν*, from *ἐν* and *καίειν*, to burn. See *ink*.

**enceinte** [fort.]. F. *enceinte*, p.p. fem. of *enceindre*, to gird round, L. *incingere*. *Enceinte*, pregnant, is also L. *incincta*, precise meaning doubtful.

**encephal-.** From G. *ἐγκέφαλος*, brain, from *ἐν*, in, *κεφαλή*, head.

**enchant.** F. *enchanter*, L. *incantare*, from *cantare*, to sing.

**enchase.** F. *enchâsser*, to enshrine; now usu. replaced by *chase*<sup>2</sup> (q.v.).

**enchiridion.** Handbook. G. *ἐγχειρίδιον*, from *ἐν* and *χείρ*, hand, with dim. suffix.

**enchorial.** Indigenous. From G. *ἐγχώριος*, from *ἐν* and *χώρα*, country.

**enclave.** F. *enclave*, from *enclaver*, to shut in, Late L. *inclavare*, from *clavis*, key.

**enclitic** [gram.]. G. *ἐγκλιτικός*, from *ἐν* and *κλίνειν*, to lean.

**enclose.** F. *enclore*, *enclos-*, VL. \**inclaudere*, for *includere*. See *close*.

**encomium.** L. *encomium*, G. *ἐγκώμιον* (sc. *ἔπος*), eulogy, from *ἐν* and *κῶμος*, revelry.

**encore.** F. *encore*, ? L. *hanc ad horam*; cf. It. *ancora*.

**encounter.** Archaic F. *encontretr*, Late L. *incontrare*, from *in* and *contra*.

**encrinus** [geol.]. Fossil, "stone lily." Coined from G. *ἐν* and *κρίνον*, lily.

**encroach.** OF. *encrochier*, to hook in, from *croc*, hook. See *crook*. Or possibly from the much commoner F. *accrocher*, with prefix change as in *inverge*.

**encumber.** See *cumber*.

**encyclical.** From Late L. *encyclīcus*, for *encycliūs*, G. *ἐγκύκλιος*, from *ἐν* and *κύκλος*, circle.

**encyclopaedia.** Pseudo-G. *ἐγκυκλοπαιδεία*, for *ἐγκύκλιος παιδεία*, all-round education. See *encyclical*, *pedagogue*.

**end.** AS. *ende*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *ende*, Ger. *ende*, ON. *ender*, *ende*, Goth. *anders*; cogn. with Sanskrit *anta*, edge, L. *ante*, before, G. *ἀντί*.

**endeavour.** From F. phrase *se mettre en devoir*, to set to work, make it one's duty. See *devoir*.

**endemic.** From G. *ἐν*, in, *δῆμος*, people. Cf. *epidemic*.

**endive.** F. *endive*, Late L. \**intybia*, from L. *intybus*, *intubus*.

**endo-.** From G. *ἐνδον*, within.

**endorse.** For earlier *endoss*, F. *endosser*, from *en* and *dos*, back, VL. \**dossum* for *dorsum*.

**endow.** OF. *endouer*, from *en* and *douer*, L. *dotare*, from *dos*, *dot-*, dower. Later senses influenced by *endue* (q.v.).

**endue.** F. *enduire*, L. *inducere*, in which sense of cover, invest, is due to influence of L. *inducere*, to clothe; cf. G. ἐνδύειν, to put on. Quite confused with *endow* (q.v.).

**endure.** F. *endurer*, L. *indurare*, from *durus*, hard.

**enema** [med.]. Injection. G. ἐνεμα, from ἐνέειν, to send in.

**enemy.** F. *ennemi*, L. *inimicus*, from *in-*, neg. and *amicus*, friend.

**energumen.** Demoniac. G. ἐνεργούμενος, pass part. of ἐνεργεῖν, to work upon (v.i.).

**energy.** F. *énergie*, G. ἐνέργεια, from ἐν and ἔργον, work.

**enervate.** From L. *enervare*, to deprive of sinew, *nervus*.

**enfeoff.** AF. *enfeoffer*, OF. *enfieffer*, to endow with a fief (q.v.).

**enfield.** Rifle. From small-arms works at *Enfield*, Middlesex.

**enfilade** [mil]. Orig. noun, in F. *prendre d'enfilade*, from *enfiler*, to arrange on a thread, *fil* (see *file*\*).

**enforce.** OF. *enforcier*, to strengthen (cf. *reinforce*).

**engage.** F. *engager*, from *gage*, pledge. See *gage*\*.

**engender.** F. *engendrer*, L. *ingenerare*, from *genus*, *gener-*, race.

**engine.** F. *engin*, L. *ingenium*, wit, skill.

**English.** AS. *Englisc* (see *angle*\*).

**englut.** F. *engloutir*. See *glut*.

**engrailed** [her.]. Indented with curved notches. F. *engrêlé*, lit pitted with hail, *grêle*, OF. *gresle*, from verb *gresler*, ? OHG. *griselôn*, to drizzle.

**engrained.** See *ingrained*.

**engrave.** Archaic F. *engraver*. See *grave*\*.

**engross**<sup>1</sup>. To copy. AF. *engrosser* (cf. *MedL. ingrossare*), to write large, from F. *grosse*, large letter, fem of *gros* (see *gross*).

**engross**<sup>2</sup>. To monopolize. From F. *en gros*, in the bulk, wholesale, as compared with *en détail*, retail. See *grocer*.

**enhance.** AF. *enhauncer*, for OF. *enhausser* (replaced by *exhausser*), from *hausser*, to raise, VL \**althare*. The h- of F. *haut*, high, is due to contamination with OHG. *hōh* (Mod. *hoch*).

**enharmonic.** Lit. in harmony (q.v.).

**enigma.** L. *enigma*, G. αἰνύμα, from αἰνέσθαι, to speak obscurely, from *ainos*, apologue.

**enjambement** [metr.]. F., from *enjam-ber*, to stride over, from *jambe*, leg (see *gammon*\*).

**enjoin.** F. *enjoindre*, L. *injungere*, to join on.

**enjoy.** OF. *enjoir*, from *joir* (Mod. *jourir*), VL. \**gaudire* for *gaudere*. See *joy*.

**enlist.** To put on a list; cf. *enroll*. Prob. via Du. *inlijsten*. It belongs to the period of Du. mil. words (*furrough*, *roster*, etc.).

**enmity.** AF. *enmitié*, F. *inimité*, VL. \**inimicitias*, -iat-. See *enemy*.

**ennead.** Set of nine. G. ἐννεάς, ἐννεάδ-, from ἐννέα, nine.

**ennui.** See *annoy*.

**enormous.** From L. *enormis*, from *ex* and *norma*, rule, pattern.

**enough.** AS. *genōg*, whence *enow*; *genōh*, whence *enough*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *genoeg*, Ger. *genug*, ON. *gnōgr*, Goth. *ganōhs* Orig. adj., from AS. *genēah*, it suffices, cogn. with L. *nancisci*, *nact-*, to obtain.

**enounce.** F. *enoncer*, L. *enuntiare*, from *ex* and *nuntiare*, to proclaim.

**enow** [archaic]. See *enough*.

**enroll.** F. *enrôler*, from *rôle*, list, roll (q.v.). Cf. *enlist*.

**ensample** [archaic]. For earlier *asample*, OF. *esemple* (Mod. *exemple*). See *example*, *sample*.

**ensconce.** Orig. to place in a *sconce*\* (q.v.).

**ensemble.** F. *ensemble*, together, L. *in simul*.

**ensi-**. From L. *ensis*, sword.

**ensign.** F. *enseigne*, L. *insignia*, neut. pl. of *insignis*, conspicuous, from *signum*, sign. Orig. signal, watchword; then, badge, banner, and officer carrying the banner.

**ensilage.** F. *ensilage*, from *ensiler*, adapted from Sp. *ensilar*, to put into a *silo* (q.v.).

**ensue.** From OF. *enseu*, p.p. of *ensuivre*, Late L. *insequere* for *insequi*, to follow up.

**ensure.** AF. *ensurer*, altered from F. *assurer*. See *assure*.

**entablature** [arch.]. Obs. F. *entablature*, It. *intavolatura*, from *intavolare*, from *tavola*, L. *tabula*, board, tablet.

**entail** [leg.]. F. *entailler*, to cut into (cf. *MedL. intahare* and see *tally*).

**entellus.** EInd. monkey. Named from *Entellus* (Aen. v 437 sqq.) Cf. *rhesus*.

**entente cordiale.** F., friendly understanding.

**enter.** F. *entrer*, L. *intrare*, from *in* and \**trare* See *trans-*.

**enteric.** G. ἐντερικός, from ἐντερον, intestine, "inward."

**enterprise.** F. *entreprise*, p p fem of *entreprendre*, from *entre*, L. *inter*, and *prendre*, L. *prendere* for *prehendere*, to take, seize.

**entertain.** F. *entretenir*. Cf. *contain*, *obtain*, etc. Orig. to maintain, support, take into service.

**enthrall.** See *thrall*.

**enthusiasm.** G. *ἐνθουσιασμός*, ult from *ἐνθεός*, possessed by a god, *θεός*.

**enthymeme** [log.] G. *ἐνθύμημα*, from *ἐνθυμίσθαι*, to infer.

**entice.** OF. *enticier*, to provoke, VL. *\*initiare*, from *titho*, firebrand. Cf. F. *attiser*, to stir the fire.

**entire.** F. *entier*, L. *integer*, *integr-*, with stress shifted (*intég-*) in VL.; lit. untouched, from root *tag* of *tangere*.

**entity.** Scholastic L. *entitas*, from *ens*, *ent-*, Late L. pres. part. of *esse*, coined on *absens*, *praesens*. Cf. *nonentity*.

**entomology.** F. *entomologie*, from G. *ἐντομον*, insect (q.v.), from *ἐντρέμνω*, to cut into.

**entourage.** F. from *entourer*, to surround, from *en* and *tour* (q.v.).

**en-tout-cas** [neol.]. F., in any case (i.e. for rain or sun).

**entozoon** [biol.]. Parasitic animal within another. From G. *ἐντός*, within, and *ζῷον*, animal.

**entail(s).** F. *entraille(s)*, Late L. *intra-la* (neut pl.), inwards, from *intra*.

**entrain.** F. *entraîner*, to draw along with. See *train*.

**entreat.** OF. *entraster*, from *traster*, to treat (q.v.). The sense-development is to handle, deal with (cf. Bibl use), enter into negotiations, make a request.

**entrechat** [dancing]. F. *entrechat*, earlier *entechas*, *entechasse*, app. from *chasser* (cf. *chassé-croisé*).

**entrée.** F., p.p. fem. of *entrer*, to enter.

**entremets.** F., lit. between courses. See *mess*.

**entrepôt.** F. from *entreposer*, to deposit provisionally.

**entrepreneur.** F., lit. undertaker, contractor. Cf. *impresario*.

**entresol.** F. *entresol*, for earlier *entresole*, from OF. *sole*, beam, flooring, L. *solum*.

**enucleate.** From L. *enucleare*, to remove the kernel, *nucleus*.

**enumerate.** From L. *enumerare*, to number off.

**enunciate.** See *enounce*.

**enure** [leg.] To be of advantage. Etym. ident. with *inure* (q.v.).

**envelop.** F. *envelopper*. See *develop*.

**environ.** F., orig. adv. & prep., from *en* and OF. *viron*, circuit, from *vivre* (see *veer*<sup>2</sup>).

**envisage.** F. *envisager*. See *usage*.

**envoy<sup>1</sup>.** Of a poem. F. *envoi*, verbal noun from *envoyer*.

**envoy<sup>2</sup>.** Emissary. Altered from *envoyée*, F. *envoyé*, one sent, from *en* and *voie*, way, L. *via*. Cf. *defile*<sup>2</sup>, *signal*<sup>2</sup>, *troue*, etc.

**envy.** F. *envie*, L. *invidia*, from *invidere*, lit. to look upon (grudgingly).

**eocene** [geol.]. From G. *ἠώς*, dawn, *καὶός*, new. Cf. *eonitic*.

**epact.** Excess (in days) of solar over lunar year. G. *ἐπακτός*, from *ἐπάγειν*, to intercalate, from *ἐπί*, on, *άγειν*, to bring.

**eparch** [hist.]. Governor, bishop. G. *ἐπαρχος*, ruler over. See *epi-*.

**épaulement** [mil.]. F. *épaulement*, from *épaule*, shoulder (v i).

**epaulet(te).** F. *épaulette*, dim. of *épaule*, shoulder, OF. *espale*, Late L. *spatula*, used for *scapula*, shoulder-blade; cf. It *spalla*, shoulder (see *espaher*).

**epenthesis** [ling.]. G. *ἐπέθεσις*, from *ἐπί*, upon, *ἐν*, in, *τίθεαι*, to place.

**epergne.** Prob. from F. *épagner*, to spare (q v), but connection is not obvious. It may be from character of ornamentation, as *épagne* is used of a varnish intended to "spare" those parts of an ornament which are not to be gilt.

**epexegesis.** Additional explanation. G., see *epi-* and *exegesis*.

**ephah** [Bibl.]. Dry measure. Heb., from Egypt.

**ephebe.** Greek of 18 to 20. G. *ἐφήβος*, from *ἐπί*, upon, *ἡβη*, early manhood.

**ephemera.** G. neut pl *ἐφήμερα* (sc. *ἡμέρα*), from *ἐπί*, upon, *ἡμέρα*, day.

**ephod** [Bibl.]. Heb. *ephōd*, from *āphad*, to put on.

**ephor** [hist.]. Spartan magistrate. G. *ἐφόρος*, overseer, from *ἐπί* and *δράω*, to see.

**epi-**. G. *ἐπί*, on, besides. Also *ep-*, *eph-*.

**epic.** G. *ἐπικός*, from *ἐπος*, word, narrative, poem.

**epicedium.** Funeral ode. L. *epicedrum*, G. *ἐπικήδειον*, from *κῆδος*, care, mourning.

**epicene.** Of common gender, or sex. L. *epicoenus*, G. *ἐπικῶνος*, from *κοινός*, common.

**epicheirema** [log.]. G., attempt, from *ἐπιχειρεῖν*, to undertake, from *χείρ*, hand.

**epicure.** From *Epicurus*, G. Ἐπίκουρος, Athenian philosopher (c. 300 B.C.).

**epicycle** [*astron.*]. G. ἐπικύκλος, from κύκλος, circle.

**epidemic.** F. *épidémique*, from *épidémie*, Late L. *epidemia*, from G. ἐπὶ and δῆμος, people. Cf. *endemic*.

**epidermis.** G. ἐπιδερμῖς, from δέρμα, skin.

**epigastrium** [*anat.*]. G. ἐπιγαστήριον, from γαστήρ, stomach.

**epigenesis** [*biol.*]. Theory that germ is brought into existence by successive accretions. See *epi-* and *genesis*.

**epiglottis** [*anat.*]. G. ἐπιγλωττίς, from γλῶττα, tongue.

**epigone.** Usu. in pl., less distinguished successors of great generation. G. ἐπίγονοι, those born after.

**epigram.** G. ἐπίγραμμα, from ἐπιγράφειν, to write upon. Earlier used indifferently with *ἐπιγραφή*, G. ἐπιγραφή.

**epilepsy.** G. ἐπιληψία, from ἐπιλαμβάνειν, to take hold of.

**epilogue.** G. ἐπιλογος, peroration of speech. Cf. *prologue*.

**epinician** (ode). On a victory, G. νίκη.

**epiphany.** Late G. ἐπιφάνια, manifestation, from φαίνειν, to show.

**epiphyte** [*bot.*]. Plant growing on another. From G. φυτόν, plant.

**episcopal.** See *bishop*.

**episode.** G. ἐπεισόδιον, coming in besides, from ἐπί, on, εἰς, into, ὁδός, way.

**epistemology.** Theory of knowledge. From G. ἐπιστήμη, knowledge.

**epistle.** OF. *epistole* (Mod. *épître*), G. ἐπιστολή, from ἐπιστέλλειν, from στέλλειν, to send.

**epistrophe** [*rhet.*]. Repetition of same word at end of successive phrases. G. ἐπιστροφή, from στρέφειν, to turn.

**epistyle** [*arch.*]. Architrave. G. ἐπιστύλιον, from στύλος, pillar.

**epitaph.** G. ἐπιτάφιος, from τάφος, tomb.

**epithalamium.** L. *epithalamium*, G. ἐπιθαλάμιον, from θάλαμος, bride-chamber.

**epithet.** G. ἐπίθετον, from ἐπιτιθέναι, to put on.

**epitome.** G. ἐπιτομή, from ἐπιτέμνειν, to cut into.

**epoch.** G. ἐποχή, stoppage, station, from ἐπέχειν, to hold up.

**epode.** G. ἐπῳδός, after-song. See *ode*.

**eponymous.** G. ἐπώνυμος, giving name to, from Aeolic ὄνυμα, name, G. ὄνομα.

**epopee.** F. *épopée*, G. ἐποποιία, poem making. See *epic*, *poet*.

**Epsom salts.** First obtained (1675) from spring at *Epsom* (Surrey).

**epulary.** From L. *epularis*, from *epulum*, feast.

**equable.** L. *aequabilis*, from *aequare*, to make level.

**equal.** L. *aequalis*, from *aequus*, level, just.

**equanimity.** F. *équanimité*, L. *aequanimitas*, -*tas*-, from *aequus* and *animus*.

**equate.** From L. *aequare*, to make equal. Hence *equation*, *equator*, Late L. (*circulus*) *aequator diei et noctis*.

**equerry.** F. *écurie*, stable, associated in E. with *écuyer*, equerry, orig. esquire (q.v.). *Ecurie*, OF. *escuerie*, may be from OF. *escuyer* (Mod. *écuyer*), but some authorities connect it with OHG. *scūra* (Mod. *scheuer*), barn, whence MedL. *scuria*, stable. The mod. *equerry* is due to association with L. *equus*, horse, the usual early forms being *querry*, *querry*, for AF. *esquire de quyrre*, OF. *escuyer d'escuyrie*, "a querry, in a princes stable; the gentleman of a lords horse" (Cotg.).

**equestrian.** From L. *equestris*, from *eques*, horseman, knight, from *equus*, horse. *Equestrienne*, female circus-rider, is sham F.

**equi-.** F. *équi-*, L. *aequi-*, from *aequus*, equal.

**equilibrium.** L. *aequilibrium*, from *libra*, scales.

**equine.** L. *equinus*, from *equus*, horse.

**equinox.** F. *équinoxe*, L. *aequinoctium*, from *nox*, *noct-*, night.

**equip.** F. *équiper*, ONF. *esquiper*, from ON. *skip*, or AS. *scip*, ship. Orig. naut.; cf. ON. *skipa*, to arrange, "make ship-shape," MedL. *eschipare*, to man a ship, and F. *équipage*, ship's crew.

**equipollent.** F. *équipollent*, Late L. *aequipollens*, -*pollent-*, from *pollere*, to be powerful.

**equitation.** L. *equitatio-n-*, from *eques*, *equit-*, horseman, from *equus*, horse.

**equity.** F. *équité*, L. *aequitas*, -*tas*-, from *aequus*, in sense of fair.

**equivalent.** F. *équivalent*, from pres. part. of Late L. *aequivalere*, to be of equal value.

**equivocation.** Late L. *aequivocatio-n-*, from Late L. *aequivocare*, to call alike.

**era.** Earlier also *aera*, orig. pl. of L. *aes*, brass, in sense of counters for calculation.

**eradicate.** From L. *eradicare*, from *radix*, *radic-*, root.

**erase.** From L. *eradere*, from *radere*, *ras-*, to scrape

**Erastian** [*theol.*] From *Erastus*, G. Ἐραστός, lovely, "hellenization" of *Laebler*, Heidelberg physician (16 cent.).

**ere.** AS *ær*, adj. adv. prep. conj. Orig. a compar.; cf. Du. *eer*, Ger. *eher*, *ehe*, ON. *är* (see *or*²), Goth. *aír*, early, *airis*, earlier. See also *early*, *erst*.

**Erebus.** G. Ἔρεβος, place of darkness between earth and Hades

**erect.** L. *erectus*, from *erigere*, from *regere*, *rect-*, to direct

**eremite** [*poet.*]. Learned form of *hermit* (q.v.).

**erethism.** Morbid excitation. G. ἐρεθισμός, from ἐρεθίζω, to irritate.

**erg** [*phys.*]. Also *ergon*. Unit of work. G. ἔργον, work

**ergatocracy** [*neol.*] "Dictatorship of the proletariat." Coined from G. ἐργάτης, workman (v.s.).

**ergo.** L., therefore.

**ergot.** Disease of corn. F., cock's spur, from form of noxious fungus.

**Erin.** OIr. *Éirenn*, genitive of *Ériu*; cf. Gael *Eireann*

**Erinnyes** [*myth.*]. Pl. of G. Ἑρινύς, fury.

**eristic.** G. ἐριστικός, disputatious, from *éris*, strife.

**erl-king.** Ger *erlkonig*, as though king of the alders, due to mistaking Dan *elle(r)konge*, i.e. *elwe(r)konge*, king of the elves, for a compd. of Dan. *elle*, alder (q.v.)

**ermine.** OF (*h*)*ermine*, L. *Armenius*, the animal, also called *mus Ponticus*, being found in *Armenia*. But cf. OHG. *harmo*, weasel, AS. *hearma*, ? shrew mouse (Sweet), weasel (Kluge), cogn. with Lithuanian *szermu*, weasel, ermine. There may thus have been a mixture of two quite separate words.

**erne** [*archaic*]. AS. *earn*, eagle. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *arend*, Ger. *aar* (poet.), ON. *orn*, Goth. *ara*; cogn. with Corn. *er*, Welsh *eryr*, and prob. with G. *öpus*, bird.

**erode.** L. *erodere*, from *rodere*, *ros-*, to gnaw.

**erotic.** G. ἐρωτικός, from ἔρως, ἔρωρ-, sexual love, personified as *Eros*. Cf. *Cupid*.

**err.** F. *errer*, L. *errare*, to wander; cogn. with Goth. *airzeis*, led astray, and Ger. *irren*.

**errand.** AS. *ærende*, message, mission, Com. Teut.; cf. OS. *ärundi*, OHG.

*ärundi*, ON. *eyrindi*; perh. cogn. with Goth. *airus*, AS. *ār*, messenger

**errant.** F. *errant*, pres. part. of *errer*, which, as an OF. verb, has two separate sources, viz. VL. *\*iterare*, from *iter*, journey, and L. *errare*, to stray. See *arrant*.

**erratic, erratum, erroneous, error.** See *err*.

**ersatz** [*neol.*]. Ger., replacement, from *ersetzen*, from *setzen*, to set, place.

**Erse** [*ling.*]. Early Sc. *Erisc*, AS. *Irisc* or ON. *Iriskr*, Irish. See *Erin*.

**erst** [*poet.*]. AS. *ærest*, superl. of *ær* (see *ere*); cf. Du. *eerst*, Ger. *erst*, first.

**erubescence.** From pres. part. of L. *erubescere*, to blush, from *ruber*, red.

**eructate.** From L. *eruclare*, from *ruclare*, to belch, cogn. with G. ἐρυγέσθαι.

**erudite.** L. *eruditus*, p.p. of *erudire*, from *ex* and *rudis*, rough, untrained.

**eruption.** L. *eruptio-n-*, from *erumpere*, from *rumpere*, *rupt-*, to break.

**eryngo.** Candied root of sea-holly (*Merry Wives*, v. 5) It. or Sp. *ermigio*, G. ἑρύγγιον, dim. of ἑρυγγος, name of the plant.

**erysipelas.** G. ἐρύσιπelas, cogn. with ἐρύσπος, red, πέλλα, skin. Cf. *erythema*, skin inflammation, G. ἐρύθημα.

**escalade.** F. *escalade*, Sp. *escalada*, from *escalar*, to climb. See *scale*³. Cf. *escalator* (US.).

**escallonia.** Shrub. From *Escallon*, Sp. discoverer.

**escallop.** Occ. for earlier *scallop* (q.v.).

**escape.** ONF. *escaper* (cf. F. *échapper*, It. *scappare*, Sp. *escapar*), from *ex* and *cappa*, cloak (see *cape*¹). For sense cf. G. ἐκδύεσθαι, to put off one's clothes, escape, the idea being that of leaving one's cloak in the clutch of the pursuer, as in *Mark* xiv. 52. Earlier is the apoth. *scape* (q.v.). *Escapade* is F., from Prov. or Sp. *escapada*.

**escarp** [*fort.*]. More usu. *scarp*, F. *escarpe*, It. *scarpa*, "a counter scarpe or curtain of a wall" (Flor.), from OHG. *scarpf*, sharp. Some connect it rather with L. *excarpere*, to pluck out, make smooth; cf. synonym. Ger. *böschung*, from Swiss-Ger. *bosch*, sward.

**eschalot.** Occ. for *shallot* (q.v.).

**eschatology.** Science of four last things, viz. death, judgment, heaven, hell. From G. ἔσχατος, last.

**escheat** [*hist.*]. ME. *eschete*, OF. *escheente*, succession, from *escheoir* (Mod. *échoir*), to fall due, VL. *\*excadere*, from *ex* and *cadere*, to fall.

**eschew.** OF. *eschuer*, var. of *eschiver*,

to avoid, OHG *scuhen* (Mod. *scheuen*), cogn. with *shy*<sup>1</sup>. See *skew*.

**eschscholtzia**. Plant. Named from J. F. von Eschscholtz, Ger. naturalist

**escort**. F. *escorte*, It. *scorta*, from *scorgere*, to conduct, Late L. *excorrigere*, from *corrige*, to put in order, from *cum* and *regere*.

**escritoire**. OF. *escritoire* (Mod. *écriture*), L. *scriptorium*, from *scribere*, *script-*, to write.

**Esculapian**. See *Aesculapian*.

**esculent**. L. *esculentus*, from *esca*, food, cogn. with *edere*, to eat.

**escutcheon**. Also *scutcheon*. ONF. *escuchon* (Mod. *écusson*), dim. of *escu* (Mod. *écu*), L. *scutum*, shield.

**-ese**. OF. *-eis*, representing both L. *-ensis* and Teut. *-iscus*

**esker, eskar** [geog.]. Mound of post-glacial gravel. Ir. *eiscur*

**Eskimo, Esquimaux**. Said to mean eater of raw flesh in lang. of Labrador Indians.

**esophagus**. See *oesophagus*.

**esoteric**. G. *ἑσωτερός*, from *ἑσώτρεω*, compar. of *ἕω*, within. Cf. *exoteric*.

**espanolette**. Window fastening. F., from *espagnol*, Spanish. See *spamel*.

**espallier**. F. *espahier*, It. *spalliera*, from *spalla*, shoulder, support. See *epaulet*.

**esparto**. Sp. *esparto*, G. *σπάρον*, rope made of *σπάρος*, name of plant.

**especial, special**. F. *spécial*, OF also *especial*, L. *specialis*, from *species*, kind.

**esperanto** [ling.]. Invented (c. 1900) by Dr. Zamenhof of Warsaw, and named ? from F. *espérer*, to hope, ? or Sp. *esperanza*, hope, both from L. *sperare*. Cf. *volapük*, *ido*.

**espiègle**. F., roguish, arch. According to Oudin (1642), from Till *Eulenspiegel*, hero of popular Ger. stories (mentioned 1515).

**espionage**. F. *espionnage*, from *espion*, spy, It. *spione*. See *espy*, *spy*.

**esplanade**. F. *esplanade*, Sp. *esplanada*; cf. It. *spianata*, from *spianare*, to level, L. *explanare*, to level out.

**espouse**. OF. *espouser* (Mod. *épouser*), L. *sponsare*, from *spondere*, *spons-*, to betroth.

**esprit**. F. *esprit*, L. *spiritus*.

**espy**. OF. *espier* (Mod. *épier*). Romanic *\*spiare* (cf. It. *spiare*, Sp. *espíar*), OHG. *spehōn* (Mod. *spähen*), cogn. with L. *specere*, to look. Also *spy*.

**-esque**. F. *-esque*, It. *-esco*, Late L. *-iscus*, OHG. *-isc*, cogn. with E. *-ish*.

**Esquimaux**. F. form of *Eskimo* (q.v.).

**esquire**. OF. *escuyer* (Mod. *écuyer*), L.

*scutarius*, shield-bearer, from *scutum*, shield. The doublet *squire* is much earlier.

**ess**. S-shaped, e.g. *ess-pipe* (in drain), *collar of esses*

**-ess**. F. *-esse*, Late L. *-issa*, G. *-issa* (only in *βασιλισσα*, queen).

**essart**. For *assart* (q.v.).

**essay**. F. *essayer*, VL. *\*exagiare*, from Late L. *exagium*, weighing (cf. *examen*), from *ex* and *agere*.

**esse**. In MedL. phrase *in esse*, opposed to *in posse*.

**essence**. F. *essence*, L. *essentia*, from *\*essens*, *\*essent-*, fictitious pres. part. of *esse*, to be. Hence *essential*.

**Essene**. Ascetic Jewish sect. G. *Ἐσσηνοί*, of uncertain origin.

**essential**. See *essence*.

**establish**. OF. *establi*, *establiiss-* (Mod. *établir*), L. *stabilire*, from *stabilis*, stable, from *stare*, to stand.

**estafette** [mil.]. F. *estafette*, It. *staffetta*, "a running poste or courier" (Flor.), from *staffa*, stirrup, of Teut. origin and cogn. with *step*

**estaminet**. F. *estaminet*, Walloon *stamnet*, café with smoking-room. Origin unknown.

**estancia**. Cattle-farm (Sp. Amer.). Sp., lit. standing; cf. *stance*, *stanza*.

**estate**. OF. *estat* (Mod. *état*), L. *status*, from *stare*, to stand. Cf. *state*.

**esteem**. F. *estimer*, L. *aestimare*. The learned form *estimate* has replaced *esteem* in its orig. sense.

**estival**. See *aestival*.

**estop** [leg.]. To preclude by one's own previous action. Archaic form of *stop* (q.v.).

**estovers** [leg.]. "Necessaries allowed by law" (Johns.). OF *estover*, to be necessary, whence also obs. *stover*, fodder. Origin uncertain.

**estrade**. F. *estrade*, Sp. *estrado*, carpeted part of room, L. *stratum*, p.p. of *sternere*, to strew.

**estrangle**. OF. *estrangier*, to make strange (q.v.).

**estray** [leg.]. Archaic form of *stray* (q.v.).

**estreat**. Orig. true copy. OF. *estrate*, p.p. fem. of *estrawre* (Mod. *extraire*), L. *extrahere*, to extract.

**estuary**. L. *aestuarium*, lit. tidal, from *aestus*, tide, cogn. with *aestas*, summer, and G. *αἶθερ*, to burn. Cf. *torrent*.

**esurient**. From pres. part. of L. *esurire*, desiderative of *edere*, *es-*, to eat.

**et cetera**. L., and the others; cf. G. *καὶ τὰ λοιπά*.

**etch.** Du. *etsen*, Ger. *ätzen*, causal of *essen*, to eat.

**eternal.** F. *éternel*, VL. *aeternalis*, from *aeternus*, for \**aeviternus*, from *aevum*, age.

**etiesian** [*geog.*]. Regularly occurring winds in Mediterranean. From G. *ἐτήσιος*, annual, from *ἔτος*, year.

**ether.** L. *aether*, G. *αἰθήρ*, the upper air, from *αἶθεω*, to burn, shine. Hence *ethereal*.

**ethic.** G. *ἠθικός*, from *ἦθος*, character, cogn. with AS. *sīdu*, custom, Sanskrit, *swadhā*.

**Ethiopian.** From G. *Αἰθίοψ*, *Αἰθίοπ*-, as though from *αἶθεω*, to burn, and *ὤψ*, face, but perh. corrupt. of some native Afr. word.

**ethm-.** From G. *ἠθμός*, sieve.

**ethnic.** G. *ἐθνικός*, from *ἔθνος*, nation. Hence *ethnology*, *ethnography*.

**ethology.** See *ethic*

**ethos.** G. *ἦθος* (v.s.).

**etiolate.** To make white and sickly. From F. *étiole*, ? from Norm. *étieuler*, to turn to stubble, from *étieule* (earlier *esteule*), stubble, OHG. *stuftala*, early agricultural loan-word from L. *stipula*. See *stubble*.

**etiology.** See *aetiology*.

**etiquette.** F. *étiquette* (OF. *estiquette*), whence earlier E. *ticket* (cf. Ger. *etikette*, label). Earliest F. sense is label, note, etc "stuck" on a post. From root of Ger. *stecken*, to put, causal of *stechen*, to stick, pierce.

**etna.** For heating liquids. From *Etna*, volcano in Sicily. Cf. *geyser*.

**Etruscan** [*ling.*]. Of *Etruria*, ancient country of Italy

**-ette.** F. *-ette*, VL. *-itta*, dim. suffix, prob. of Celt. origin.

**etui.** Earlier also *etwee*. F. *étui*, case, OF. *estui*, from *estuer*, *estover*, to put away, ? AS. *stōwgan*, from *stow*, place. See *tweezers*.

**etymology.** G. *ἐτυμολογία*, from *ἔτυμον*, neut. of *ἐτύμος*, true (whence E. *etymon*).

**eu-.** G. *εὖ*-, well, from *εὖς*, good. Opposite of *caco-* and *dys-*.

**eucalyptus.** From G. *καλυπτός*, covered, the flower being protected by a cap (v.s.).

**eucharis.** SAMer. plant. G. *εὐχαρίς*, pleasing, from *χάρις*, grace.

**eucharist.** OF. *eucariste* (Mod. *eucharistie*), G. *ευχαριστία*, thanksgiving, from *χαρίζεσθαι*, to offer willingly, from *χάρις* (v.s.)

**euchre** [US.]. Earlier (1846) *uker*, *yuker*. Origin unknown.

**eucleid.** G. *Εὐκλείδης*, Alexandrian mathematician (c. 300 B.C.).

**eud(a)emonism.** From G. *εὐδαιμων*, happy, lit. with a good demon (q.v.).

**audiometer.** For testing purity of air. From G. *εὐδιος*, from *εὖ*- and stem *Δι-* of *Ζεύς*, god of the sky.

**eugenics.** From G. *εὖ*- and root *γεν-*, to bring forth

**euherism.** Human interpretation of mythology. From *Euhemerus*, G. *Εὐήμερος*, Sicilian writer (c. 316 B.C.).

**eulogy.** G. *εὐλογία*, praise. Cf. *eulogium*, a MedL. word app. due to confusion between above and L. *elogium* (see *éloge*).

**Eumenides.** The Furies. G., the gracious ones, a propitiatory name, from *εὐμένης*, kind, gracious.

**eunuch.** G. *εὐνοῦχος*, orig. bed-guard, from *εὐνή*, bed, *ἔχω*, to have, keep.

**euonymus.** Plant. G. *εὐώνυμος*, of good name, lucky, perh. propitiatory, as the flowering of the plant was supposed to presage pestilence Cf. *eumenides*.

**eupatrid** [*hist.*]. Athenian aristocrat. G. *εὐπατρίδης*, of a good father, *πατήρ*.

**eupeptic.** See *eu-*, *dyspeptic*.

**euphemism.** G. *εὐφημισμός*, from *εὐφημίζω*, to speak fair.

**euphonium.** Mus. instrument. Coined (19 cent) after *euphony*.

**euphony.** G. *εὐφωνία*, from *εὖ*- and *φωνή*, voice, sound.

**euphorbia.** Genus of plants. L. *euphorbea*, from *Euphorbus*, physician to Juba, king of Mauritania.

**euphrasy.** Plant eyebright. G. *εὐφρασία*, cheerfulness, from *εὐφραίνω*, to cheer, from *εὖ*- and *φρήν*, mind.

**euphroe.** See *uphroe*.

**Euphuism.** Style of Lyly's *Euphues* (1578-80). The name is G. *εὐφύης*, of good nature.

**euquilo.** See *euoclydon*.

**Eurasian.** Portmanteau-word from *Eur(opean)-Asian*.

**eureka.** For *ευρηκα*, G. *εὕρηκα*, perf. of *εὕρισκω*, to find, exclamation attributed to Archimedes when, in his bath, he realized that specific gravity would enable him to test Hiero's golden crown

**euoclydon** [*Bibl.*]. Only in *Acts* xxvii. 14 (AV.). App. G. *εὖρος*, east wind, *κλύδων*, billow; but better reading is *εὐρακλίων*, *euoquilo* (Vulg.), from *aquilo*, north wind, whence *euquilo* (RV.).



- eurythmics.** See *eu-, rhythm.*
- Euskarian** [*ethn.*]. Pre-Aryan. From Basque *euskara*, the Basque lang.
- Eustachian** [*anat.*]. From *Eustachius*, It. anatomist (†1574).
- Euterpian.** From *Euterpe*, muse of music, from G. *εὐ- and ῥέπew*, to please.
- euthanasia.** Gentle and easy death. G. *εὐθανασία*, from *θάνατος*, death.
- evacuate.** From L. *evacuare*, from *vacuus*, empty.
- evade.** F. *evader*, L. *evadere*, from *vadere*, *vas-*, to go.
- evanescent.** From pres. part. of L. *evanescere*, from *vanescere*, from *vanus*, vain.
- evangel.** F. *évangile*, Church L. *evangelium*, G. *εὐαγγέλιον*, good tidings, from *ἀγγέλλειν*, to announce.
- evanish** [*poet.*]. OF. *esvanir*, *esvaniss-* (Mod. *évanouir*). Cf. *evanescent*.
- evaporate.** From L. *evaporare*, from *vapor*, vapour.
- evasion.** See *evade*.
- eve, even, evening.** *Eve* is shortened from *even* (still in *evensong*, *eventide*), AS. *æfen*. Com. Teut. ; cf. Du. *avond*, Ger. *abend*, ON. *aptann*. With *evening*, AS. *æfnung*, from *æfnan*, to grow towards evening, cf. *morning*.
- evection** [*astron.*]. L. *evecho-n-*, from *evehere*, from *ex* and *vehere*, *vect-*, to carry.
- even.** AS. *efen*, *efn*, level, equal (cf. double senses of L. *aequus*). Com. Teut. ; cf. Du. *even*, Ger. *eben*, ON. *rafn*, Goth. *ibns*.
- evening.** See *eve*.
- event.** L. *eventus*, from *evenire*, to come out, from *venire*, *vent-*, to come. Cf. *outcome*.
- ever.** AS. *æfre*, ? for *ā* in *fēore*, ever in life (see *ay*).
- everglade** [*US*]. Marsh, esp. the *Everglades* (Florida). ? Corrupt. of some native name.
- evert.** L. *evertēre*, from *vertere*, to turn.
- every.** AS. *æfre ælc* (or *ylc*), i.e. ever each. See *each*.
- evict.** From L. *evincere*, *evict-*, to prove, from *vincere*, to conquer. Orig. to recover property, etc.
- evident.** From pres. part. of L. *\*evidēre*, from *vidēre*, to see (cf. Late L. *evidēri*, to appear).
- evil.** AS. *yfel* ; cf. Du. *euvel*, Ger. *übel*, Goth. *ubils*.
- evince.** See *evict*.
- evirate.** From L. *evirare*, from *ex* and *vir*, man ; cf. synon. *emasculate*.

- eviscerate.** From L. *eviscerare*, to deprive of *viscera*, bowels.
- evoke.** F. *évoquer*, L. *evocare*, from *vocare*, to call.
- evolution.** L. *evolutio-n-*, from *evolvere*, from *volvere*, *volut-*, to roll.
- evulsion.** L. *evulsio-n-*, from *evellere*, from *vellere*, *vuls-*, to pluck.
- ewe.** AS. *ēowu*, fem. of *ēow*, sheep Aryan ; cf. Du. *ooi*, Ger. dial. *au(lamm)*, ON. *ær*, L. *ovis*, G. *oīs*, OIr. *uī*, Sanskrit *avī* ; Goth. form only in compds., e.g. *awēih*, flock.
- ewer.** OF. *euwver*, from *eau*, water, L. *agua*.
- ex<sup>-1</sup>.** L. *ex*, out of ; cf. *e-*. Also G. *ἐξ*.
- ex<sup>-2</sup>.** As in *ex-chancellor*. An extended use of such L. phrases as *ex consule*, (one who) from being consul (now holds a different position).
- exacerbate.** From L. *exacerbare*. See *acerbity*.
- exact.** Adj. L. *exactus*, from *exigere*, to weigh, prove, from *ex* and *agere* (cf. *examine*). The verb represents L. *exigere*, *exact-*, in its lit. sense of to force out.
- exaggerate.** From L. *exaggerare*, to heap up, from *agere* (q.v.).
- exalt.** L. *exaltare*, from *altus*, high.
- examine.** L. *examinare*, to weigh accurately, test, etc., from *examen*, *examin-*, orig. the needle or tongue of a balance, for *\*exagmen*, from *exigere* (see *exact*).
- example.** F. *exemple*, L. *exemplum*, from *eximere*, *exempt-*, to take out, from *ex* and *emere*, to procure, buy.
- exarch** [*hist.*]. Governor of distant province (Byzantine Empire), bishop (Eastern Church). G. *ἐξάρχος*, from *ἐξάρχew*, to take the lead. See *arch<sup>2</sup>*.
- exasperate.** From L. *exasperare*, from *asper*, rough, harsh.
- Excalibur.** OF. *Escalibor*, with numerous vars., from MedL. *Caliburnus* (Geoffrey of Monmouth, c. 1140). There is in Ir. legend a sword *Caladbolg*, app. hard-belly, i.e. the devourer.
- ex cathedra.** L. , from the (teacher's) chair.
- excavate.** From L. *excavare*, from *cavus*, hollow.
- exceed.** F. *excéder*, L. *excedere*, to go beyond.
- excel.** L. *excellere*, to rise above, cogn. with *celsus*, lofty. Hence *excellent*.
- excelsior.** L. , compar. of *excelsus*, lofty (v.s.).
- except.** L. *exceptus*, p.p. of *excipere*, to take out, from *capere*.

**excerpt.** From L. *excerpere*, from *carpere*, *carpi*-, to pluck.

**excess.** F. *excès*, L. *excessus*, from *excedere*, from *cedere*, *cess*-, to go

**exchange.** OF. *eschanger* (Mod. *échanger*), Late L. *excambiare*. See *change*.

**exchequer.** OF *eschiquer* (Mod. *échiquer*), chess-board; cf. MedL. *scaccarum*, It. *scaccario* Orig. the table marked out in squares on which the revenue accounts were kept by means of counters. Cf. *check*, *chequer*, *chess*.

**excise**<sup>1</sup>. Tax. Earlier also *accise*, archaic Du. *accijs* (Mod. *accijns*), OF. *aceis*, VL. \**accensus*, from *accensare*, to tax (cf. *cess*); confused at various times with *excise*<sup>2</sup> (cf. *tillage*), and *assize*, in early sense of tax. Cf. F. *accise*, MedL. *accisia*, *excisia*.

**excise**<sup>2</sup>. To cut out. From L. *excidere*, *excis*-, from *caedere*, to cut

**excite.** L. *excitare*, frequent. from *ciêre*, *cit*-, to set in motion.

**exclaim.** F. *exclamer*, L. *exclamare* See *clarm*

**exclude.** L. *excludere*, from *claudere*, to shut.

**excommunicate.** From Church L. *excommunicare*, to expel from communion (q.v.).

**excoriate.** From L. *excoriare*, to flay, from *corium*, hide

**excrement, excrete, excretion.** From L. *excernere*, from *cernere*, *cret*-, to separate, sift

**excrecent.** From pres. part. of L. *excrecere*, to grow out.

**excruciate.** From L. *excruciare*, from *cruix*, *cruce*-, cross, as instrument of torture.

**exculpate.** From L. *ex culpa*, fault; cf. MedL. *exculpate*.

**excursion.** L. *excursio-n*-, from *excurrere*, from *currere*, *curs*-, to run. Cf. *excursus*, digression.

**excuse.** L. *excusare*, from *ex* and *causa*; cf. *accuse*.

**exeat** [univ.]. L., let him go out, from *exire*; cf. theat. *exit*, *exeunt*.

**excrete.** From L. *execrari* for *exsecrari*, from *sacrare*, to devote (to good or ill), from *sacer*, *sacr*-, holy.

**execution.** L. *executio-n*-, for *exsecutio-n*-, from *exsequi*, to follow out, from *sequi*, *secut*-, to follow.

**exegesis.** G. *ἐξήγησις*, from *ἐξηγεῖσθαι*, to interpret, from *ἡγεῖσθαι*, to lead.

**exemplar.** L., from neut. of adj. *exemplaris*. See *example*.

**exempt.** F. *exempt*, L. *exemptus* p.p. of *eximere*, to take out, from *emere*, to buy, obtain. In F. title of cavalry officer exempted from certain duties; later applied to police-officer. In E. officer of Yeomen of the Guard, also *exon*, an attempt at the F. pronunc.

**exenterate.** From L. *exenterare*, to disembowel, from G. (see *enteric*).

**exequatur.** Formal permission. L. *ex(s)equatur*, let him perform, execute

**exequies.** From L. *ex(s)equiae*, funeral procession, from *ex(s)equi*, to follow. Cf. *obsequies*.

**exercise.** F. *exercice*, L. *exercitum*, from *exercere*, to keep at work, orig. to let farm-beasts out to work, from *arcere*, to shut up. *Exercitation* is from the frequent. *exercitare*

**exergue** [numism] Small space left for inscription on coin or medal. Coined in F. from G. *ἐξ ἔργου*, to represent F. *hors d'œuvre* (q.v.).

**exert.** From L. *exserere*, *exseri*-, to put forth, from *serere*, to knit.

**exeunt.** L., they go out

**exhale.** L. *exhalare*, from *halare*, to breathe.

**exhaust.** From L. *exhaustire*, from *haustire*, *haust*-, to draw, drain.

**exhibit.** From L. *exhibere*, *exhibui*-, to hold forth, in Rom. law, to provide, from *habere*, to have, hold.

**exhilarate.** From L. *exhilarare*, from *hilaris*, cheerful.

**exhort.** L. *exhortari*, from *hortari*, to encourage.

**exhume.** MedL. *exhumare*, from *humus*, ground.

**exigent.** From pres. part. of L. *exigere*, from *ex* and *agere*. See *exact*.

**exiguous.** From L. *exiguus*, scanty, from *exigere*, to weigh out. See *exact*.

**exile.** F. *exil*, L. *exsilum*, from *ex* and root of *salire*, to leap.

**exility.** Slenderness. L. *exilias*, from *exilis*, thin, for \**exagilis*, cogn. with *exiguus*.

**eximious.** Select. From L. *eximius*, from *eximere*, to take out. See *exempt*.

**exist.** F. *exister*, L. *ex(s)istere*, from *sistere*, redupl. form of *stare*, to stand.

**exit.** Sometimes L. *exitus*, going forth, from *exire* (cf. *adi*), but usu. a verb. Cf. *exeat*.

**ex libris.** L., from the books.

**exo-** G. *ἐξω*, outside.

**exodus.** L. *exodus*, G. *ἐξόδος*, way out, from *ἰδός*, way.

**ex officio.** L. in virtue of one's office.

**exon.** See *exempt*.

**Exon.** Signature of bishop of Exeter, AS. *Exanceaster*

**exonerate.** From L. *exonerare*, to unburden, from *onus*, *oner-*, burden.

**exorbitant.** From pres. part. of L. *exorbitare*, to depart from one's orbit (q.v.).

**exorcize.** Late L. *exorcizare*, G. *ἐξορκίζειν*, from *ἐξ*, out, *ὄρκος*, oath.

**exordium.** L., from *exordiri*, from *ordiri*, to begin, orig. to start weaving.

**exoteric.** G. *ἐξωτερικός*, from *ἐξω*, without. Cf. *esoteric*.

**exotic.** G. *ἐξωτικός*, from *ἐξω*, without.

**expand.** L. *expandere*, from *pandere*, to spread

**ex parte.** L., from (one) side (only).

**expatiate.** From L. *ex(s)patiare*, to walk about, from *spatium*, space, whence also It. *spaziare*, Ger. *spazieren*, to walk.

**expatriate.** From L. *patria*, country. See *repair*<sup>2</sup>.

**expect.** L. *ex(s)pectare*, to look out for, from *spectare*, frequent. of *specere*, to look.

**expectorate.** From L. *expectorare*, to make a "clean breast," from *pectus*, *pector-*, breast.

**expedite.** From L. *expedire*, *expedit*, orig. to free the foot, *pes*, *ped-*, from fetters (cf. opposite *impede*). Hence *expedient*, helping on; *expedition*, rapid setting forth.

**expel, expulsion.** L. *expellere*, from *pellere*, *puls-*, to drive.

**expend, expense.** L. *expendere*, from *pendere*, *pens-*, to weigh.

**experience.** F. *expérience*, L. *experientia*, from *experiri*, *expert-*, cogn. with *periculum*, peril. Cf. *expert*.

**expiate.** From L. *expiare*, from *piare*, to purge sin, from *pius*.

**expire.** L. *ex(s)pirare*, from *spirare*, to breathe.

**explain.** Earlier *explaine*, L. *explanare*, to make smooth, *planus*. Cf. *esplanade*.

**expletive.** L. *expletivus*, filling out, from *explere*, from *plere*, *plet-*, to fill (see *plenty*).

**explicate, explicit.** From L. *explicare*, from *plicare*, *pluat-*, to fold. *Explicit* at end of medieval books is for *explicitus est liber*, the book is unrolled.

**explode.** L. *explodere*, *explos-*, to clap out, from *plaudere*, to clap (at the theatre) Cf. *applaud*.

**exploit.** F. *exploit*, L. *explicitus*, unfolded (see *explicate*). The verb is very common in OF with gen. sense of progress, achievement.

**explore.** L. *explorare*, to announce discovery (e.g. of enemy), from orig. sense (cry, shout) of *plorare*, to weep (cf. *descry*).

**exponent.** From pres. part. of L. *exponere*. See *expound*.

**export.** L. *exportare*, from *portare*, to carry.

**expose.** F. *exposer*. See *pose*.

**ex post facto.** For MedL. *ex postfacto*, from what is done afterwards.

**expostulate.** From L. *expostulare*, intens. of *postulare*, to demand.

**expound.** ME. also *expoun*, OF. *esponre*, *espondre*, L. *exponere*, to put forth. Cf. *compound*<sup>1</sup>, *propound*.

**express.** First as adj. F. *exprès*, L. *expressus*, lit. squeezed out, fig. clearly stated, from *exprimere*, from *premere*, *press-*.

**exprobation.** Reproach. L. *exprobratio-n-*, from *exprobrare*. See *opprobrium*.

**expropriate.** From L. *expropriare*, to deprive of one's own (see *proper*).

**expulsion.** See *expel*.

**expunge.** L. *expungere*, to mark for deletion by dots, from *pungere*, to prick; cf. synonym. F. *expunctuer*.

**expurgate.** From L. *expurgare*, to make pure. See *purge*.

**exquisite.** L. *exquisitus*, p.p. of *exquirere*, to seek out, from *quaerere*.

**exscind.** L. *exscindere*, to cut out.

**exsequies.** See *exquires*

**exsert** [biol.]. Var of *exert* (q.v.) in etym. sense. Cf. *insert*.

**exsiccate.** From L. *ex(s)iccare*, to make dry, *siccus*.

**extant.** From pres. part. of L. *ex(s)tare*, to stand forth.

**extempore.** L. *ex tempore*, out of the time, *tempus*. Hence *extemporize*.

**extend.** L. *extendere*, from *tendere*, to stretch.

**extenuate.** From L. *extenuare*, to make thin, *tenuis*

**exterior.** L., compar. of *exterus*, from *extra*, outside.

**exterminate.** From L. *exterminare*, to drive over the boundary, *terminus*.

**external.** For earlier *externe*, L. *externus*, from *exterus*. See *exterior*.

**extinguish, extinct.** From L. *ex(s)tinguere*, *ex(s)tingit-*. See *distinguish*.

**extirpate.** From L. *ex(s)tirpare*, from *stirps*, stem, trunk. Cf. *eradicate*.

**extol.** L. *extollere*, from *tollere*, to raise.  
**extort.** From L. *extorquere*, from *torquere*, *tort-*, to twist.  
**extra-** L. *extra*, outside, orig. compar. formation from *ex*.  
**extra.** Usu. short for *extraordinary*. Cf. *super*.  
**extract.** From L. *extrahere*, from *trahere*, *tract-*, to draw.  
**extradition.** L. *extraditio-n-*, from *tradere*, to hand over, from *trans* and *dare*, to give.  
**extrados** [*arch.*]. Upper or outer curve of arch. F, from *dos*, back, cf. *intrados*, *parados*.  
**extraneous.** From L. *extraneus*, from *extra*, outside.  
**extraordinary.** L. *extraordinarius*, from *extra ordinem*, outside (the usual) order (q.v.).  
**extravagant.** From pres. part. of Late L. *extravagari*, to wander beyond bounds, from *vagari*.  
**extravasate** [*med*]. From L *vas*, vessel; cf. F. *extravaser*.  
**extreme.** L. *extremus*, superl. of *exterus*. See *exterior*.  
**extricate.** From L *extricare*, to disentangle, from *tricae*, perplexities. Cf. *intricate*.  
**extrinsic.** F. *extrinsèque*, from L adv. *extrinsecus*, from \**extrin* (cf. *interim*) and *secus*, beside, cogn with *sequi*, to follow. Cf. *intrinsic*.  
**extrude.** L. *extrudere*, from *trudere*, to thrust.  
**exuberant.** From pres. part. of L *exuberare*, from *uber*, fertile.  
**exude.** L. *ex(s)udare*, from *sudare*, to sweat.  
**exult.** L. *ex(s)ultare*, frequent. of *exsilire*, from *salire*, salt-, to leap. Cf. *insuli*.  
**exuviae.** L., garments stripped off, from *exuere*, to divest.  
**ex voto.** L., introductory words of dedication, *ex voto suscepto*, according to the vow taken.  
**eyas** [*archaic*]. Young falcon. For obs. *nyas*, F. *faucon mars*, VL \**mdax*, *mdac-*, from *mdus*, nest. Ident. with F. *mars*, silly. For loss of *n-* cf. *adder*, *apron*, *auger*.  
**eye.** AS. *ēage*. Aryan (exc. Celt.); cf. Du. oog, Ger *auge*, ON *auga*, L. *oculus* (dim.), Sanskrit *akshi*.  
**eyelet.** Altered from ME *oilet*, F. *cœillet*, dim. of *cœil*, L. *oculus*.  
**eyot.** See *ait*.  
**eyre** [*hist.*]. OF *eire*, journey, from *eirer*, Late L. \**iterare*, from *iter*,

journey, from *ire*, *it-*, to go. See *errant*.  
**eyry.** See *aery*.  
**fa** [*mus.*]. See *gamut*.  
**Fabian.** Cautious tactics of *Quintus Fabius Maximus*, nicknamed the *Cunctator*, i.e. delayer, against Hannibal in second Punic War.  
**fable.** F. *fable*, L. *fabula*, from *fari*, to speak, cogn. with G. *φημί*, I say.  
**fabliau, fableau.** OF comic story in verse. Dim. of *fable* (v.s.).  
**fabric.** F. *fabrique*, L. *fabrica*, from *faber*, *fabr-*, smith.  
**façade.** F. *façade*, It. *facciata*, from *faccia*, face (q.v.).  
**face.** F. *face*, VL *facia* for *facies*.  
**facet.** F. *facette*, dim of *face* (v.s.).  
**facetious.** From L *facetius*, graceful, urbane.  
**facia.** In sign and *facia* writer. See *fascia*.  
**facile.** F. *facile*, L. *facilis*, from *facere*, to do.  
**facile princeps.** L., easily chief.  
**facsimile.** L. *fac simile*, make (imper.) like.  
**fact.** L. *factum*, thing done, from *facere*, *fact-*.  
**faction.** L. *factio-n-*, lit. making, from *facere*, *fact-*. Mod. sense is found in L.  
**factitious.** From L *factitrus*, made by art, from *facere*. Cf. *factitive* (gram.), ModL *factitivus*, making to be done.  
**factor.** L., from *facere*, to do.  
**factotum.** MedL *fac* (imper.) *totum*, do everything.  
**factum.** Statement. See *fact*.  
**faculty.** F. *faculté*, L. *facultas*, -*tat*- (for *facilitas*), power, opportunity, resources. See *facile*.  
**fad.** Perh. connected with F *fadar*, foolish trifle, Prov. *fadeza*, from *fad*, foolish, L. *fatuus*.  
**fade.** OF. *fader* (replaced by *faner*), from *fade*, insipid, colourless, L. *vapidus*, stale, perh. influenced by *fatuus*.  
**faeces.** L., pl. of *faex*, *faec-*, dregs.  
**faerie** [*poet.*]. Archaic for *fairy* (q.v.).  
**fag**<sup>1</sup>. Drudge, weariness. Prob. school-boy perversion of *fatigue*, as in mil. sense; cf. *bug*.  
**fag**<sup>2</sup>, **fag-end.** Orig. loose end, last part, esp. of cloth. Origin unknown. ? Hence *fag*, cigarette.  
**faggot.** F. *fagot*; cf. It. *fagotto*, of unknown origin.

**fagotto.** Bassoon. It, app. ident. with above.

**fahrenheit.** Thermometer. Name of Ger inventor (†1736).

**faience.** F. *faience*, for *poterie de Faïence*, from *Faenza* (Italy).

**fail.** F. *faillir* and *fallow*, to be lacking, both representing, with change of conjugation, L. *fallere*, orig. to deceive.

**faïlle.** Fabric. F. *faïlle*, orig. veil; cf. Du. *fahe*, MHG. *væle*; ult. L. *velum*, veil.

**faïen.** AS *fægen*, glad, cf. ON *feginn*, OHG. *gifehan*, to rejoice

**faïeant** [hist.]. Sluggard, esp. as epithet of later Merovingian kings. OF. *faignant*, pres. part. of *faindre*, *faindre* (see *faïnt*), respt as though "do nothing" (*néant*)

**fains.** Schoolboy formula, opposite of *bags*. Prob. from *feign*, in ME. sense of shirk, excuse oneself, cf. *faïnt*.

**faint.** First as adj. F. *feint*, p.p. of *faindre*, to feign (q.v.), in sense of to be sluggish, shirk

**faïr<sup>1</sup>.** Adj. AS. *fæger*. Com Teut.; cf. OSax. OHG. *fager*, ON. *fagr*, Goth. *fagrs*, suitable; cogn. with Ger. *fegen*, to clean, sweep. Orig. beautiful (hence, from 14 cent., esp. of women), without blemish, opposed to *foul*, as still in *faïr means or foul*, *faïr play* and *foul play*. The later application to hair, etc. reflects the medieval opinion that a dark complexion was *foul*.

**faïr<sup>2</sup>.** Noun OF. *ferre* (Mod. *foire*), L. *feria*, holiday (orig. rel.).

**faïr-maid** [Corn.]. See *fumade*.

**faïry.** OF. *faïerie* (Mod. *féerie*), land, or race, of *fays* (q.v.) For transferred use cf. that of *youth*

**faïth.** OF. *feid* (pronounced *feith*), later *fei* (Mod. *foi*), L. *fides*.

**faïx** [Anglo-Ir.]. For *fegs*, short for *faykens*, from ME. *fay*, *faith*.

**fake** [slang]. For earlier *feake*, *feague*, prob. Ger. *fegen*, to sweep, in fig. slang use.

**faïir, faïquir.** Arab. *faqîr*, poor. Cf. *dervish*.

**falbala.** F., It., also Sp. Port. Origin unknown. In E. usu. corrupted to *furbelow*. Cf. *fal-lal*.

**falcate.** L. *falcatus*, from *falx*, *falc-*, sickle.

**falchion** [hist.]. ME. *fauchoun*, ONF. *fauchon*, for OF. *fauçon*, VL. \**falcio-n-*, from *falx*, *falc-*, sickle.

**falcon.** ME. *faucon*, F. *faucon*, Late

L. *falco-n-*, from *falx*, sickle (v.s.). Cf. Du. *valk*, Ger. *falke*. Usu. explained from shape of beak or claws, but perh. rather from the sword-like wings.

**falconet** [hist.]. Light gun. It. *falconetto* (v.s.). Cf. *musket*, *saker*.

**falderal.** Cf. *falbala*, *fal-lal*.

**faldstool, fauldstool** [eccl.]. Late L. *faldstolum* (cf. AS. *fealdstol*, OHG. *faldstuol*), fold-stool, whence F. *fautenul*, arm-chair.

**Falernian.** Wine. From the *ager Falernus* in Campania.

**fall.** AS *feallan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *vallen*, Ger. *fallen*, ON *falla*

**fallacy.** L. *fallacia*, from *fallax*, *fallac-*, from *fallere*, to deceive.

**fal-lal.** Of same date as *falbala*, of which it may be a var.

**fallible.** Late L. *fallibilis*, from *fallere*, to deceive.

**fallow<sup>1</sup>.** Orig. ploughed land. ME. *falge*, *falwe*, from AS. *fealg*, harrow; cf. MHG. *valgen*, to till, dig But app. associated with *fallow<sup>2</sup>*, from colour of upturned earth, as we find AS. *fealo* in same sense.

**fallow<sup>2</sup>.** Colour, esp. of deer. AS. *fealo*, *fealw-*; cf. Du. *vaal*, Ger. *fahl*, *faib*, ON. *fölv*. Perh. cogn. with L. *pallidus*.

**false.** OF. *fals* (Mod. *faux*), L. *falsus*, deceived, mistaken, p.p. of *fallere*, to deceive.

**falsetto.** It, dim. of *falso*, false.

**falter.** Orig. of the limbs, to give way, stumble. App. formed irreg. from ME. *falden*, to fold, used in same sense; perh. with orig. idea of "doubling up" under stress. Form may have been influenced by *fault*.

**fame.** Archaic F. *fame*, L. *fama*, report, from *fari*, to speak.

**family.** Orig. servants of a household. L. *familia*, from *famulus*, servant.

**famine.** F. *famine*, Late L. \**famina*, from *fames*, hunger.

**famish.** For earlier *fame* (cf. *astonish*), aphet. from F. *affamer*, to starve, VL. \**affamare*, to bring to hunger, *ad famem*.

**famulus.** Sorcerer's attendant. L., servant.

**fan<sup>1</sup>.** Implement. AS. *fann*, L. *van-nus*, winnowing-fan.

**fan<sup>2</sup>** [US]. Enthusiast (for baseball). ? Short for *fanatic*.

**fanatic.** L. *fanaticus*, from *fanum*, temple.

**fancy.** Contr. of *fantasy*, *phantasy*, F

*fantaisie*, G. *φαντασία*, used in Late G. of spectral apparition. See *phantom*.

**fandangle**. Arbitrary formation (late 19 cent.), perh. suggested by *fandango*.

**fandango**. Dance. Sp., of negro origin.

**fane**. L. *fanum*, temple, for \**fasnom*, cogn. with *feriae* (OL *fesiaie*), *festus* (see *fair*<sup>2</sup>).

**fanfare**. Flourish of trumpets F., of imit. origin. Cf. F. *fanfavonnade*, from Sp. *fanfarrón*, braggart

**fang**. AS. *fang*, booty, from p.p. *gefangen* of *fōn*, to seize. A Com. Teut. verb, cf. Du. *vangen*, Ger. *fangen* (OHG. *fāhan*), ON. *fā*, Goth. *fāhan*, ult. cogn. with L. *pax*, *pac*, peace, orig. thing fixed.

**fanon** [eccl.]. Vestment F. *fanon*, VL. *fano-n*, OHG. *fano* (see *vane*).

**fan-tan**. Game Chin. *fan t'an*, turn over (the cup) and separate.

**fantasia**. It, see *fancy*

**fantast-ic, fantasy**. See *fancy*.

**fanteague, fantigue** [colloq.]. Earlier *fantique*. Perh. for *frantic*. For loss of -r- cf. *Fanny for Frances*.

**fanti, fantee, to go**. W Afr. for to run amok. Name of country and tribe on Gold Coast

**fantoccini**. It., pl. of *fantoccino*, dim. of *fantoccio*, puppet, from *fante*, boy, L. *infans*, *infant-*.

**faquir**. See *fakir*.

**far**. Orig. adv. AS. *feorr*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *ver*, Ger. *fern*, ON. *fjarre*, Goth. *fairra*; cogn. with G. *πέπαρ*, Sanskrit *paras*, beyond.

**farad**. Electr. unit Adopted in memory of *Faraday*, E. electrician (†1867).

**farce**. F. *farce*, VL. \**farsa*, from *farcire*, to stuff viands. Orig. an impromptu interlude "stuffed in" between the parts of a more serious play.

**farcy**. Disease of horses. F. *farcin*, L. *farcimimum*, from *farcire*, to stuff (v.s.).

**fard**. Face-paint. F. *fard*, ? ult. from Ger. *farbe*, colour.

**fardel** [archaic]. OF. *fardel* (Mod. *fardeau*), dim. of OF. *farde*, burden, Sp. *faráo*, Arab. *farāh*, package.

**fare**. AS. *faran*, to go, travel. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *varen*, Ger. *fahren*, ON. *fara*, Goth. *faran*; cogn. with G. *πέπος*, passage, L. *portare*, to carry, and with adv. *far*. Hence noun *fare* (cf. *thoroughfare, welfare*), now usu. payment for passage (*Jonah i. 3*).

**farina**. L. *farina*, from *far*, corn, cogn. with AS. *bere*, barley

**farm**. F. *ferme*, MedL. *firma*, fixed payment (such as rent), from *firmare*, to fix, from *firmus*, firm.

**faro**. Card-game. For *pharaoh*. Reason for name doubtful.

**farouche**. F. *farouche*, shy, VL. \**ferotricus*, from *ferox*, fierce.

**farrago**. L., lit. mixed fodder, from *far*, *farr*, corn.

**farrier**. OF. *ferrier*, L. *ferrarius*, from *ferrum*, iron, horse-shoe.

**farrow**. Orig. young pig. AS. *feorh*; cf. Du. dim. *varken*, Ger. dim. *ferkel*, hog; cogn. with L. *porcus*

**fart**. AS. *feortan*. Aryan, cf. Ger. *farzen*, ON. *freta*, G. *πέρδew*, Sanskrit *pard*.

**farther, farthest**. ME. *ferther*, var. of *further* (q.v.), replacing regular *farver*, from *far*.

**farthing**. AS. *fēorthing*, from *fēorþa*, fourth; cf. ON. *fjörthingr*

**farthingale** [archaic]. Corrupt. of OF. *vertugalle*, var. of archaic *vertugade* (Mod. *vertugadin*), Sp. *verdugado*, from *verdugo*, green switch (later replaced by whalebone or steel), VL. \**viriducus*, from *viridis*, green

**fascis** [hist.]. L., pl. of *fascis*, bundle (of rods carried by the lictor).

**fascia**. L., band, fillet, flat surface forming part of architrave; cogn. with *fascis* (v.s.). Cf. *facia*, *fess*.

**fascicle** [bot.]. L. *fasciculus*, dim. of *fascis*, bundle

**fascinate**. From L. *fascinare*, from *fascinum*, charm, spell.

**fascine** [mil.]. F. *fascine*, L. *fascina*, faggot, from *fascis*, bundle.

**fascist** [pol.]. From It. *fascisti* (1919), anti-bolshevists, lit. members of a *fascio*, union (see *fascies*).

**fash** [Sc & dial.]. F. *fâcher*, OF. *faschier*, ? VL. \**fastidicare*, from *fastidium*, disgust.

**fashion**. F. *façon*, L. *factio-n*, make, from *facere*.

**fast**<sup>1</sup>. Adj. AS. *fæst*, firm. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *vast*, Ger. *fest*, ON. *fastr*. With to run fast cf. similar intens. use of *hard*.

**fast**<sup>2</sup>. To abstain. AS. *fæstan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *vasten*, Ger. *fasten*, ON. *fasta*, Goth. *fastan*. Prob. cogn. with *fast*<sup>1</sup>, with orig. idea of firm control of self.

**fasten**. AS. *fæstman*, from *fast*<sup>1</sup>.

**fasti** [hist.]. Calendar. L., pl. of *fastus* (*dies*), lawful (day), from *fas*,

right, orig. announcement, cogn. with *fari*, to speak.

**fastidious.** F. *fastidieux*, L. *fastidiosus*, from *fastidium*, loathing.

**fastig-.** From L. *fastigium*, summit, pinnacle.

**fat**<sup>1</sup> [*Bibl*]. Vessel. See *vat*.

**fat**<sup>2</sup>. Adj. AS. *fætt*, contracted p.p. of *fætan*, to make fat; cf. Ger. *feist*, fat, p.p. of OHG *feizzen*, to fatten, also OSax. *fert*, ON. *feitr*.

**Fata Morgana.** Mirage in Strait of Messina. It., fairy Morgana, sister of King Arthur, *Morgan le Fey* in A.F. legend, located in Calabria by Norman settlers. See *fay*.

**fate.** L. *fatum*, decree of the gods, from *fari*, to speak.

**father.** AS. *fæder*. Aryan; cf. Du. *vader*, *vaar*, Ger. *vater*, ON. *faðer*, Goth. *fadar* (but Goth. has usu. *atta*), L. *pater*, G. *πατήρ*, Gael. Ir. *athair*, Sanskrit *pitr̥*; all prob. orig. from baby-sound *pa*.

**fathom.** AS. *fæthm*, the two arms outstretched. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *vadem*, Ger. *faden*, ON. *fathmr*, ult. cogn. with G. *περαννίω*, to spread out.

**fatidic.** L. *fatidicus*, fate-telling, from *fatum* and *dicere*.

**fatigue.** F. *fatiguer*, L. *fatigare*, prob. cogn. with L. *fatiscere*, to gape, yawn.

**fatuous.** From L. *fatuus*, foolish.

**faubourg.** F. *faubourg*, earlier *fauxbourg*, corrupted, as though false town (MedL. *falsus burgus*), from OF. *forsbourg*, from *fors* (Mod. *hors*), outside, L. *fors*, and *bourg*, borough.

**faucet** [*dial & US.*]. Spigot, tap. F. *fausset*, with orig. sense of peg. Origin unknown.

**faugh.** Natural exclamation, imit. of repelling unpleasant smell. Cf. Ger. *pfu*.

**fauldstool.** See *faldstool*.

**fault.** Restored spelling of ME. *faut*, F. *faute*, VL. *\*fallita*, coming short, from *fallere*, to deceive.

**faun.** L. *Faunus*, name of rural god or demigod, identified with Pan, prob. from *favēre*, to be propitious.

**fauna.** L. *Fauna*, sister of *Faunus* (v.s.). Adopted by Linnaeus as companion-word to *flora* (q.v.).

**fauteuil.** F., see *faldstool*.

**fautor** [*leg.*]. Partisan. OF. *fautour*, L. *fautor-em*, from *favēre*, to favour.

**faux pas.** F., false step.

**Favonian.** L. *Favonius*, from *Favonus*, the west wind, cogn. with *favour*,

**favour.** F. *faveur*, L. *favor-em*, from *favēre*, to regard with goodwill. *Favourite* is OF. *favorit* (Mod. *favori*), It. *favorito*, p.p. of *favore*, to favour.

**fawn**<sup>1</sup>. Noun. F. *faon*, orig. young of any animal, VL. *\*feto-n-*, from *fetus*, offspring.

**fawn**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. AS. *fahnian*, to rejoice, be pleased, fawn, parallel form of *fægman*, from *fægen*, glad (see *fain*).

**fay.** F. *fée*, fem., L. *fata*, neut. pl., the Fates, in Late L. goddess. Cf. *fairy*.

**feal** [*archaic*]. OF. *feal*, *feerl*, L. *fidelis*, faithful. Hence *fealty*.

**fear.** AS. *fær*, sudden peril, cf. Du. *gevaar*, Ger. *gefahr*, danger; also Goth. *fērja*, one who lies in wait, cogn. with *fare*.

**feasible.** Archaic F. *faisible* (now *fassable*), from *fais-*, stem of *faire*, to do, L. *facere*.

**feast.** OF. *feste* (Mod. *fête*), L.  *festa*, neut. pl. of adj. *festus*, joyful, cogn. with *feria* (see *fair*<sup>2</sup>).

**feat.** AF. *fet*, F. *fait*, deed, L. *factum*, from *facere*.

**feather.** AS. *feither*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *veder*, Ger. *feder*, ON. *fiðthr*; cogn. with G. *πέρον*, wing, Sanskrit *pat*, to fly.

**feature.** OF. *feture*, *fasture*, shape, build, L. *factura*, from *facere*, to make.

**febrifuge.** See *fever*.

**febrile.** Late L. *febrilis*, from *febris*, fever.

**February.** L. *Februarius*, from *februa*, feast of purification (Feb. 15), of Sabine origin.

**fecal.** See *faeces*.

**fecial.** See *fetral*.

**feckless** [*Sc & north*]. For *effectless*.

**feculent.** L. *faeculentius*, from *faeces*, dregs.

**fecundity.** L. *fecunditas*, from *fecundus*, fruitful, ult. cogn. with *femina*, *felix*.

**federal.** F. *fédéral*, from L. *foedus*, *foeder-*, treaty, alliance, cogn. with *fides*, faith.

**fee.** AS. *feoh*, cattle, money. Aryan; cf. Du. *vee*, Ger. *vieh*, cattle, ON. *fē*, cattle, money, Goth. *faihu*, property, money, L. *pecu*, cattle, *pecunia*, money, Sanskrit *paśu*, cattle. Cf. hist. of *cattle*, *chattel*. *Fee-house* in ME. means both cattle-shed and treasury. Related are *fief*, *feud*<sup>2</sup> (q.v.), and from an AF. form of *fief* comes *fee*, in to hold in fee, MedL. in *feodo*, as a fief, feudal tenure.

**feeble.** OF. *feble* (Mod. *faible*), L. *febilis*, pitiable, from *flēre*, to weep,

the first *-l-* being lost by dissim. as in *fugleman*.

**feed**. AS. *fēdan*, to supply with food (q.v.).

**fee-faw-fum**. From *Jack the Giant-killer*. See also *Lear*, iii. 4.

**feel**. AS. *fēlan*. WGer.; cf. Du. *voelen*, Ger. *fühlen*; cogn. with AS. *folm*, palm, L. *palma*, G. *πάλαμη*; cf. ON. *falma*, to grope.

**feign**. F. *feindre*, *feign*-, L.  *fingere*, to shape, invent. *Ferri* is F. *fermie*, orig. p p. fem.

**feldspar, felspar**. Altered (on *spar*?) from Ger. *feldspat*, field spar. *Felspar* is due to mistaken association with Ger. *fels*, rock.

**felicity**. F. *félicité*, L. *felicitas*, -tat-, from *felix*, *felix*-, happy.

**feline**. L. *felinus*, from *feles*, cat.

**fell**<sup>1</sup>. Hide. AS. *fell*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *vel*, Ger. *fell*, ON. *fiall*, Goth. *fill*; cogn. with L. *pellis*, G. *πέλλα*.

**fell**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. AS. *f(v)ellan*, causal of *fall* (q.v.).

**fell**<sup>3</sup> [*north*]. Hill. ON. *fjall*, cogn. with Ger. *fels*, rock.

**fell**<sup>4</sup>. Adj. OF. *fel*, nom. of *felon* (q.v.).

**Fell, Doctor**. Person instinctively disliked. *John Fell*, Dean of Christ-Church (†1686), subject of adaptation by Thomas Brown (†1704), as an undergraduate, of Martial's epigram, 1. 33.

**fellah**. Arab. *fallāh*, husbandman, from *falaha*, to till the soil.

**felloe, felly**. Rim of wheel. AS. *felge*, cf. Du. *velge*, Ger. *felge*; also OHG. *felahan*, to fit (wood) together.

**fellow**. Orig. partner. ON. *fēlagr*, partner, associate; cf. ON. *fēlag*, partnership, lit. fee lay<sup>1</sup>.

**felly**. See *felloe*.

**felo de se**. MedL., felon with regard to himself (v.i.).

**felon**. F. *félon*, Carolingian L. *fello-n-*; cf. It. *fellone*, Sp. *felón*, and *fell*<sup>4</sup>. Of obscure origin. A plausible suggestion is that from L. *fellare*, to suck, also sensu obsceno, was formed a noun *\*fello-n-*, used as gen. term of abuse. *Felon*, whitlow (dial. & US.), is the same word; cf. L. *tagax*, thievish, whitlow, and see *furuncle*.

**felspar**. See *feldspar* and cf. *felsite*, *felstone*.

**felt**. AS. *felt*. WGer.; cf. Du. *vilt*, Ger. *filz*; also MedL. *feltum* (from Teut.), whence F. *feutre*. See *filter*.

**felucca** [*naut.*]. It. *feluca*, ? of Arab. origin.

**female**. F. *femelle*, L. *femella*, dim. of *femina*, woman. Mod. form is due to male.

**feme** [*leg.*]. OF. *feme* (Mod. *femme*), woman, in *feme coverte*, protected, i.e. married, woman, *feme sole*, single woman (v.i.).

**feminine**. L. *femininus*, from *femina*, woman; cogn. with *fellare*, to suckle, and with *filvus*, *filia*.

**femoral** [*anat.*]. Late L. *femorals*, from *femur*, *femor*-, thigh.

**fenn**. AS. *fenn*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *veen*, Ger. *fenn* (from LG.), ON. *fen*, Goth. *fam*. Orig. mud.

**fence**. Aphet. for *defence*, F. *défense*, from *défendre*, VL. *\*disfendere* for *defendere*, to ward off, etc. Hence *fencible*, capable of, or liable for, making defence.

**fend**. Aphet. for *defend* (v.s.). Hence *fender*, protector.

**fenestella** [*arch.*]. L., dim. of *fenestra*, window.

**Fenian** [*hist.*]. A mixture of OIr. *fiann*, band of heroes, and OIr. *fēne*, one of the names of the ancient population of Ireland.

**fennel**. AS. *finol*, *finugl*, VL. *\*fenuculum*, for *feniculum*, dim. of *fenum*, hay.

**fent** [*archaic & dial.*]. Sht, crack. F. *fente*, from *fendre*, L. *findere*, to split. Cf. *vent*<sup>1</sup>.

**fenugreek**. Plant. F. *fenugrec*, L. *fenum Graecum*, Greek hay.

**feoffee** [*hist.*]. AF. p p. of *feoffer*, F. *fieffer*, to enfeoff. See *fief*.

**-fer, -ferous**. From L. *-fer*, from *ferre*, to bear.

**feracious**. From L. *ferax*, *ferac*-, prolific, from *ferre*, to bear.

**ferae naturae**. L., of wild nature.

**feral**<sup>1</sup>. Deadly. L. *feralis*, funeral.

**feral**<sup>2</sup>. Savage. From L. *fera*, wild beast; cf. *ferus*, fierce; cogn. with G. *θύρ*, wild beast.

**fer-de-lance**. Viper (Martinique). F., lance-blade, from shape of head.

**feretory** [*eccl.*]. Shrine, bier. Perversion of ME. *ferve*, OF. *fièvre*, L. *feverum*, G. *φέπερον*, from *φέπειν*, to bear.

**ferial**. Late L. *ferialis*, from *feria*, older *fesia*, cogn. with *festum*, feast. See *fair*<sup>2</sup>.

**ferine**. L. *ferinus*, as *feral*<sup>2</sup>.

**Feringhee**. Pers. *farangī*, Arab. *faranjī*, Oriental adaptation of *Frank*, used for European, with ethnic suffix *-ī*.

**ferment**. L. *fermentum*, from *fervere*, to boil.



**fern.** AS. *fearn*; cf. Du. *varen-kruid*, Ger. *farn-kraut*; cogn. with Sanskrit *parṇa*, wing, feather; cf. G. *πτερόν*, wing, *πτερίς*, fern.

**ferocious.** From L. *ferox*, *feroc-*, from *ferus*, wild.

**-ferous.** See *-fer*.

**ferreous.** From L. *ferreus*, from *ferum*, iron.

**ferret**<sup>1</sup>. Animal. F. *furēt*, dim. of OF *furon*, Late L. *furo-n-*, lit. thief, from *fur*.

**ferret**<sup>2</sup>. Silk tape. It. *fioretta*, pl. of *fioretto*, floweret. From pattern. Cf. F. *fleurēt* in similar sense.

**ferruginous.** From L. *ferrugo*, *fer-rugin-*, iron rust, from *ferrum*, iron.

**ferrule.** Altered (as though from *ferum*, iron) from earlier *verrel*, *virrel*, OF. *virelle*, *virōl* (Mod. *virole*), prob. from *viver*, to turn (see *veer*<sup>2</sup>).

**ferry.** AS. *ferian*, to carry, make to "fare"; cf. Du. *veer*, Ger. *fähre*, ferry-boat.

**fertile.** L. *fertilis*, from *ferre*, to bear.

**ferula, ferule.** L. *ferula*, giant fennel, rod, ? from *ferre*, to strike.

**fervent.** From pres. part. of L. *fervere*, to boil, glow.

**fescennine.** From *Fescennia* (Etruria), famous for scurrilous verse dialogues.

**fescue** [bot. & dial.]. Grass. Earlier *festu*, OF. *festu* (Mod. *fétu*), straw, VL. \**festucum* for *festuca*.

**fess** [her.]. OF. *faisse* (Mod. *fasce*), L. *fascia*, band.

**festal.** OF. *festal*, from L. *festum*, feast.

**feſter.** OF. *feſtre*, L. *fiſtula*.

**festive.** L. *festivus*, from *festum*, feast.

**festoon.** F. *feston*, It. *festone*, app. connected with L. *festum*, feast.

**fetch**<sup>1</sup>. Verb. AS. *fetan*, *feccan*, ult. cogn. with *foot*; cf. AS. *fæt*, step, journey.

**fetch**<sup>2</sup> [archaic]. Wraith. Perh. short for *fetch-life*, messenger fetching soul of dying, or *fetch-light*, corpse-candle, both obs.

**fête.** F. *fête*, L. *feſta*, for *feſtum* (see *feast*).

**fetial, fecial** [hist.]. L. *fetialis*, *fecialis*, ambassadorial, heraldic.

**fetid.** L. *fetidus*, from *fetere*, to stink.

**fetish.** F. *fétiche*, Port. *feitiço*, L. *fathicius*, made by art, applied by early Port. travellers to native amulets, etc., on Guinea coast.

**fetlock.** ME. *fellak*, *fyllok*. Now associated with *lock*<sup>1</sup>, tuft of hair, but earlier prob. with *lock*<sup>2</sup>, fastening; cf. hist. of the almost synonym. *paste*

(q.v.). Cf. LG. *fillock*, Ger. dial. *fiss-lock*. First element is cogn. with *foot*, second is usu. explained as formative suffix.

**fetter.** AS. *feter*; cf. Du. *veter*, lace, earlier, chain, MHG. *fesser* (replaced by *fessel*), ON. *fioturr*. From *foot*.

**fettle.** As in *fine fettle*. From dial. verb *fettle*, to make ready, etc. Perh. from AS. *fetel*, belt, as the verb is used reflex. in ME. with sense like to *gird oneself* (cf. to *buckle to*). AS. *fetel* is ult. cogn. with *vat* and Ger. *fassen*, to grasp, embrace.

**fetus.** L., offspring, cogn. with *felix*, happy. Incorr. *foetus*.

**feu** [leg.]. Sc. form of *fee* (q.v.), OF. *fiu*, fief.

**feud**<sup>1</sup>. Vendetta. Early Sc. *fede*, OF. *faide*, OHG. *fēhida* (Mod. *fehde*); cf. AS. *fēhhi*, enmity (see *foe*). Adopted in E. in 16 cent., with unexplained alteration to *feud*.

**feud**<sup>2</sup>. Fief. MedL. *feudum*, *feodium* (10 cent.). See *fee*, *feu*, *fief*. The ending may be OHG. *ōd*, wealth, property, as in *allodial* (q.v.).

**feu de joie.** F., fire of joy, orig. bonfire.

**feuille-morte.** F., dead leaf

**feuilleton.** F., dim. of *feuille*, leaf, L. *folia*, pl. of *folium*.

**fever.** AS. *fēfer*, L. *febris*. Hence *feverfew*, AF. *fewerfue*, Late L. *febrifugia*, febrifuge (*fugare*, to put to flight), from med. use.

**few.** AS. *fēawe* (pl.). Com. Teut.; cf. OSax. *fāh*, OHG. *fāho*, ON. *fār*, Goth. *fawai* (pl.); cogn. with L. *paucus*.

**fey** [Sc.]. Of excitement supposed to presage death. AS. *fæge*, doomed, timid. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *veeg*, OHG. *feigi* (Mod. *feig*, cowardly), ON. *feigr*; perh. cogn. with L. *piger*, sluggish.

**fez.** F. *fez*, from *Fez* in Morocco.

**fiancé.** F. *fiancé*, p.p. of *fiancer*, to betroth, from OF. *fiance*, pledge, from *fier*, to trust, VL. \**fidare*, from *fides*, faith.

**fianchetto** [chess]. It., little flank (attack).

**fiasco.** It., lit. bottle (see *flask*), in phrase *far fiasco*, said to be from slang of Venet. glass-workers. Orig. sense doubtful.

**fiat.** L., let it be done, in MedL. proclamations and commands, from *fieri*, used as pass. of *facere*. The L. verb is ult. cogn. with *be*.

**fib**<sup>1</sup>. Læ. Perh. for earlier *fible-fable*, redupl. on *fable*. It may, however, be a thinned form of *foib*<sup>1</sup> (cf. *bitch*<sup>2</sup>).

**fib**<sup>2</sup> [*pugil*]. To strike. Thieves' slang, of unknown origin.

**fibre**. F. *fibre*, L. *fibra*.

**fibula**. L., clasp, buckle, from *fuvere*, by-form of *figere*, to fix.

**ficelle**. F. *ficelle*, string, VL. \**filicella*, from *filum*, thread.

**fichu**. F., fig. use of *fichu*, done for, mod. substitution for a coarser word. Cf. *négligé*.

**fickle**. AS. *ficol*, tricky; cf. *gefic*, deceit, *befician*, to deceive.

**fiction**. L. *factio*-n-, from *figere*, *fact*-, to shape, fashion. Cf. *fictile*, of pottery.

**fid** [*naut.*]. Peg, pin, plug, in various senses. Origin doubtful. ? It. *fitto*, from *figgere*, to drive in, fix, L. *figere*.

**fiddle**. AS. *fihele* (in *fiheletere*), cf. Du. *vedel*, Ger. *fiedel* (OHG. *fidula*), ON. *fiðla*, MedL. *vidula*, *vitula*, whence also It. *viola*, F. *virole*, etc. ? Ult. from L. *fides*, string (of lute).

**fiddley** [*naut.*]. Framework round opening to stoke-hole. Perh. from *fiddle*, a favourite word with mariners; cf. the fiddles on the saloon table, the *fiddle-head*, carved scroll-work at bow, etc.

**fidei-commisum** [*leg.*]. L., entrusted to faith.

**fidelity**. L. *fidelitas*, from *fidelis*, faithful, from *fides*, faith, cogn. with G. *neðeothai*, to trust.

**fidget**. For earlier *fidge*, synon. with obs. *fike*, *fig*, ME *fiġen*, to hasten; cf. Ger. *ficken*, to move restlessly; but the relation of these words is obscure.

**fidibus**. Paper spill Ger. student slang (17 cent.). Mock-Latin, of unknown origin.

**fiduciary** [*leg.*]. L. *fiduciarus*, from *fiducia*, trust, from *fides*.

**fie**. Imit. of disgust at smell. Cf. F. *fi*, L. *fi*, *phu*, ON. *fj̄*, Ger. *pfui*.

**fief**. F. *fief*, Carolingian L. *fevum*, OHG. *fehū*. See *fee*, *feud*<sup>2</sup>.

**field**. AS. *feld*; cf. Du. *veld*, Ger. *feld*; cogn. with AS. *folde*, earth, ON. *fold*, grass-land.

**fieldfare**. ME. *feldefare* (3 sylls.), AS. \**feldefare*. Associated with *field* and *fare*, to travel, but real origin very doubtful.

**fiend**. AS. *fēond*, enemy. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *vijand*, Ger. *feind*, ON. *fjanda*, Goth. *fjands*. Orig. pres. part. of *fēogan*, to hate. For formation cf. *friend*.

**fierce**. OF. *fiers*, nom. of *fier*, proud, valiant, L. *ferus*, wild (see *feral*<sup>2</sup>).

**fieri facias** [*leg.*] L., cause it to be done, in sheriff's writ.

**fiery**. See *fire*.

**fife**. Ger. *pfeife*, from L. (see *pipe*).

**fig**<sup>1</sup>. Fruit. F. *figue*, Prov. *figa*, VL. \**fica*, for *ficus*.

**fig**<sup>2</sup> [*slang*]. Dress. For obs. *feague* (see *fake*).

**fight**. AS. *feohthan*. WGer.; cf. Du. *vechten*, Ger. *fechten*.

**figment**. L. *figmentum*, from *fig*, root of *figere*, to fashion. Cf. *fiction*.

**figuline**. L. *figulinus*, from *figulus*, potter (v.s.).

**figurant**. It. *figurante*. See *figure*.

**figure**. F. *figure*, L. *figura*, form, shape, from *fig*, root of *figere*, to fashion.

**figurine**. F. *figurine*, It. *figurina*, dim. of *figura*.

**figwort**. Supposed to cure the *fig*, pop. name for piles, from *fig*<sup>1</sup>.

**filacer** [*leg.*]. Filer of writs, from obs. *filace*, *file*<sup>2</sup> (q.v.).

**filament**. Late L. *filamentum*, from *filum*, thread.

**filbert**. AF. *philbert*, ME. *philiberd* (Gower), because ripe about St *Philibert's Day* (Aug. 22). Cf. Ger. *Lambertsnuß*, *filbert*, prob. Lombardy nut, but associated with St *Lambert* (Sep. 17). *Noix de filbert* is the Norm. name. The Saint's name is OHG. *filu-berht*, very bright.

**filch**. Thieves' slang (16 cent.) *File* occurs in same sense; ? cf. F. *filou*, pickpocket, *filouter*, to filch.

**file**<sup>1</sup>. Tool. AS. *fēol* (Mercian *fīl*); cf. Du. *vijl*, Ger. *feile*.

**file**<sup>2</sup>. For papers. F. *fil*, thread, L. *filum*.

**file**<sup>3</sup>. Of soldiers. F. *file*, from *filer*, to spin out, arrange one behind another, L. *filare*, from *filum* (v.s.).

**file**<sup>4</sup>. As used by the Artful Dodger (*Oliver Twist*, ch. xliii.), may be ME. *file*, fellow, wench, F. *filles*. For double sex cf. *harlot*. See also *filch*.

**filemot, philamot**. Colour. Corrupt. of *ferullemorte* (q.v.).

**filial**. Late L. *filialis*, from *filus*, son.

**filibeg, philibeg**. Highland kilt. Gael. *fēileadh*, fold, *beag*, small. First element perh. from L. *velum*.

**filibuster**. Ult. Du. *vrijbouter*, free-booter (q.v.), the relation of E. *filibuster*, earlier *fibutor*, F. *fibustier*, earlier *fribustier*, and Sp. *fibbuster* being uncertain.

**filic**. From L. *filix*, *filic*-, fern.

**filigrane, filigree**. Earlier *filigreen*, F. *filigrane*, It. *filigrana*, from L. *filum*, thread, *granum*, grain, bead.

**filioque** [*theol.*]. L., and from the Son. Clause in Nicene Creed which separates Eastern Church from Western.

**Filipino**. Sp., inhabitant of *Philippine* Islands.

**fill**. AS. *fyllan*. See *full*.

**fillet**. F. *filet*, dim of *fil*, thread, L. *filum*. First E. sense is head-band, partly due to association with *phylactery*.

**fillibeg**. See *filibeg*.

**filip**. Imit. of sound and movement. Lengthened form of *flap*<sup>1</sup> (cf. *chirp*, *chirrup*). Lighter than *flap*, *flop*.

**filly**. ON. *fylja*, fem. of *fohl*, foal (q.v.).

**film**. AS. *filmen*, membrane, cogn. with *fell*<sup>1</sup>.

**filoselle**. F. *filoselle*, It. *filosello*, corrupted (after *filo*, thread) from VL. \**follicellus*, for *folliculus*, cocoon, dim. of *folius*, bag.

**filter**. F. *filtrer*, It. *filtrare*, MedL. *filtrum*, felt (q.v.), through which liquids were strained.

**filth**. AS. *fýlih*, from *foul* (q.v.).

**finbria**. L., fringe (q.v.).

**fin**. AS. *finn*; cf. Du. *vin*; cogn. with L. *penna*, feather, *fin*.

**final**. L. *finalis*, from *finis*, end. Cf. *finale*, It. adj., orig. of music.

**finance**. F. *finance*, from OF. *finer*, to end, settle, from *fin*, L. *finis*.

**finch**. AS. *finc*; cf. Du. *vnk*, Ger. *finch*; cogn. with F. *pinson*, It. *pincone*, Welsh *pink*, G. *antypas*; cf. E. dial. *pink*, *spink*.

**find**. AS. *findan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *vinden*, Ger. *finden*, ON. *finna*, Goth. *finthan*.

**fin de siècle**. F., end of century. App. first in title of comedy, *Paris fin de siècle*, produced at the Gymnase, Feb. 1890.

**fine**<sup>1</sup>. Noun. F. *fin*, end, L. *finis*. In MedL. & ME. also final agreement, settlement by payment, etc. Orig. sense only in *in fine* (cf. F. *enfin*).

**fine**<sup>2</sup>. Adj. F. *fin*, VL. \**finus*, back-formation from *finire*, to finish; cf. It. Sp. *fino*. Borrowed also by all Teut. langs. (e.g. Du. *vijn*, Ger. *fein*).

**finesse**. F., delicacy, subtlety. See *fine*<sup>2</sup>.

**finger**. AS. *finger*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *vinger*, Ger. *finger*, ON. *fingr*, Goth. *figgers*.

**finering**. Fine wool. Earlier *fingram*, F. *fin grain*. Cf. *rogram*.

**final** [*arch.*]. E. var. of *final*.

**finical**. Recorded earlier than *finikin*, which suggests obs. Du. *fijnkens*.

‘perfectè exactè ad unguem, concinnè, bellè’ (Kil.). In any case ult. from *fine*<sup>2</sup>.

**finis**. L., end

**finish**. F. *finir*, *finiss-*, L. *finire*. Cf. *finite*, L. p.p. *finitus*.

**finnan**. Haddock. Also *findon*. ? Orig. from river *Findhorn*.

**fiord**. Norw. *fjord*, ON. *fjorðr*. See *firth*.

**fir**. ON. *fyr*, usu. *fura*; cf. AS. *furh* (*wudu*), Dan. *fyr*, Ger. *fohre*; cogn. with L. *quercus*, oak.

**fire**. AS. *fȳr* WGer., cf. Du. *vuur*, Ger. *feuer*, cogn. with G. *πῆρ*, fire, and perh. with *pure*.

**firkin**. Fourth part of barrel (*John* ii. 6). Earlier *ferdekyn*, app. an E. formation on Du. *vierde*, fourth, after earlier *kilderkin* (q.v.).

**firm**. Restored from ME. *ferm*, F. *ferme*, L. *firmus*. As noun, orig. signature; then, title of business. This is Sp. It. *firma*, from L. *firmare*, to confirm, ratify (see *farm*).

**firmament**. L. *firmamentum*, from *firmare*, to make firm, used in *Vulg.* to render G. *στερέωμα*, from *στερεός*, firm, solid

**firman**. Pers. *fermān*, command, edict; cf. Sanskrit *pramāṇa*.

**firn** [*Alp*]. Last year's snow, névé. Ger. *firn*; cf. OHG. *firm*, old, cogn. with AS. *fyrn*, old, Goth. *fairneis*; also ME. *fern*, last year

**first**. AS. *fyrrest*, superl. of *fore* (q.v.); cf. Du. *vorst*, Ger. *fürst*, prince (OHG. *furisto*, first), ON. *fyrstr*.

**firth**, **frith** [*Sc.*]. ON. *fjorðr* (see *fiord*).

**fiscal**. Late L. *fiscalis*, from *fiscus*, fisc, imperial treasury, orig. rush-basket, purse; cf. hist. of *budget*.

**fish**<sup>1</sup>. Creature. AS. *fisc*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *visch*, Ger. *fisch*, ON. *fiskr*, Goth. *fisks*, cogn. with L. *piscis*, OIr. *iasc*.

**fish**<sup>2</sup> [*naut.*] Piece of wood used to strengthen mast; cf. to *fish* a mast, *fish-plate* (railway). Perh. ident with *fish*<sup>1</sup> and due to some mysterious naut. metaphor. But cf. naut. F. *fiche*, a rag-bolt, from *ficher*, to fix, which may have been adopted by E. sailors in an altered sense

**fisher** [*neol.*]. Treasury note signed by *Sur Warren Fisher*; cf. *bradbury*.

**fishgig**. See *fizgig*

**fissi-**. From L. *findere*, *fiss-* (v.i.).

**fissure**. F. *fissure*, L. *fissura*, from *findere*, *fiss-*, to split, ult. cogn. with *bite*.

**fist.** AS *fȳst*. WGer.; cf. Du. *vunst*, Ger. *faust*.

**fistula.** L., pipe, tube.

**fit<sup>1</sup>** [*archaic*]. Division of poem. AS. *fitl*. Cf. latinized OSax. *vittea* Perh. cogn. with Ger. *fitze*, OHG *fizza*, fixed numbers of threads of yarn.

**fit<sup>2</sup>**. Paroxysm. AS. *fitl*, conflict.

**fit<sup>3</sup>**. Suitable, etc. ME. *fitten*, to array troops, may be the same word. In ref. to clothes, etc., partly due to common misprinting of *sit* (*fit*), to become, as in *the coat sits well*. Origin obscure, main sense app. due to ME. *fete*, adapted, F. *fait*, L. *factus* (for -it cf. *benefit*).

**fitch<sup>1</sup>**. For *vetch* (Is. xxviii. 25).

**fitch<sup>2</sup>, fitchew.** Polecat. OF. *fissel*, *fissau*, dim of word found in obs. Du. as *fisse*, *visse*, prob. from ON. *fīsa*, to stink.

**fitful.** From *fit<sup>2</sup>*.

**Fitz-.** AF. *fiz*, F. *filz*, L. *filus*.

**five.** AS. *fif*. Aryan; cf. Du. *vijf*, Ger. *fünf* (OHG. *fimf*), ON. *fimm*, Goth. *fimf*, L. *quinque* (for \**pinque*), G. *πέντε*, *πέμπε*, Sanskrit *pañcha*, OWelsh *pimp*, etc. E. has lost the nasal before the spirant as in *other*. With game of *fives* cf. pugil. *bunch of fives*, *fist*.

**fix.** From L. *figere*, *fix-*; cf. F. *fixer*, It. *fissare*.

**fizgig.** In various senses, from *fizz* and *gig<sup>1</sup>* (q.v.). In sense of harpoon (corruptly *fishgig*), from Sp. Port. *fisga*, from *fisgar*, to spear fish, ? VL. \**fixicare*.

**fizz.** Imit., cf. *fizzle*.

**fizzle.** Orig. sine fragore pedere; cf. ON. *fīsa*, pedere, whence obs. E. *fise*, *fist*, in same sense.

**flabbergast.** Arbitrary formation on *flap* or *flabby* and *aghost*.

**flabby.** For earlier *flappy*, with suggestion of increased languor

**flabell-.** From VL. \**flabellum*, fan, from *flare*, to blow.

**flaccid.** L. *flaccidus*, from *flaccus*, flabby, having hanging ears.

**flacon.** F., see *flagon*.

**flag<sup>1</sup>.** Plant. ME. *flagge*, *flegge*; cf. Dan. *flæg*, Du. *flag*. Perh. connected with *flay* (q.v.), to cut; cf. L. *gladiolus*, and hist. of *sedge* (q.v.).

**flag<sup>2</sup>.** Banner; to droop. Both appear in 16 cent. and are prob. of imit origin; cf. *flap*, obs. *flacker*, etc. There has also been association with *sag<sup>2</sup>*, and, in the case of the verb, with OF. *flaque*, flaccid. With the noun

cf. Du. *vlag*, Norw. Dan. *flag*, Sw. *flagg*, Ger. *flagge* (from LG.), all perh. from E.

**flag<sup>3</sup>.** Stone. Orig. slice of turf, etc., as still in EAngl. ON. *flag*, spot where a turf has been cut, *flaga*, slab of stone; cf. *flake*, *flaw*, *flay*, and *flag<sup>1</sup>*.

**flagellate.** From L. *flagellare*, from *flagellum*, dim. of *flagrum*, scourge

**flageolet<sup>1</sup>.** Musical instrument. F. *flageolet*, dim. of OF. *flageol*, *flajol*, Prov. *flawjol*. Origin unknown, but ult. connection with L. *flare*, to blow, seems likely.

**flageolet<sup>2</sup>.** Kidney-bean. Corrupted F. dim. of *faséole*, L. *phaseolus*, from *phaselus*, G. *φάσηλος*.

**flagitate.** From L. *flagitare*, to demand urgently, prob. cogn. with next word, though the connection is obscure.

**flagitious.** L. *flaginosus*, from *flagitium*, crime.

**flagon.** ME. *flakon*, F. *flacon*, OF. *flascon*; cf. Late L. *flascon-<sup>r</sup>*. See *flask*.

**flagrant.** From pres. part. of L. *flagrare*, to burn.

**flail.** OF. *flail* (Mod. *fléau*), L. *flagellum*, scourge.

**flair.** F. *flair*, scent (of hound), from *flairer*, to scent, VL. \**flagrare*, by dissim. from *fragrare*.

**flake.** First of snow (Chauc). Cf. ON. *floke*, flock of wool, Ger. *flocke* (OHG. *flohho*), flock of wool, flake of snow, both prob. from L. *floccus* (see *flock<sup>2</sup>*); so also F. *floc*, flock of wool, *flocon*, snow-flake. Other senses of *flake* suggest connection with *flay* (q.v.) or with Du. *vlaak*, flat.

**flam, flim-flam.** Humbug. Redupl. on *flam*, which may be short for *flamflew* (Sc.), trifle, gew-gaw, OF. *fanfelue* (Mod. *fanfreluche*), MedL. *fanfaluca*, bubble, G. *πομφόλυξ*.

**flambeau.** F., dim. of *flambe*, flame. Cf. *flamboyant*, orig. arch., with flame-like tracery

**flame.** OF. *flame* (Mod. *flambe*, *flamme*), L. *flamma*, ? cogn. with *flagrare*, to burn, ? or with *flare*, to blow.

**flamen.** L., priest, of obscure origin.

**flamingo.** Sp. *flamenco* or Port. *flamengo*, lit. Fleming, the choice of the name being due either to a kind of pun on *flame* or to the medieval reputation of the Flemings for bright dress and florid complexion.

**flammenwerfer** [hist.]. Ger., flame-thrower. See *flame*, *warf*.

**flanconnade** [fenc.]. F., side-thrust, from *flanc*, flank.

**flange.** Also *flanch* App. connected with OF. *flanche*, fem. form of *flanc*, side. ? Or from OF. *flangir*, mod. dial. *flancher*, to bend, turn, which is of Teut. origin and ult. cogn. with *flank*.

**flank.** F. *flanc*, OHG *hlancha*, hip, cogn. with AS. *hlanc*, lank, slender. For change of init. *h-* to *f-* cf. *frock*.

**flannel.** Earlier also *flannen*, Welsh *gwlanen*, from *gwlan*, wool.

**flap.** Imit. of a sound or motion halfway between the lighter *flip* and the heavier *flop*. Mod. sense of *flapper* is perh. due to earlier application to young wild-duck or partridge. With *flap-doodle*, arbitrary coinage, cf. obs. *fadoodle* (17 cent.).

**flare.** Earlier *flear*. Orig. to flutter, flicker. App. a cant word and hence prob. Du. or LG. Cf. Ger. *flattern*, *fladdern*, Du. *vlederen*, the latter perh. the source of our word, with loss of *-d-*, common in Du. words. Cogn. with *flutter*, *flutter*.

**flash.** Orig. to dash, splash, etc., later application to light being partly due to association with *flame*. Of imit. origin, combining the *fl-* of rapid motion with the *-sh* of sound; cf. *flash*<sup>1,2</sup>.

**flask.** Archaic F. *flasque* (for powder), and It. *iasco* (for wine). Also in Teut. langs., e.g. AS. *flasce*, Du. *flesch*, Ger. *flasche*. Earliest forms are Late L. *flasco-n-* (see *flagon*) and *flasca*. Origin unknown.

**flat**<sup>1</sup>. Adj. ON. *flatr*, smooth, level, cogn. with OHG. *flaz*, whence *flazza*, flat of the hand.

**flat**<sup>2</sup>. Floor, dwelling. Of recent introduction from Sc, spelt *flet* up to 18 cent. AS *flett*, floor, dwelling, cogn. with *flat*<sup>1</sup>; cf. OSax. *fletti*, OHG. *flazzi*, in same sense.

**flatter.** Frequent. formation from F. *flatter*, orig. to smooth, from Teut. (see *flat*<sup>1</sup>).

**flatulent.** ModL. *flatulentus*, from *flatus*, from *flare*, to blow.

**flaunt.** Very common in late 16 cent. in ref. to waving plumes, flags, etc, esp. in phrase *flaunt-a-flaunt*. Origin obscure; ? nasalized from Ger. *flattern* (see *flare*).

**flautist.** It. *flautista*, from *flauto*, flute.

**Flavian amphitheatre.** The Coliseum, built by Vespasian, first of the *Flavian* Emperors.

**flavin-e** [chem.]. From L. *flavus*, yellow.

**flavour.** In ME. smell. OF. *flaor*, *fleur* (with *-v-* inserted in E, perh. by analogy with *savour*, its later synonym), Late L. *\*flator-em*, from *flare*, to blow; cf. It. *fiatore*, stench.

**flaw.** In ME. flake, with which it is cogn.; later, fissure, imperfection. Prob Scand.; cf. Sw. Norw. dial. *flaga* in similar senses. See *flag*<sup>3</sup>.

*Flaw*, gust of wind or rain, is app. of same origin; cf. Sw. *flaga*, Du. *vlaag*.

**flawn** [archaic]. Pancake, etc. F. *flan*, OF. *flaon*, MedL. *flado-n-*, OHG. *flado* (Mod. *fladen*), flat cake. Ult. cogn. with *flat*<sup>1</sup>; cf. also Du. *vlade* and ME. *flathe*.

**flax.** AS. *fleax*. WGer.; cf. Du. *vlas*, Ger. *flachs*; ? cogn. with L. *plectere*, to weave, G. *πλέκω*.

**flay.** AS. *flean*, cf. obs. Du. *vlaen*, *vlaeghen*, ON. *flā*; cogn. with *flag*<sup>3</sup>, *flaw*, and (some senses of) *flake*.

**flea.** AS. *flea*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *vloo*, Ger. *floh*, ON. *flō*; cogn. with *flee*.

**fleam.** Vet.'s lancet. OF. *fieme* (Mod. *flamme*), Late L. *flebotomum* (see *phlebotomy*).

**fliche.** Term in fort., spire. F. *fliche*, arrow, prob. Celt.

**fleck.** ON. *flekk*, spot; cf. Du. *vlek*, Ger. *fleck*, spot.

**fledge.** Orig. adj., ready to fly. Kentish form of AS. *flycge*, only recorded in *unflugge*, unfledged. WGer., cf. Du. *vlug*, Ger. *flügge*, a LG. form for HG. *fluck*, *flück*; cogn. with *fly*.

**flee.** AS. *fleon*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *vlieden* (earlier *vliēen*), Ger. *fliehen*, ON. *flya*, Goth. *thliuhan*. The Goth. init. points to Teut. *thl-* and hence an origin quite distinct from *fly* (q.v.), but the verbs were already confused in AS.

**fleece.** AS. *fleos*. WGer.; cf. Du. *vlies*, Ger. *vliess*.

**flee.** To deride, etc. ? Scand.; cf. Norw. *flira*, to grin. ? Or ident. with Du. *fleer*, blow on the face (cf. sense-development of *gird*<sup>2</sup>).

**fleet**<sup>1</sup> [naut.]. AS. *flēot*, ship, cogn. with *fleet*<sup>4</sup>; cf. Ger. *floss*, raft.

**fleet**<sup>2</sup>. Creek, brook. AS. *flēot*, cogn. with *fleet*<sup>1</sup>; cf. Du. *vliet*.

**fleet**<sup>3</sup>. Adj. ON. *fljōtr*, swift, cogn. with *fleet*<sup>4</sup>.

**fleet**<sup>4</sup>. Verb. AS. *flēotan*, to float, drift. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *vlieten*, Ger. *fließen*, to flow, ON. *flīota*; cogn. with L. *pluere*, to rain, G. *plēiv*, to sail.

**Flemish.** Du. *vlaamsch* (earlier *vlaemisch*), of Flanders. In some naut. terms, e.g. *flemish coil*.

**fench, fenese, finch.** To strip blubber from dead whale. Dan. *fenese*.

**flesh.** AS *flæsc*. WGer., cf. Du. *vleesch*, Ger. *fleisch*. ON. *flesk* is swine's flesh only, which may have been orig. meaning.

**fletcher** [hist.] Arrow-smith. OF. *flechier* (see *fêche*)

**fleur-de-lis.** Sing. of F. *fleurs de lis*, flowers of lilies, where *lis* is OF. pl. of *lil*, L. *lilium*.

**fleury, flory** [her.]. F. *fleuré*, tipped with *fleurs-de-lis*.

**flews.** Hanging chaps of hound. Origin unknown.

**flex** [neol.]. Covered wire connecting electric lamp. For *flexible*.

**flexible.** L. *flexibilis*, from *flectere*, *flex-*, to bend

**flibbertigibbet.** ? Imit. of chattering. Earlier also *flubbergib*.

**flick.** Imit.; cf. F. *fic*, *flac*.

**flicker.** AS *flucian*, imit. of a lighter movement than dial. *flacker*. Orig. of birds, to flutter.

**flight.** AS. *flyht*, from *fly* (q v), also from *flee* (q.v), early confused.

**flimflam.** See *flam*.

**flimmer.** To burn unsteadily. Imit. formation from *flame*, associated also with *flicker*, *glimmer*. Cf. Ger. *flimmern*, earlier *flimmen*.

**flimsy.** Obs. Welsh *llymsi* (cf. *flummery* for init. *fl*.) Synon US. *lymsy*, *lymsy* may be the same word.

**finch<sup>1</sup>.** To give way. Earlier *fench*, nasalized form of ME. *flecchen*, OF. *fleschier* (replaced by *fêchier*), ? VL. \**flexicare*, from L. *flectere*, *flex-*, to bend.

**finch<sup>2</sup>.** See *fench*

**finders.** Splinters. Also *flinters*. Cf. Norw. dial. *flinter*, Du. *flenter*, Ger. *flinder*, *flitter*; perh. cogn. with *flint*, used of splinter of stone.

**fling.** Cf. ON. *flengja*; but, as this is weak only, the E verb supposes a strong \**flinga*, of which *flengja* would be the regular causal.

**flint.** AS. *flint*, cf. obs. Du. *vlint*, OHG. *flins*, Dan *flint*, Sw. *flinta*; ? cogn. with G. *πλινθος*, tile, and ult. with *splint*.

**flip<sup>1</sup>.** Light blow. See *flip*, *flap*, *flop*. Of these *flap* is prob. the first in date. Also in redupl. *flip-flap*, *flipperty-flopperty*.

**flip<sup>2</sup>.** As in *egg-flip*. App. a sailors' word. Perh. for *Philip*.

**flippant.** Orig. nimble, alert, as still in dial. App. from *flip<sup>1</sup>*, with suffix perh. adopted from the -ant of heraldry (*couchant*, *trippant*, etc.) Cf. *blatant*

**flirt.** In 16-17 cents. used of a slight blow, jerk (cf. to *flirt a fan*); hence, jest, gibe. App. of imit origin, with LG parallels. In its latest development influenced by OF. *fleurir*, "sleightly to run, lightly to passe over; only to touch a thing in going by it (metaphorically from the little bees nimble skipping from flower to flower as she feeds)" (Cotg.)

**flit.** ON. *flytja*, cogn. with *flét<sup>4</sup>*.

**flitch.** AS. *flitce*, cf. ON. *flikke*, whence F. *fêche*

**flitter.** See *finders*

**flittermouse** [dial.] Bat. Cf. Du. *vledermuis*, *vleermuis*, Ger. *fledermaus*; cogn. with *flut*, *flutter*, *flare*.

**flivver** [slang]. Cheap motor-car. US. slang, of unknown origin

**float.** AS *flotian*, cogn. with *flét<sup>4</sup>* and ON. *flota*, cf. Du. *vlot*, Ger. *floss*, raft. Influenced by synon. F. *flotter*, which is L. *fluctuare*, from *fluctus*, wave, affected by ON. *flota*.

**flocculent.** See *flock<sup>2</sup>*.

**flock<sup>1</sup>.** Of sheep. AS *floc*, herd, body of men; cf. ON. *flokkr*. Not found in other Teut. langs. ? Cogn. with Teut. *folk*, whence OF. *foic*, *fouc*, herd, multitude

**flock<sup>2</sup>.** Of wool. F. *floc*, L. *flocus*. See *flake*

**floe.** App. connected with ON. *flō*, layer, expanse, whence Norw. *flo*, layer, stratum, but exact source doubtful. Dan. *flage*, *floe*, should give *flaw*.

**flog.** Cant word. ? Arbitrary perversion of L. *flagellare*. Cf. *tund*.

**flood.** AS. *flōd*, flowing, river, sea, flood. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *vloed*, Ger. *flut*, ON. *flōth*, Goth. *flōdus*; cogn. with *flow<sup>1</sup>*.

**floor.** AS. *flōr*; cf. Du. *vloer*, Ger. *flur*, plain, field, ON. *flōr*, of a cow-stall.

**flop.** Imit. of heavier movement than *flap*.

**flora.** L. *Flora*, goddess of flowers, from *flos*, *flor*-. Adopted (17 cent.) as title for bot works and popularized by Linnaeus. Cf. *fauna*.

**Florentine.** L. *Florentinus*, from *Florentia*, Florence. Hence kind of meat-pie (archaic).

**florescence.** From L. *florescere*, to begin to flower, from *flos*, *flor*-.

**floret** [bot.]. OF. *flurette* (Mod. *fleurlette*), dim. of *fleur*, L. *flos*, *flor*-.

**florid.** L. *floridus*, from *flos*, *flor*-, flower.

**florilegium.** ModL. rendering of *anthology* (q.v.).

**florin.** F. *florin*, coin of Florence (1252), with the flower as emblem of the city; cf. It. *fiorno*, Sp. *florin*.

**florist.** From L. *flos*, *flor*-. Cf. F. *fleuriste*.

**floruit.** L., he flourished, from *florere*.

**flory.** See *fleury*.

**floss-silk.** Cf. F. *soie floche*, It. *seta floscia*. Of Teut. origin and cogn. with *fleece*.

**floatation.** For *floatation*, after F. *flottaison*. Cf. *flotsam*.

**flotilla.** Sp., dim. of *flota*, fleet, app. of Teut. origin and cogn. with *flood*.

**flotsam.** Earlier *flotson*, AF. *floteson*, F. *flottaison*, from *flotter*, to float. Cf. *fetsam*.

**founce<sup>1</sup>.** To plunge. Perh. formed on *flop*, *bounce*; cf. *flounder<sup>2</sup>*.

**founce<sup>2</sup>.** On dress. For earlier *frounce*, wrinkle, pleat, etc., OF *frounce* (whence *froncer les sourcils*, to knit the brows, frown), OHG. *\*hrunza*, *runza*, whence Ger. *runzel*, wrinkle (q.v.). For initial f- cf. *flank*, *frock*.

**flounder<sup>1</sup>.** Fish. OF. *flondre*, from Teut; cf. ON. *flythra*, Sw., Norw. *flundra*, Dan. *flynder*; ult. cogn. with *flat<sup>1</sup>*.

**flounder<sup>2</sup>.** Verb. Orig. to stumble (of a horse). Prob. for *founder<sup>1</sup>* (q.v.), by association with *blunder* and dial. *fodder*, to flounder.

**flour.** Orig. *flower of wheat*, after F. *fleur de farine*, "flower, or the finest meal" (Cotg.).

**flourish.** OF. *florir* (Mod. *fleurir*), *floriss*-, VL *\*florire*, for *florere*, to bloom, etc.

**flout.** ? ME. *flouten*, to play the flute; cf. Du. *fluiten*, to humbug. Very doubtful, as *flout* expresses a much stronger idea.

**flow<sup>1</sup>.** Verb. AS. *flōwan*, cogn. with ON. *flōa*, to flood, Du. *vloeiën*, to flow, and *flood*; also with L. *fluere*, to rain. Has been associated in sense with unrelated L. *fluere*. Orig. strong, with p.p. *flown*, as still in *high-flown* (q.v.).

**flow<sup>2</sup>** [Sc.]. Morass, quicksand. ON. *flōi*, cogn. with *flow<sup>1</sup>*.

**flower.** OF. *flour* (Mod. *fleur*), L. *flos*, *flor*-. Cogn. with *blow<sup>2</sup>* and *bloom*.

**flowers** [med.]. F. *fleurs* (v.s.); cf. MedL. *flores*, Ger. *blumen*, in same sense; but learnedly associated with L. *flour*, *flow*.

**flu.** Influenza. For choice of middle syllable cf. *tec*, *scrip<sup>2</sup>*.

**fluctuate.** From L. *fluctuare*, from *fluctus*, wave, from *fluere*, to flow.

**flue<sup>1</sup>.** Fishing net. Cf. obs. Du. *vluwe*, now *flouw*, snipe-net. Perh. of F. origin.

**flue<sup>2</sup>.** Passage, chimney. Origin unknown.

**flue<sup>3</sup>.** Fluff. Orig. of rabbit, hare, etc. Cf. Flem. *vluwe*, prob. connected with F. *velu*, woolly, etc. (see *velvet*).

**fluent.** From pres. part. of L. *fluere*, to flow; cf. *fluid*, L. *fluidus*.

**fluff.** App. coined from *flue<sup>3</sup>* and *puff*, imitating sound of blowing away.

**fluid.** See *fluent*.

**fluke<sup>1</sup>.** Flat fish. AS *flōc*; cf. ON. *flōke*; ult. cogn. with Ger. *flach*, flat.

**fluke<sup>2</sup>.** Of anchor, hence of whale's tail. Said to be from *fluke<sup>1</sup>*, from shape; but cf. synonym. Ger. *flunke*, which Kluge regards as a LG. word for *flügel*, wing. Ger. *ankerflügel* is used in same sense.

**fluke<sup>3</sup>.** Lucky stroke. Found c. 1800 in slang sense of *flat*, one easily taken in, fig. from *fluke<sup>1</sup>* (cf. slang use of *gudgeon*).

**flume** [US.]. Water-course. OF. *flum*, L. *flumen*, from *fluere*, to flow.

**flummery.** Welsh *llymru*, sour oatmeal boiled and jellied.

**flummock** [slang]. Cf. dial. *flummock*, to confuse, of obscure origin.

**flump.** Imit., combining suggestions of *flop* and *thump*.

**flunkey.** Orig. Sc. Perh. for *flanker*, side attendant, with favourite Sc. dim. suffix.

**fluor** [chem.]. L., from *fluere*, to flow.

**flurry.** Orig. sudden squall. Imit., with reminiscence of *flutter*, *flaw*, *hurry*, and obs. *flurr*, to scatter, whirl.

**flush<sup>1</sup>.** To put up birds. In ME. intrans., to fly up suddenly. ? Imit., with idea of *fly*, *flutter*, *rush*.

**flush<sup>2</sup>.** To flood. Earlier, to rush, spurt out. Perh. ident. with *flush<sup>1</sup>*, but has absorbed earlier senses of *flash* (q.v.). In sense of blood rushing to face it has been influenced by *blush*. In *flushed with victory*, etc., it has been associated with *flesh* (one's sword). *Flush* of (money) prob. belongs here (but see *flush<sup>3</sup>*). *Flush*, level with, is doubtful; earliest in *flush deck* (Capt. John Smith). A very puzzling word, both origin and filiation of senses being conjectural.

**flush**<sup>3</sup>. Series of cards of same suit. F. *flux*, L. *fluxus*, flow; cf. obs. Du. *fluyts*, obs. It. *flusso*, both prob. from F.

**flushing** [archaic]. Fabric for sailor's coat. From *Flushing* (*Vlissingen*), place of manufacture.

**fluster**. Orig. to excite with drink. Cf. ModIce. *flaustra*, to bustle.

**flute**. F. *flûte*, OF. *flaüte*; cf. It. *flauto*, Sp. *flauta*, prob. from F., also Du. *fluit*, Ger. *flöte*, also from F. Origin unknown. The forms suggest association with *lute* and the init. *fl* suggests influence of L. *flare*, to blow.

**flutter**. AS. *floterian*, from *flēotan*, to fleet. Cf. *flitter*, *flicker*.

**fluvial**. L. *fluvialis*, from *fluvius*, river, from *fluere*, to flow.

**flux**. L. *fluxus*, from *fluere*, to flow. Cf. *fluxion*, L. *fluxio-n*.

**fly**. AS. *flēogan* Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *vliegen*, Ger. *fliegen*, ON. *fluga*, Goth. \**flungan* (inferred from causal *flaugjan*); cogn. with L. *pluma* Early confused with unrelated *flee* Also noun, AS. *flēoge*. Fly, vehicle, was also earlier called a *fly-by-night*.

**flyboat** [hist.]. Du. *vlieboot*, from the *Vlie*, channel leading to Zuyder Zee.

**foal**. AS. *folā*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *veulen*, Ger. *fohlen* (usu. *füllen*), ON. *foli*, Goth. *fula*; cogn. with L. *pullus*, G. *πῆλος*, Cf. *filly*.

**foam**. AS. *fām*; cf. Ger. *feim*, scum, cogn. with Sanskrit *phena*, foam, and perh. with L. *s-puma*.

**fob**<sup>1</sup>. In to fob off ME. *fob*, impostor (*Piers Plowm.*) Prob. OF. *forbe* (Mod. *fourbe*), cheat. For loss of -r- cf. *filemot*. *Fob*<sup>1</sup> may be partly a thinned form (cf. *bitch*<sup>2</sup>). But see also *fop*.

**fob**<sup>2</sup>. Pocket. Ger. dial. (EPruss.) *fuppe*, of LG. origin.

**focus**. L., hearth, hence burning-point, etc.

**fodder**. AS. *fōdor*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *voeder*, Ger. *futter*, ON. *fōthr*; cogn. with *food*. See *forage*.

**foe**. AS. *fāh*, adj., and *gefā*, noun; cogn. with *feud*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.) and *fiend*.

**fœtus**. See *fetus*.

**fog**. Rank grass Origin unknown. ? Hence *foggy*, boggy, spongy, thick, murky, ? whence, by back-formation, *fog*, mist. It is, however, possible that *foggy*, misty, is Du. *vochtig*, from *vocht*, damp, a WGer. word; cf. AS. *fūht*, Ger. *feucht*.

**fogger** [archaic]. See *pettisfogger*.

**fogle** [slang]. Handkerchief. Ger. *vogel*,

bird, has been suggested, via "bird's eye wipe." See *belcher*.

**fogy**. Usu. with *old*. Earlier also *fogram*, *foggie* App. adj. *foggy*, in obs. sense of fat. See *fog*.

**föhn**. Hot south wind in Alps. Swiss-Ger. *föhn*, L. *Favonius* (see *Favonian*).

**foible**. Weak point. OF. *forble* (Mod. *faible*) See *feeble*. Orig. from fencing, the lower part of the foil being called the *foible*. Cf. *forte*<sup>1</sup>.

**foil**<sup>1</sup>. Noun. OF. *foil*, *foille* (Mod. *feuille*), leaf, L. *folium*, *folia* (neut. pl.); cogn. with G. *φύλλον* From thin leaf of metal placed under gem to set off its brilliancy springs fig. sense of contrast. Fencing *foil*, orig. a rough sword-blade with blunted edge, is the same word, F. *feuille* being still used for blade of saw; cf. obs. Du. *folse*, broadsword, from OF.

**foil**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. Combined from F. *fouler*, to trample (see *fuller*), and *affoler*, to befool, baffle (see *fool*).

**foin** [archaic]. To thrust, orig. to prick, pierce. ? Altered in some way from obs. *poim*, to prick, thrust (see *poignant*).

**foison** [archaic]. Abundance. F. *foison*, L. *fusio-n*, from *fundere*, *fus*-, to pour.

**foist**. Orig. in dicing. App. from Du. *vuust*, fist. With to *foist* on cf. to *palm* off

**Fokker** [hist.]. Aeroplane. Du. inventor's name.

**fold**<sup>1</sup>. Verb. AS. *fealdan* Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *vouwen* (earlier *vouden*), Ger. *falten*, ON. *falda*, Goth. *falthan*; cogn. with G. *δι-πλάσιος*, two-fold, L. *du-plex*, etc., the orig. metaphor being that of plaiting strands.

**fold**<sup>2</sup>. For sheep. AS. *falod*; cf. LG. *valt*, Du. *vaalt*, Dan. *fold*.

**-fold**. From *fold*<sup>1</sup>; cf. Du. *-voud*, Ger. *-falt*, etc.

**foliage**. F. *feuillage*, from *feuille*, leaf, L. *folia*, neut. pl.

**folio**. For L. *in folio*, from *folium*, leaf.

**folk**. AS. *folc*; cf. Du. Ger. *volk*, people, ON. *folk*, division of army.

**follicle** [biol.]. L. *folliculus*, dim. of *folliculus*, bag, etc.

**follow**. AS. *folgian*, also *fylgan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *volgen*, Ger. *folgen*, ON. *fylga*. Perh. ult. a compd. of *full* and *go*.

**folly**. F. *folie*, from *fol* (*fou*). See *fool*.

**foment**. F. *fomentier*, Late L. *fomentare*, to warm, cherish, from *fovere*.

**fond**. ME. *fanned*, p p. of *fonnen*, to



be foolish, befool, of which *fondle* is frequent.; cf. ME. *fon*, fool, and mod. *fun*.

**fondant.** F. *fondant*, from *fondre*, to melt, L. *fundere*.

**font.** AS. *font*, L. *fons*, *font-*, fountain.

**fontanelle** [*anat*]. Space between parietal bones of infant. F., dim. of *fontaine*, fountain.

**food.** AS. *fōda*; cogn. with ON. *fæthe*, Goth. *fōðeins*, L. *pabulum*, G. *παρέομαι*, I feed; cf. *fodder*.

**fool**<sup>1</sup>. Foolish person. F. *fol* (*fou*), L. *folius*, bellows, wind-bag, but prob. here in the spec. sense of scrotum; cf. It. *coghione*, "a noddie, a fool, a patch, a dolt, a meacock" (Flor.), lit. testicle; also L. *gerro*, fool, from a Sicilian name for pudendum. *Fools-cap* paper formerly had a fool's cap as watermark.

**fool**<sup>2</sup>. Of gooseberries, etc. Perh playful application of *fool*<sup>1</sup>; cf. *trifle*, *sillabub* (q.v.).

**foot.** AS. *fōt*. Aryan; cf. Du. *voet*, Ger. *fuss*, ON. *fōtr*, Goth. *fōtus*, L. *pes*, *ped-*, G. *πούς*, *ποδ-*, Sanskrit *pāda*. See *charpoy*, *teapoy*.

**foote.** Mod. variation on dial. *footer*, to trifle, potter, F. *foutre*. See *footy*.

**footpad.** Robber on foot Earlier *pad*, short for *padder*, from Du. *pad*, path, way. A cant word. Cf. *highwayman*.

**footy** [archaic]. Paltry. F. *foutre*, p.p. of *foutre*, common as term of contempt (2 Hen. IV, v. 3).

**foozle.** To bungle. Cf. dial. Ger. *fuseln*, to bungle, app. cogn. with synon. Ger. *pfuschen*, *fuschen*. Cf. *fusel*.

**fop.** Orig. fool. Cf. Ger. *foppen*, to fool, beguile, from rogues' cant, and orig. used of beggars shamming disease. This can hardly be the origin of the E. word, found in ME, but they are no doubt related. Cf. also *job*<sup>1</sup>.

**for.** AS. *for*; as prep. not distinguished from cogn. *fore* in AS., but differentiated in ME.; cf. Du. *voor*, Ger. *vor*, *für* (as prefix *ver-*), ON. *fyrer*, Goth. *faur*; also L. *pro*, G. *περί*, *πρό*, *παρά*. As prefix it implies doing away with, spoiling, etc., like cogn. Ger. *ver-*. Also confused as prefix with *fore-*.

**for-**. See *for*.

**forage.** F. *fourrage*, from *feurre*, fodder, of Teut. origin. See *fodder*.

**foramin-**. From L. *foramen*, *foramin-*, orifice, from *forare*, to bore.

**foray.** Back-formation from *forayer*, OF. *forreor* (replaced by *fournier*),

forager, from *forrer*, to forage, from *feurre*, fodder, forage (q.v.).

**forbear**<sup>1</sup>. Ancestor. Orig. Sc. *fore be-er*, one existing before.

**forbear**<sup>2</sup>. Abstain. AS. *forberan*, to bear privation of.

**forbid.** AS. *forbōdan*. See *bid*. Cf. Du. *verbieden*, Ger. *verbieten*.

**forby** [Sc.]. Moreover, not to mention. From *for* and *by*.

**force**<sup>1</sup>. Vigour. F. *force*, VL. \**fortna*, from *fortis*, strong.

**force**<sup>2</sup>, **foss** [*north*]. Waterfall. ON. *fors*, whence Sw. *fors*, Dan *fos*.

**force-meat.** From archaic *force*, to stuff, for *farce* (q.v.).

**forceps.** L., pincers, tongs. Orig. smiths' implement, from *formus*, hot, *capere*, to take.

**forclose.** See *foreclose*.

**ford.** AS. *ford*; cf. archaic Du. *vord*, Ger. *furt*; cogn. with *fare*, *firth*, also with L. *portus*, harbour, G. *πόρος*, ford (*Bosporus* = *Oxford*).

**fordo, fordone** [archaic]. AS. *fordōn*, compd. of *dōn*, to do. Now replaced by *do for*, *done for*.

**fore.** Cogn. with *for* (q.v.). Adj. and noun use, e.g. *fore horse*, to the *fore*, is back-formation from old compds. in which the prefix appears to have adj. force, e.g. *foreman*. Golfers' *fore* is for *before*. In naut. lang. regularly opposed to *ast*. As prefix *fore-* has meaning of previous, before, but is sometimes confused with *for-*. In a few compds. the first element may have been originally *afore*, *before*, e.g. *foremast hand* (naut.), i.e. before the mast.

**fore-**. See *fore*.

**foreclose.** Better *forclose*, F. *forclorre*, from *fors*, L. *foris*, outside, and *clorre*, *clos-*, L. *claudere*, to shut; cf. *forfeit*.

**foregather.** See *forgather*.

**forego.** See *forgo*.

**forehead.** AS. *forhēafod*, with *for-* for *fore-*.

**foreign.** F. *forain*, from *fors*, outside, L. *foris*. Cf. *forest*.

**forel.** Parchment (bookbind.). Orig. case, cover. OF. *forel* (Mod. *fourreau*, sheath), dim. from Ger. *futter*, case.

**foremost.** AS. *formest*, superl. of *forma*, which is itself a superl. from same root as *fore*, with *-m-* suffix as in L. *primus*, etc. Confused with *most* (cf. *utmost*). *Former* is a back-formation from *formest*.

**forensic.** From L. *forensis*, from *forum* (q.v.).

**forest.** OF. *forest* (Mod *forêt*), MedL. *forestus* (sc. *sylva*), unenclosed land, from *foris*, outside. Cf. *foreign*.

**forestall.** From AS. *foresteall*, an ambush, waylaying, from *fore* and *stall*<sup>1</sup>.

**foreword.** Neol. (19 cent.) after Ger. *vorwort*, preface Cf. *wordbook*.

**forfeit.** F. *forfait*, wrong, crime, p.p. of *forfaire*, to do wrong, MedL. *foris facere*, to transgress, from *foris*, outside.

**forfend** [archaic]. Formed from *fend* (q.v.), to ward off, on model of synon. *forbid*.

**forgather** [Sc.]. From *for* and *gather*; or perh. directly from Du. *vergaderen*, to assemble.

**forge**<sup>1</sup>. Of smith. First as verb. F. *forger*, L. *fabricare*. For sense of counterfeiting, found very early, cf. *fabricate*.

**forge**<sup>2</sup> [naut.]. Usu. with *ahead*. Naut. corrupt. of *force*; cf. Mrs. Gamp's "Jonadage's belly."

**forget.** AS *forgietan*, from *get*; cf. Du. *vergeten*, Ger. *vergessen*.

**forgive.** AS. *forgiefan*, from *give*. Com. Teut. compd.; cf. Du. *vergeven*, Ger. *vergeben*, ON. *fyrirgefa*, Goth. *fragiban*, to grant. See *pardon*.

**forgo.** To dispense with. AS. *forgān*, to pass over. See *go*. Incorr. *forego*.

**forjudge** [leg.]. To exclude, dispossess by judgment. OF. *forjurer*; cf. *for-close*, *forfeit*, and see *judge*. Incorr. *forejudge*.

**fork.** AS. *force*, L. *furca*. Partly from ONF. *forque* (ModF. *fourche*).

**forlorn.** ME. p.p. of *forlesen*, to abandon, AS. *forlēosan*, to lose utterly; cf. Du. *verhezen*, Ger. *verlieren*, Goth. *fraliusan*. See *lose*, *lorn*. *Forlorn hope* (mil.) is obs. Du. *verloren hoop*, lost "heap" (cf. obs. Ger. *verlorener haufe*), body of men entrusted with desperate enterprise.

**form.** F. *forme*, L. *forma*, shape; prob. cogn. with *ferre*, to strike (cf. *type*). *Form*, bench, is from OF. phrase *s'asseoir en forme*, to sit in order.

**form-** [chem.]. See *formic*.

**format.** F. *format*, L. *formatus* (sc. *liber*).

**form**<sup>1</sup>. Of a hare. Ident. with *form*, F. *forme*, mould, being used of the impression left on the ground by the hare.

**form**<sup>2</sup> [typ.]. As *form* (q.v.).

**former.** See *foremost*.

**formic** [chem.]. Of ants. For \**formicac*, from L. *formica*, ant.

**formidable.** L. *formidabilis*, from *formido*, dread.

**formula.** L., dim. of *forma*.

**formication.** L. *formicatio-n-*, from *formicari*, from *formix*, *formic-*, brothel, orig. vault, arch.

**forrel.** See *forel*.

**forsake.** AS. *forsacan*, to relinquish, renounce, opposite of *sacan*, to fight, claim; cf. Du. *verzaken*, OHG. *firsakhan*. See *sake*.

**forsooth.** AS. *forsōih*, for truth. See *sooth*.

**forspent.** From archaic *forspend*, AS. *forspendan*, to squander. See *spend*.

**forswear.** AS. *forswernan*, to renounce an oath (cf. *abjure*), reflex. to perjure oneself. See *swear*.

**fort.** F. *fort*, L. *fortis*, strong; perh. with *château* understood.

**fortalice** [archaic]. MedL. *fortalitra*, from *fortis*, strong; cf. OF. *fortelece*, It. *fortiluzio*, Sp. *fortaleza*. See *fortress*.

**forte**<sup>1</sup>. Strong point. Orig. from fencing. F. *fort*, upper half of sword-blade. See *foible*.

**forte**<sup>2</sup> [mus.]. It., cf. *piano*.

**forth.** AS. *forth*, forward, onward, cogn. with *fore*; cf. Du. *voort*, Ger. *fort*. See *further*. With archaic *forth-right*, straight forward, cf. *downright*, *upright*. *Forthwith*, orig. along with, replaced earlier *forth mid* (see *mid-wife*).

**fortify.** F. *fortifier*, Late L. *fortificare*, from *fortis*, strong, *facere*, to make.

**fortissimo.** It., superl. of *forte*, strong, L. *fortis*.

**fortitude.** L. *fortitudo*, from *fortis*, strong.

**fortnight.** For *fourteen night*, a combination found in AS.; cf. *sennight*, for *seven night*.

**fortress.** F. *forteresse*, from *fort*, strong, parallel form to OF. *fortelece*. See *fortalice*.

**fortuitous.** From L. *fortuitus*, from *forte*, by chance, abl. of *fors*, *fort-*, chance, lot.

**fortune.** F. *fortune*, L. *fortuna*, from *fors* (v.s.).

**forum.** L., market-place, place of assembly for public business; cogn. with *fores*, doors, *foris*, outside, and ult. with *durbar*.

**forward.** AS. *foreweard*. See *fore* and *-ward*.

**forweary, forworn** [archaic]. Cf. *forspent*.

**fosse.** F. *fosse*, L. *fossa*, from *fodere*, *foss-*, to dig.

**fossset**. Var of *faucet* (q.v.).  
**fossick** [*Austral*]. To rummage for particles of gold in abandoned workings. E. dial. *fossick*, troublesome person; perh. from *fuss* (cf. *finck*).  
**fossil**. L. *fossilis*, from *fodere*, *foss-*, to dig.  
**fossorial** [zool.]. From L. *fossorius*, from *fodere* (v.s.).  
**foster**. AS. *fōstor*, *fōster*, feeding, food; cf. ON. *fōstr*, nursing, from root of *food*, with instrument. suffix.  
**fother**<sup>1</sup>. Load, measure. AS. *fōther*. WGer.; cf. Du. *voer* (earlier *voeder*), Ger. *fuder*, cartload, cogn. with *fathom*.  
**fother**<sup>2</sup>, **fodder** [naut.]. To choke a leak with oakum. Du. *voeren* (earlier *voederen*), to line; cf. Ger. *füttern*. See *fur*.  
**foudroyant**. F., thunder-smiting, from *foudroyer*, from *foudre*, lightning, L. *fulgur*.  
**fougasse** [mil.]. Small mine. F. *fougasse*, earlier *fougade*, ? ult. from L. *focus*, fire.  
**foul**. AS. *fūl*. Com. Teut., cf. Du. *vuil*, Ger. *faul*, ON. *full*, Goth. *fūls*; cogn. with L. *puīre*, to stink, G. *pūon*, pus, Sanskrit *pū*, to stink.  
**foulard**. Fabric F., of unknown origin. ? From *fouler*, to trample (? cf. *fichu*).  
**Foulis press** [bibl.]. From Robert *Foulis* (orig. *Faulis*), Glasgow printer (†1776).  
**foumart**. Polecat. ME. *fulmard*, AS. *fūl*, foul, *nearht*, marten.  
**found**<sup>1</sup>. To establish. F. *fonder*, L. *fundare*, from *fundus*, bottom.  
**found**<sup>2</sup>. To cast metal. F. *fondre*, L. *fundere*, to pour.  
**founder**<sup>1</sup>. Of a horse (Chauc.). ME. also *afounder*, F. *effondrer*, to knock out the bottom, *s'effondrer*, to collapse, from L. *ex* and VL. *\*fundor-*, from *fundus*, bottom.  
**founder**<sup>2</sup>. Of a ship. OF. *enfondrir*, to engulf, sink, from L. *fundus*, bottom (v.s.). Much later than *founder*<sup>1</sup>, of which it is partly a fig. application.  
**foundling**. From *find*; cf. Du. *vondeling*, MHG. *fundelinc*.  
**fountry**. F. *fonderie*. See *found*<sup>2</sup>.  
**fount**<sup>1</sup>, **fountain**. F. *font*, L. *fons*, *font-*, now replaced, exc. in *fonts baptismaux*, by *fontaine*, Late L. *fontana*, whence *fountain*.  
**fount**<sup>2</sup> [typ.]. F. *fonte*, casting, from *fondre*. See *found*<sup>2</sup>.  
**four**. AS. *fēower*. Aryan; cf. Du. Ger. *vier*, ON. *fjórer*, Goth. *fidwor*, L.

*quattuor*, G. *téscapes*, *térr-*, Sanskrit *catur*, OIr. *ceithir*, Welsh *pedwar*.  
**fourgon**. F., baggage-waggon. Perh. ult. cogn. with *fork*, from shape of shafts.  
**Fourierism**. System of Charles Fourier, F. socialist (†1837).  
**fowl**. AS. *fugol*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *vogel*, ON. *fugl*, Goth. *fugls*. Perh. for an earlier Teut. *\*flugl* (cf. Ger. *flügel*, wing), cogn. with *fly*, with early dissim. of one *-l-*: cf. AS. *flugol*, flying, and relation of Sanskrit *pakshin*, fowl, to *paksha*, wing.  
**fox**. AS. *fox*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *vos*, Ger. *fuchs*, in which *-s* is masc. suffix; cf. ON. *fōa*, Goth. *fauhō*, vixen. With *foxglove*, AS. *foxes glōfe*, cf. synon. Norw. *ræv-bjelde*, lit. fox-bell.  
**foyer** [theat.]. F. *foyer*, orig. green-room, lit. hearth, home, VL. *\*focarium*, from *focus*.  
**fra**. It., see *frate*.  
**fracas**. F. *fracas*, from *fracasser*, to shatter, It. *fraccassare*, from L. *quassare*, to shatter, and *fra-*, L. *infra*. See *cashier*<sup>2</sup>.  
**fraction**. Late L. *fractio-n-*, from *frangere*, *fract-*, to break.  
**fractious**. App. coined (18 cent.) as mixture of *fractious* and *refractory*.  
**fracture**. F. *fracture*, L. *fractura* (see *fracture*).  
**fragile**. L. *fragilis*, from *frag*, root of *frangere*, to break.  
**fragment**. L. *fragmentum*, from *frangere* (v.s.).  
**fragrant**. From pres. part. of L. *fragrare*, to smell. See *flair*.  
**frail**<sup>1</sup>. Adj. OF. *fraille* (Mod. *frêle*), L. *fragilis*, fragile (q.v.).  
**frail**<sup>2</sup>. Basket for figs, etc. OF. *frael*, *freel*, VL. *fragellum*, for *flagellum*, young shoot of vine (lit. scourge, switch), hence withe for basket-making.  
**framboesia** [med.]. The yaws. From F. *framboise*, raspberry, from appearance of swellings.  
**frame**. AS. *framian*, to avail, profit, from *fram*, vigorous, etc., orig. going forward (*from*), cogn. with Ger. *fromm*, pious. Some senses from cogn. ON. *fremya*, to further, execute.  
**franc**. F. coin first struck (1360) temp. Jean le Bon with legend *Francorum Rex*. See *frank*<sup>1</sup>.  
**franchise**. F., freedom, from *franc*, free, frank.  
**Franciscan**. Of order of St Francis of Assisi, founded 1209.

**Franco-**. From MedL. *Francus*. See *frank*<sup>1</sup>.

**francolin**. Bird. F. *francohn*, It. *francolino*; according to a 17 cent. ornithologist from *franco*, free, because a privileged bird which the commons were forbidden to kill.

**franc-tireur** [hist.]. F, free-shooter. Coined (? in 1870) on older *franc-archer*.

**frangible**. Late L. *frangibilis*, from *frangere*, to break.

**frangipane**. Perfume. F, said to have been introduced into France (temp. Catherine de Médicis) by one of the famous It. family *Frangipani*, lit. break-bread, a name earned, according to tradition, by benevolence.

**frank**<sup>1</sup>. Adj. F. *franc* or L. *Francus*, OHG. *Franko*; cf. AS *Franca*, ON. *Frakki*. A name applied esp. to Ger. tribes which conquered Gaul (6 cent.), whence name *France*; hence, member of ruling race, free, open, etc. Cf. hist. of *slave*. See also *almoign*.

**frank**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. To "free" the carriage of a letter, etc. From *frank*<sup>1</sup>. Cf. F. *affranchir*, to set free, to stamp a letter.

**Frankenstein**. Student who, in story (1818) by Mrs Shelley, created a monster which he could not control.

**frankincense**. OF. *franc encens*, the adj. app. meaning noble, *frank*<sup>1</sup>.

**franklin** [hist.]. Freeman, freeholder. AF. *frankelain*, MedL. *Franchelanus*, from *Francus*, *frank*<sup>1</sup>, prob. with orig. Teut suffix *-ling* (cf. *chamberlain*).

**frankpledge** [hist.]. AF. mistransl. of AS. *frithborn*, peace pledge, *frith* being confused with *free*. See *frank*<sup>1</sup>, *frith*<sup>1</sup>.

**frantic**. F. *frénétique*, G. *φρενιτικός*. See *frenzy*.

**frap** [naut.]. To bind tightly. F. *frapper*, to strike, in same sense, perh. ult. cogn. with *flap*.

**frass** [bot.]. Refuse left by boring insects. Ger., from *fressen*, to devour. See *fret*<sup>1</sup>.

**frate**. It. *frate*, friar, brother, L. *frater*. Cf. shortened *Fra* in *Fra Angelico*, etc.

**frater, frater** [archaic]. Refectory. AF. *fratrur*, from *refratur*, corrupt. of MedL. *refectorium*.

**fraternal**. From L. *fraternus*, from *frater*, brother.

**fratricide**. See *-cide*.

**fratry**. See *frater*.

**frau**. Ger., woman, orig. lady, fem. of OHG *frō*, lord, ult. cogn. with *Friday*. Hence dim. *fräulein*.

**fraud**. F. *fraude*, L. *fraus*, *fraud*-.

**fraught**. Now only as p.p. and usu. fig. Noun and verb *fraught*, replaced by *freight* (q.v.), is Du. or LG. *vracht*, orig. cost of transport; cf. OHG *frēht*, pay, for *fer-ēht*, from *ēht*, possession, cogn. with *owe*, *own*.

**fraxinella** [bot.]. ModL. dim. from *fraxinus*, ash.

**fray**<sup>1</sup>. Fight, quarrel. For *affray* (q.v.). Cf. archaic *fray*, to frighten (Jer. vii. 33).

**fray**<sup>2</sup>. To rub. F. *frayer*, L. *fricare*.

**frazzle** [dial. & US.]. To unravel, etc. App. formed on *fray*<sup>2</sup> and obs. *fasel*, in same sense, cogn. with AS. *fæs*, fringe, Ger. *faser*, fringe, fibre.

**freak**. Caprice. Prob. connected with obs. *freck*, eager, arrogant, which has given surname *Freake*. This is AS. *frecc*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *vrek*, eager, Ger. *frech*, insolent, ON. *frekr*, greedy, Goth. *fraks*, greedy.

**freaked**. App. coined by Milton (*Lyc.* 144), who may have had *freckle* and *streak* vaguely in mind.

**freckle**. Earlier *frecken*, ON. *fræknur* (pl.), perh. ult. cogn. with G. *πεγκνός*, spotted.

**free**. AS. *frēo*, not in bondage, also (poet.) noble, joyful. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *vrj*, Ger. *frei*, ON. *frír* (only in compds), Goth. *freis*; cogn. with Sanskrit *priya*, dear, the orig. sense. See *friend* and cf. Ger. *freien*, to woo. For *freebooter*, Du. *vrjbuister* (cogn. with *free* and *booty*), cf. *filibuster*.

**freemartin**. Imperfect heifer. Cf. Ir. Gael. *mart*, heifer.

**freemason**. Orig. (14 cent.) a guild of skilled workers in stone with a secret code.

**freesia**. Plant. From Cape of Good Hope. ? From Du. name *Frees*.

**freeze**. AS. *frēosan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *vroezen*, Ger. *froeren* (OHG. *friesan*), ON. *frōsa*, Goth. *\*friusan* (inferred from *frūs*, frost); cogn. with L. *pruina*, hoar-frost, Sanskrit *prushvā*, ice.

**freight**. For earlier *fraught* (q.v.), influenced by F. *fret*, of same origin.

**French**. AS. *Frēncisc*, from *Franca* (see *frank*<sup>1</sup>).

**frenzy**. F. *frénésie*, from Late L. *phrenesis*, from G. *φρήν*, mind, reason.

**frequent**. Adj. is *frequens*, *frequent*-, whence verb. *frequentare*, "to go in great number or many together" (Coop.).

**fresco**. Orig. executed in *fresco* (It.),

i.e. on mortar or plaster still fresh and moist. Cf. *al fresco*

**fresh.** AS. *fersc*, fresh, not salt; combined with cogn. F. *fraus*, fresh in gen. sense, OHG. *frisc* (Mod. *frisch*). Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *versch*, ON. *ferskr*. US. *fresh*, impudent, is Ger. *frech* (see *freak*<sup>1</sup>).

**freshet.** Rush of water at river mouth. For earlier *fresh*, perh. orig. of current of fresh water.

**fret**<sup>1</sup>. Verb. AS. *fretan*, for *for-etan* (see *eat*); cf. Du. *vreten*, Ger. *fressen*, Goth. *fratan*. In ME. to eat, devour, esp. of animals, like Ger. *fressen*. See Ps. xxxix 12, PB.

**fret**<sup>2</sup>. Separate words seem to be here confused—(1) ornamental interlaced work, esp. as head-dress in ME.; (2) two "bends" intersecting (her.); (3) carved ornament (arch.), cf. *fret-work*; (4) bar or ridge on finger-board of stringed instrument. Possible origins are OF. *frette*, lattice-work, of doubtful origin; OF. *fract*, broken, L. *fractus* (cf. Ger. *durchbrochene arbeit*, fret-work); the verb *fret*<sup>1</sup> (cf. hist. of *etch*); and F. *frette*, metal band, etc., by metath. from OFrankish *feter*, fetter. It does not seem possible to separate them.

**friable.** L. *friabilis*, from *friare*, to crumble.

**friar.** ME. *frere*, F. *frère*, L. *frater*, *fratr*-, brother.

**fribble.** Orig. to falter, stammer. ? Imit. Later associated with *frivol* and *fritter*<sup>2</sup>.

**fricandeau.** F., app. related to *fricassee*.

**fricasse.** F. *fricassée*, p p fem. of *fricasser*, "to fry" (Cotg.), of doubtful origin, but app. connected with *frure*, to fry.

**fricative** [ling.]. Consonant produced by obstruction (v.1.).

**friction.** L. *fractio-n*-, from *fricare*, *frict*-, to rub.

**Friday.** AS. *frīgedæg*, WGer. transl. of L. *Veneris dies* (whence F. *vendredi*), from OFris. *Frig* (cf. ON. *Frigg*, wife of Odin or Woden, orig. ident. with *Freyya*, the Norse goddess of love); cf. Du. *vrīdag*, Ger. *freitag* Cogn. with *frau*, *free*, *friend*.

**friend.** AS. *frēond*, orig. pres. part. of a Teut. verb, to love; cf. *free* and Ger. *freien*, to woo. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *vrīend*, Ger. *freund*, ON. *frēndr*, Goth. *frījonds*.

**frieze**<sup>1</sup>. Cloth. OF. *drap de Frise*,

cloth from *Friesland*. The verbs to *frieze* (F. *friser*), *frizz*, *frazzle*, may have sprung from the curly nap of the material, but there are difficulties of chronology. Some authorities invoke the curly heads of the *Frisians*, others AS. *frīs*, curly, a word of doubtful authenticity.

**frieze**<sup>2</sup> [arch.]. F. *frise*, app. related to It. *fregio*, ? representing L. *Phrygium* (opus).

**frigate.** F. *frégate*, It. *fregata*; cf. Sp. Port. *fragata*. Of obscure origin and doubtful earlier meaning. The forms are curiously parallel to those of *regatta*.

**fright.** Northumb. *fryhto*, metath. of AS. *fyrhto*. Also verb *fyrhtan*; cf. obs. Du. *vruchten*, Ger. *fürchten*, Goth. *faurhtjan*, to fear. Causal sense is peculiar to E. *Frighten* (not in Shaks. or AV.) is a late formation.

**frigid.** L. *frigidus*, from *frigere*, to be cold.

**frijole.** Bean. Mex. Sp., perh. cogn. with *flageolet*<sup>2</sup>.

**frill.** Prob. the sense of animal's mesentery is the orig., cf., for metaphor, F. *fraise*, mesentery, ruff<sup>2</sup>, Ger. *gehröse*, mesentery, gablets, plaited ruff. Origin unknown.

**fringe.** OF. *frenge* (Mod. *frange*), L. *fibra*, edge, plait, etc.

**fringillaceous.** From L. *fringilla*, finch. **frippery.** OF. *freperie* (Mod. *friperie*), old clothes, from *friper*, "to wear unto rags by often rubbing" (Cotg.), OF. *freper*, from *frepe*, *ferpe*, *felpe*, rag, of obscure origin. For mod. sense cf. *chiffon*.

**friseur.** F., see *frieze*<sup>1</sup>.

**Frisian** [ling.]. Of *Friesland*, Du. and Ger. islands in North Sea. The lang. is the nearest relative of E.

**frisk.** Orig. adj., fresh, lively. OF. *frisque*, dial. form of *frans*, OHG. *frisc*, fresh.

**frisket** [typ.]. Frame to keep sheet in position. F. *frisquette*, a kind of stencil.

**frit.** Mixture of sand, etc., prepared for glass-making. F. *fritte*, for *frite*, p.p. fem. of *frure*, to fry, or through It.

**frit-fly.** Destructive to wheat ? From *fret*<sup>1</sup>.

**frith**<sup>1</sup> [hist. & dial.]. Forest, waste, esp. in poet. *frith* and *fell*. Prob. at first enclosure, used by Layamon for park; cf. Ger. *friedhof*, cemetery, *einfriedigen*, to fence in, E. dial. *friih*, hedge. Ident. with AS. *frithu*, peace.

Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *vrede*, Ger. *frieden*, ON. *frithr*, Goth. \**frithus* (in *Frithaveiks*, Frederick); cogn. with *free*, *friend*. Cf. AS. *ðorfrith*, deer frith, *frithgeard*, frith yard. See also *frankpledge*. But some regard AS. *fyrih*, supposed to mean wooded country, as distinct from *frithu*, peace.

**frith<sup>2</sup>**. Estuary. See *firth*.

**frittillary**. Plant, butterfly. From L. *frutillus*, dice-box, from markings.

**fritter<sup>1</sup>**. Pancake. F. *friture*, from *frure*, to fry, L. *frigere*.

**fritter<sup>2</sup>**. Verb, usu. with *away*. From *fritter*, fragment, OF. *freture*, *fracture*, L. *fractura*, from *frangere*, *fract-*, to break.

**Fritz** [hist]. German soldier. Pet form of *Friedrich*, lit. peace powerful.

**frivolous**. From L. *frivolus*.

**frizz<sup>1</sup>, frizzle**. Curl, etc. See *frieze<sup>1</sup>*.

**frizz<sup>2</sup>, frizzle**. In frying pan, etc. Imit. extension of *fry*, cf. *sizzle*.

**fro**. ON. *frā*, cogn. with *from*; cf. Sc. *frae*. See *froward*.

**frock**. F. *froc*, OHG. *hroc*, whence MedL. *hroccus*, *froccus*, which Kluge regards as distinct from Ger. *rock*, coat (see *rochet*). For init. cf. *flank*.

**Froebelian**. Of Froebel, German educationist (†1852), founder of *kinder-garten* system.

**frog<sup>1</sup>**. Reptile. AS. *frogga*, without the suffix which appears in AS. *frox*, for \**foysc*; cf. Du. *vorsch*, Ger. *frosch*, ON. *froskr*.

**frog<sup>2</sup>**. In horse's hoof. Also called *frush*. App. from *frog<sup>1</sup>*, as G. *ßarpaxos*, frog, also has this sense. The resemblance to F. *fourchette*, little fork, used (vet.) in same sense, is curious, but may be accidental.

**frog<sup>3</sup>**. On mil. coat. ? Port *froco*, "a sort of ribband, or label, hanging down on garlands and garments" (Vieyra), L. *floccus* (see *flock<sup>2</sup>*).

**frolic**. Orig. adj. (*Allegro*, 18). Du. *vrolijk*, from obs. *vro*, merry; cf. Ger. *froh*, *frohlich*.

**from**. AS. *fram*, orig. forward (see *frame*); cf. OHG. ON. *fram*, Goth. *framis* (compar.).

**frond**. L. *frons*, *frond-*, leaf.

**Fronde** [hist.]. Malcontent party. F. name for party of nobles against Mazarin, temp. minority of Louis XIV. F. *fronde*, sling, used also of a child's game, OF. *fonde*, L. *funda*, with unexplained *-r-*.

**front**. F. *front*, L. *frons*, *front-*, forehead, orig. sense in E. With *frontier*,

F. *frontière*, cf. It. *frontiera*, Sp. *frontera*. *Fronion* (arch.) is F. *fronion*, It. *frontone*.

**frontignac**. Wine. Altered (on cognac) from *Frontignan* (Hérault).

**frontispiece**. Altered from F. *frontispice*, MedL. *frontispicium*, façade of building, from *frons*, front, *specere*, to behold.

**frore** [poet]. Archaic p.p. of *freeze*.

**frost**. AS. *frost*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *vorst*, Ger. *frost*, ON. *frost*, cogn. with *freeze*.

**froth**. ON. *frotha* or *frauth*, cf. AS. *āfæothan*, to froth.

**frou-frou**. F., imit. of rustling sound.

**frounce** [archaic]. See *flounce<sup>2</sup>*.

**froust** [slang]. See *frowzy*.

**frow**. Du. *vrouw*. See *frau*.

**froward**. From *fro* (q v.), *-ward* (q v.). ME. had also *fromward*. Cf. *toward*, *wayward*.

**frown**. OF. *frowninger*, to frown, look disdainful, replaced by *re(n)frogner*, usu. in p.p., forbidding, surly. ? From Gaulish *frogna*, nostril, with idea of haughty grimace.

**frowzy**. ? For earlier *frowy*, rank, perh. from AS. *thrōh*, rancid, with imit. change common in dial. speech (*I don't fink*). *Froust* is a mod. schoolboy formation.

**fructify**. F. *fructifier*, L. *fructificare*, from *fructus*, fruit, and *facere*.

**frugal**. L. *frugalis*, from *frux*, *frug-*, profit, usu. in pl. *fruges*, fruits (v.i.).

**fruit**. F. *fruit*, L. *fructus*, from *frui*, *fruct-*, to enjoy (v.s.); cogn. with *brook<sup>2</sup>*.

**frumenty**. See *furmety*.

**frump**. Mod. sense from c. 1800. Earlier (16 cent.), flout, jeer, and app. derisive snort; also as verb, to jeer at. Perh. shortened from earlier *frumple*, to wrinkle, crumple, archaic Du. *frompelen* (Mod. *verrompelen*), from *rompelen*, to rumple.

**frush** [vet.]. See *frog<sup>2</sup>*.

**frustrate**. From L. *frustrari*, from *frustra*, in vain.

**frustum**. L., piece broken off.

**frutescent**. Shrub-like. Irreg. from L. *frutex*, *frutic-*, shrub.

**fry<sup>1</sup>**. Verb. F. *frire*, L. *frigere*, to roast, fry, cogn. with G. *brühen*.

**fry<sup>2</sup>**. Young fish from spawn. F. *frai* (OF. also *fri*, *froi*), from *frayer* (OF. *froi*, *fri-*), L. *fricare*, to rub, in spec. sense. There may have been association with ON. *frōð*, seed; cf. Goth. *frāuw*, seed, offspring.

**fubby** [*colloq.*]. Squat. From obs. *fubs*, small chubby person, app. from baby lang.

**fuchsia**. From *Fuchs*, Ger botanist (16 cent.).

**fucus**. Seaweed. L. *fucus*, rock-lichen, G. *fükos*.

**fuddle**. To make drunk; cf. obs. *fuzzle*, in same sense. Origin unknown

**fudge**. As interj. first used by Mr Burchell (*Vic. of Wakef* ch. xi) This may be Ger. *futsch*, no good, corrupted from F. *foutu* (see *footy*), ? a reminiscence of Goldsmith's wanderings in Germany. The verb to *fudge* was in my schoolboy days the regular corrupt. of *forge*<sup>1</sup>, e.g. a *fudge* for a forged stamp. The noun *fudge* may also owe something to *Captain Fudge*, a 17 cent. mariner, known in his day as *Lying Fudge*.

**fuel**. ME. *jewel*, OF. *fouaille*, Late L. *focula* (neut. pl.), from *focus*, fire, hearth.

**fug** [*slang*]. Prob schoolboy perversion of *fusty*. Cf. *fag*<sup>1</sup>.

**-fuge, -fugal**. From L. *-fugus*, from *fugere*, to flee, with some senses derived from *fugare*, to put to flight.

**fugitive**. L. *fugitivus*, from *fugere*, *fugit-*, to flee; cogn. with G. *flüchten*. Cf. *fugacious*, from L. *fugax*, *fugac-*.

**fugleman**. By dissim. from *flügelman* (c. 1800), Ger. *flügelmann*, wing man, a soldier going through the exercises as a model for recruits. For Ger *flügel*, wing, see *fowl*.

**fugue** [*mus.*]. F. *fugue*, It. *fuga*, flight, from L. *fugere*, to flee.

**fulcrum**. L., from *fulcire*, to support.

**fulfil**. AS. *fullfyllan*, a pleon. compd (*full* and *fill*).

**fulgent**. From pres part of L. *fulgere*, to shine; cf. L. *fulgur*, lightning, whence *fulgurite*, explosive.

**fuliginous**. From L. *fuligo*, *fuligin-*, soot.

**full**. AS. *full*. Com Teut; cf. Du. *vol*, Ger. *voll*, ON. *fullr*, Goth. *fulls*; cogn. with L. *plere*, G. *empfinden*, to fill.

**fuller**. AS *fullere*, from L. *fullo*, a fuller of cloth, the verb (cf. F. *fouler*, to trample) being a back-formation.

**fulmar**. Sea-bird. Orig. from dial. of Hebrides. ON. *fül*, fowl, *mär*, mew<sup>1</sup>; from odour.

**fulminate**. From L. *fulminare*, from *fulmen*, *fulmin-*, thunderbolt, cogn. with *fulgur*.

**fulsome**. From *full* and *-some*. Orig.

over-flowing, but associated later in sense with ME *ful*, foul.

**fulvous**. From L. *fulvus*, tawny.

**fumade**. Smoked pichard. Port. *fumado*, from *fumar*, to smoke. Hence, by folk-etym., Corn. *farr-maid*.

**fumarole**. Vent in volcano. F. *fumerole*, It. *fumarola*, from *fumare*, to smoke.

**fumble**. Cf. Du. *fommelien*, Ger *fummeln* (from LG.), also Norw. *fomle*, Dan. *fumle*, and earlier E. *famble*; app. cogn. with AS. *folm*, palm of hand; but partly due to dial. *ihumble*, from *ihumb*.

**fume**. F. *fumer*, L. *fumare*, to smoke. Cf. *fummigate*, from L. *fumigare*.

**fumitory**. Plant, also called *earth-smoke*. F. *fumeterre*, MedL. *fumus terrae*; cf. Ger *erdrauch*.

**fun**. Orig. hoax, cheat, etc., "a low cant word" (Johns.). From obs. verb *fon* (see *fond*).

**funambulist**. From L. *funambulus*, from *funis*, rope, *ambulare*, to walk.

**function**. L. *functio-n-*, from *fungi*, *funct-*, to perform.

**fund**. L. *fundus*, bottom, whence also F. *fonds*, stock, provision, now differentiated from *fond*, bottom, foundation.

**fundament**. L. *fundamentum*, from *fundare*, to found<sup>1</sup>, from *fundus* (v.s.).

**funebrial**. From L. *funeribus*, cf. *funereal*, from L. *funereus*; *funerary*, L. *funerarius* (v.i.).

**funeral**. First as adj. MedL. *funeralis*. Noun from F. *funéraire*, now only in pl, from L. *funeraria*, neut. pl of *funeralis*, from *funus*, *funer-*, burial, etc.

**fungible** [*leg*]. Interchangeable, legally substituted. MedL. *fungibilis*; cf. L. *fungi vice*, to act in place of.

**fungus**. L. *fungus*, cogn. with G. *σπόγγος*, sponge.

**funicular**. From L. *funiculus*, dim. of *funis*, rope.

**funk**. Oxf. slang, to be in a funk (18 cent.). Flem. *fonck*, "perturbatio" (Kil.), ? ident. with obs *funk*, smoke, stink, which may be ult. from L. *fumigare*.

**funnel**. Prov. *founhil*, *enfounhil*, L. *infundibulum*, from *fundere*, to pour; cf. Sp. *fonil*, Port. *funil*. A word from the southern wine-trade, the F. term being *enlondon* (see *tun*).

**funny**. Racing-skiff (18 cent.). App. from *fun*.

**fur**. Noun from verb to *fur*, orig. to cover, line, etc, F. *fournir*, from OF.

*fourre*, sheath, cover (replaced by *dim. fourreau*), OHG. *fuotar*, sheath, fodder, perh. two separate words, but quite possibly ident.; cf. Goth. *foðr*, scabbard, ON. *foihr*, lining.

**furacious** [*joc.*]. From L. *furax*, *furac-*, from *fur*, thief.

**furbelow**. See *faibala*.

**furbish**. F. *fourbir*, *fourbiss-*, OHG. *furban* (\**furbyan*).

**furcate**. MedL. *furcatus*, from *furca*, fork.

**furfur-**. From L. *furfur*, bran.

**furious**. F. *furieux*, L. *furiosus* (see *fury*).

**furl**. Cf. F. *ferler*, earlier *frêler*. The usual explanation, from *furdle*, for *farðle*, to pack up (see *farðle*), is prob. wrong. There has evidently been confusion with these words, but *furl* is the oldest recorded form. F. *ferler* cannot be from E, if the earlier *fresler* (Dict. Gén.) is genuine.

**furlong**. AS. *furlang*, from *furh*, furlow.

**furlough**. Earlier (17 cent.) *furloff*, Du. *verlof*, formed on archaic Ger. *verlaub*, permission, "for leave" (replaced by *urlaub*). See *leave*<sup>2</sup>, *believe*.

**furmenty**. Earlier *frumenty*, OF. *frumentée*, *fourmentée*, from *frument*, *fourment* (Mod. *froment*), wheat, L. *frumentum*, cogn. with *frugal*, *fruit*.

**furnace**. F. *fournaise*, from L. *fornax*, *fornac-*, from *fornus*, oven.

**furnish**. F. *fournir*, *fourniss-*, OHG. *frummen* (\**frumjan*), to further, accomplish, cogn. with *frame* (q.v.). *Furniture* is F. *fourniture*, equipment.

**furore**. It. *furore*, craze, L. *furor-em*.

**furrow**. AS. *furh*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *voor*, Ger. *furche*, ON. *for*, drain; cogn. with L. *porca*, ridge between two furrows.

**further**. AS. *furthra* (adj.), *furthor* (adv.), ? from *fore*, with suffix as in *other*, ? or from *forth*. Cf. Ger. *vorder*, *fürder*. With verb to *further* cf. hist. of *frame*, *furnish*, and Ger. *fördern*. *Furthest* is a later formation. See *far*.

**furtive**. L. *furtivus*, from *fur*, thief; cogn. with G. *φῶρ*, thief.

**furuncle** [*med.*]. Boil<sup>1</sup>. F. *furuncle*, L. *furunculus*, lit. little thief (v.s.). Cf. *felon*.

**fury**. F. *furie*, L. *furia*, from *furere*, to rage.

**furze**. AS. *fyrs*, of unknown origin.

**fuscous**. From L. *fuscus*, dusky.

**fuse**<sup>1</sup>. Verb. From L. *fundere*, *fus-*, to pour.

**fuse**<sup>2</sup>. Of bomb, etc. It. *fuso*, L. *fusus*, spindle, from orig. shape.

**fusee**<sup>1</sup>. Of a watch. F. *fusée*, spindle-ful (v.s.).

**fusee**<sup>2</sup>. Match. App. F. *fusée*, rocket<sup>2</sup>, orig. spindleful, from L. *fusus*, spindle. See *fuse<sup>2</sup>, *fusee<sup>1</sup>.**

**fusee**<sup>3</sup> [*archaic*]. Musket. See *fusil*.

**fusel**. Oil. Ger., bad brandy, formerly (in LG. dial.) bad tobacco, from *fuseln*, to bungle. See *foozle*.

**fuselage**. Body of aeroplane. F., from *fuseau*, spindle. See *fuse<sup>2</sup>, *fusil*<sup>1</sup>.*

**fusil**<sup>1</sup> [*her*]. Lozenge, said to have represented orig. a spindle covered with tow. OF. *fusel* (Mod. *fuseau*), dim. from L. *fusus*, spindle.

**fusil**<sup>2</sup> [*hist.*]. Light musket. F. *fusil*, musket, now usual word for rifle, orig. steel for striking sparks, VL. \**focile*, from *focus*, hearth, fire. Hence *fusilier*, orig. armed with *fusil*, and *fusillade* (F.). Spelling *fusee*, *fuzee* is common in 17-18 cents.

**fuss**. From c 1700. Origin obscure. It may be Norw. Dan. *fjas*, foolery, nonsense, cogn. with *fise*, pedere.

**fustanella**. Dim. of Albanian *fustan*, kilt, from It. *fustagno*, *fustian*.

**fustian**. OF. *fustaigne* (Mod. *futaine*), MedL. *fustaneus*, prob. from *Fostat* (Cairo).

**fustic**. Wood and dye. Sp. *fustoc*, Arab *fustug*, G. *πιστάκη*, pistachio.

**fustigate**. From Late L. *fustigare*, from *fustus*, cudgel.

**fusty**. OF. *fusté*, "fusty; tasting of the caske" (Cotg.), from *fust* (Mod. *fût*), tree-trunk, cask, L. *fustis* (v.s.).

**futhorc** [*antiqu.*]. Runic alphabet. Made up from the first six Runic letters.

**futile**. F. *futile*, L. *fut(i)lus*, easily poured out, leaky, cogn. with *fundere*, to pour.

**futtocks** [*naut.*] Also (16-17 cents.) *foot-hooks*, *foot-oaks*, *foot-stocks*. Perh. *foot hooks*, but possibly dim. from F. *fût*, OF. *fust*, L. *fustis*, staff, cudgel, used in many techn. senses. *Futtock-shrouds* is a perversion of earlier *puttock* (q.v.).

**future**. F. *futur*, L. *futurus*, fut. part. of *esse*, to be; cf. perf. *fu*, and see *be*.

**fuzz**. Impt. of blowing away light particles; cf. *faugh*, *buzz*. Hence *fuzz-ball*, puff-ball, fuzzy, fluffy, *fuzzy-wuzzy*, fighting Soudanese dervish with "ayrick 'ead of 'air" (Kipling).

**fyolfot**. Used by mod. antiquaries for



the *gammadron*, *swastika* (q v.). Misunderstanding of a passage in Lansdowne MS. (c. 1500) where it means ornament used to fill the foot of a coloured window.

**gab, gabble.** Imit.; cf. *gaggle, gobble*, etc., and obs. Du. *gabbelen*. Confused also with Sc. *gob*, mouth, Gael *gob*, beak, e.g. *gift of the gob* is found earlier than *gift of the gab*.

**gabelle** [hist.]. F. *gabelle*, tax, esp. salt-tax, It. *gabella*, Arab. *qabāla* (Sicily, 12 cent.).

**gaberdine.** Cf. OF. *galvardine*, It. *gavardina*, Sp. *gabardina*. It may represent a mixture of Sp. *gabán*, "a gabardine" (Minsh.), and *tabardina* (see *tabard*). Sp. *gabán* is prob. of Pers. origin and cogn. with *caftan*.

**gabion** [mil.]. Basket of earth. F. *gabion*, It. *gabione*, from *gabbia*, cage, L. *cavea*, from *cavus*, hollow.

**gable.** OF. *gable*, OHG. *gabala* (Mod. *gabel*), fork; cf. Ger. *giebel*, gable, Sc. *gavel* (from cogn. ON. *gafi*), perh. from Y-shaped timber supporting roof at gable-end. Some authorities connect with OHG. *gabilā*, head, skull, cogn. with G. κεφαλή, head, regarded as ult. cogn. with above.

**gaby.** Cf. Sc. *gaup*, to gape, *gaupus*, simpleton. Associated with *baby*.

**gad<sup>1</sup>.** Spike. ON. *gaddr*, spike, nail, ult. cogn. with L. *hasta*, spear. Hence *gad-fly*.

**gad<sup>2</sup>** [archaic]. For *God*, in *egad*, *gad-zooks*.

**gad<sup>3</sup>.** To wander aimlessly. Back-formation from obs. *gadling*, AS. *gædeling*, comrade, cogn. with *gather*.

**gadfly.** See *gad<sup>1</sup>*.

**gadget** [neol.]. ? From *gadje*, early Sc. form of *gauge*.

**Gadhelic, Goidelic** [eihn & ling] Mod. formation from Ir. *Gaedheal*, OIr. *Gáidel*, *Góidel*, Gael. Cf. *Brythonic*.

**gadoid.** Of codfish tribe. From G. γάδος, cod.

**gadron** [arch.]. Opposite of fluting. F. *godron*, of unknown origin.

**Gael.** Sc. Gael. *Gaídhéal*.

**gaff<sup>1</sup>.** Fishing spear, hook. F. *gaffe*; cf. Prov. *gaf*, Sp. Port. *gafa*. Prob. Teut. and cogn. with AS. *gafol*, fork; cf. the naut. *gaff*, boom with forked end.

**gaff<sup>2</sup>.** Public fair (obs.). Hence, low-class entertainment, *penny-gaff*. Origin unknown; ? cf. *gaffe*.

**gaffe** [neol.]. Blunder. F., ? ident. with *gaffe*, hook (see *gaff<sup>1</sup>*).

**gaffer** [dial.]. Perh. for *grandfather*, but analogy of F. *compère*, Ger. *gevatter*, used in same sense, suggests rather *godfather*, dial. *godfer*, *gatfer*. Cf. fem. *gammer*.

**gag<sup>1</sup>.** Orig. to strangle. Imit. of sound made by victim; cf. *gaggle*.

**gag<sup>2</sup>** [theat.]. App. from slang *gag*, to make up a tale, hoax, which may be Sc. *gegg*, in same sense, from *geck*, simpleton, of Du. or LG. origin; cf. Ger. *geck*, fool, etc.

**gag<sup>3</sup>.** Pledge. F. *gage*, of Teut. origin, cogn. with AS. *wedd*, pledge, Goth. *wads*. It supposes a Late L. \**wadium*. Cf. *wage*.

**gag<sup>4</sup>.** In *greengage*, introduced by Sir William Gage, of Norfolk (c. 1725).

**gag<sup>5</sup>** [naut.]. In *weather-gage*. For *gauge*.

**gaggle.** Cry of geese. Imit., cf. *cackle, gobble*.

**Gaikwar, Guicowar.** Hind. *gāekwar*, cowherd, title of Mahratta kings of Guzerat.

**gaillardia.** Flower. From *Gaillard*, F. botanist.

**gain.** F. *gagner*, OF. *gaagnier*, OHG. *weidenen* (\**wardanjan*), from *weida*, pasture, hunting, fishing, cogn. with AS. *wāih*, ON. *veihr*, hunting; cf. It. *guadagnare*, to gain, OSP. *guadañar*, to mow. Fig. sense springs from the most ancient human occupations.

**gainly.** Now rare exc. in *ungainly*. From dial. adj. *garn*, straight, direct, ON. *gegn*, cogn. with E. *again*(st), Ger. *gegen*, against, with idea of direct movement. Cf. *gainsay*.

**gainsay.** Solitary survival of AS. prefix *gegn-*, *gēan-*, against, or cogn. ON. *gegn-* (v.s.). See *again*.

**Gainsborough hat.** As in women's portraits by *Gainsborough* (†1788).

**gaifowl.** See *garefowl*.

**gait.** Ident. with *gate<sup>2</sup>*, from which it is now differentiated in form and sense.

**gaiter.** F. *guêtre*, of unknown origin.

**gala.** It. *gala*, cogn. with *gallant*.

**galact-.** See *galaxy*.

**Galahad.** Virtuous knight, son of Lancelot. Added by Walter Map to the Arthurian legends.

**galantine.** F. *galantine*, earlier *galatine*, orig. a fish-sauce; cf. It. *galatina*. Mod. sense perh. affected by *gelatine*. ? Connected with G. γάλα, milk (see *galaxy*).

**galanty show.** Shadow pantomime (19 cent.). App connected with It. *galante*, *gallant*, cf. *raree-show*.

**galaxy.** Milky Way. F. *galaxie*, G. γαλαξίας, from γάλα, γαλακτ-, milk.

**galbanum.** Resin. L. *galbanum*, from G. γαλβάνη, prob. Oriental; cf. Heb. ḥelbānāh.

**gale<sup>1</sup>.** Bog-myrtle. AS. *gagel*; cf. Du. Ger. *gagel*.

**gale<sup>2</sup>.** Of wind. Orig. a gentle breeze. App. connected with ON. *gol*, breeze.

**gale<sup>3</sup>** [leg.]. Arrears of rent, mining-licence, etc., in Forest of Dean. Contr. of *gavel*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.).

**galeated** [biol.]. From L. *galea*, helmet.

**galeeny** [dial.]. Guinea-fowl. Sp. *gallina morisca*, Moorish hen, L. *gallina*.

**Galenic.** Of *Galen*, physician of Pergamos (2 cent.).

**galena** [min.]. Lead ore. L. *galena*, used by Pliny of a certain stage in process of melting, ? G. γαλήνη, a calm.

**Galilean.** Of *Galileo*, It. astronomer (†1642).

**galilee** [arch.]. Porch. Cf. MedL. *galilaea*. Perh. after Matt. iv. 15.

**galimatias.** Jumbled nonsense. F. *galimatias*, perh. ult. L. *grammatica* (cf. *glamour*, *gramarye*), but see synon. *gallimaufry*.

**galingale.** Aromatic root. OF. *galin-gal*, Arab. *khawlijan*, ? through Pers., from Chin. *ko-liang-kiang*, ginger from prefecture of Kao-liang.

**galiot.** See *galliot*.

**gall<sup>1</sup>.** Bile, now usu fig. AS. *gealla*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *gal*, Ger. *galle*, ON. *gall*; cogn. with G. γολή, and ult. with *yellow*. *Gall*, sore, orig. swelling on horse, AS. *gealla*, is prob. the same word, perh. influenced by *gall<sup>2</sup>* (from shape).

**gall<sup>2</sup>.** Excrescence on oak. F. *galle*, L. *galla*.

**gallant.** F. *galant*, pres. part. of OF. *galer*, to make merry (cf. *gala*). Origin obscure. ? From AS. *gāl*, gay, wanton, proud, also as noun, levity, lust, etc., cogn. with Goth. *gaurjan*, to cheer.

**galleass.** See *gallass*.

**galleon.** Sp. *galeón*, augment. of obs. *galea*.

**gallery.** F. *galerie*; cf. It. *galleria*, Sp. *galèria*, MedL. *galera* (9 cent.). Origin obscure, perh. ult. from G. κάλον, wood; cf. origin of *balcony*.

**galley.** OF. *galee*, *gaire* (replaced by *galère*). Origin obscure; cf. Late G. γαλέα, MedL. *galea*, It. *galea*, obs. Sp. *galea*. Synon. It. *galera* (whence F. *galère*), Sp. Port. *galera*, point to ult. connection with *gallery*; cf. also MedL. *galerda*, whence MHG. *galerde*. Perh. ult. from G. κάλον, wood, as the earliest record is G. (cf. *gallery*). G. γαλέν, weasel, has also been suggested, the naming of ships from animals being not uncommon.

**galliambic** [metr.]. From L. *gallhambus*, *iambus* of the *galli*, priests of Cybele.

**galliard** [archaic]. F. *gaillard*; cf. It. *gagliardo*, Sp. *gallardo*. App. OHG. *gail*, *geil*, fierce, arrogant (cf. AS. *gāl*, wanton, proud, and see *gallant*), with suffix *-hart*.

**gallias, galleass** [hist.]. F. *galeasse*, It. *galeazza*, augment. of *galea* (see *galley*).

**Gallie.** L. *Gallicus*, of Gaul. Playfully for French.

**galligaskins** [dial.]. Leggings, but in 16 cent. breeches. Partly corrupted from 16 cent. F. *greguesques*, *garguesques*, Venetian breeches, *chausses à la garguesque*, It. *alla grechesca*, in the Greek fashion (cf. ModF. *grègues*, breeches); but *gaskins*, *gascoynes*, found equally early, were associated with *Gascony*; *galley-gaskins* are often described in 16 cent. as shipmen's hose, and Nashe even speaks of "a pair of Switzers omnipotent galeasse breeches" (see *galhass*); so also we find *galley-breeches* (-hose, -slops) all at about the same date. Nashe also has *gallic-gascoynes*. Possibly all three (*greguesques*, *Gascony*, *galley*) have contributed.

**gallimaufry.** Hotchpotch. F. *gallimaufree*. App. related to synon. *galimatias*. Both may be perversions of MedL. *garrimantia*, from L. *garrire*, to chatter.

**gallinaceous.** From L. *gallinaceus*, from *gallina*, hen, from *gallus*, cock.

**gallinazo.** Vulture. For Sp. *gallinaza*, augment. of *gallina*, hen (v.s.).

**Gallio.** Indifferentist (*Acts* xviii. 17).

**galliot, galiot.** F. *galiote*, It. *galeotta*, dim. of *galea*. See *galley*, *jolly-boat*.

**gallipot.** For *galley pot*, because orig. brought from Italy in galleys.

**gallium** [chem.]. From L. *gallus*, cock, in allusion to name of discoverer, *Lecoq de Boisbaudran*.

**gallivant.** Playful elaboration of *gallant*.

**Gallo-**. See *Gallie*.

**galloglass, gallowglass** [*hist.*]. Re-tainer of Irish chief. Orig. pl., from Ir. & Gael. *gall*, foreigner, *óglách*, youth, warrior.

**galloon**. Used in ME. for vessel. ONF. *galon* (OF. *jalón*); cf. F. *jale*, bowl App connected with Late L. *galleta*, vessel for fluids, of unknown origin, whence also AS. *gelle*, bowl, Ger. *gelte*, pail

**gallooner**. Braid. F. *galon*, from *galon-ner*, to braid the hair. Origin unknown.

**gallop**. F. *galoper*; cf. It. *galoppare*, Sp. *galopar*, and, for the *w*-forms, MHG. *walop*, *walopuren*, pointing to ONF. \**waloper*. Origin unknown. OFrankish *wala hlaupan*, to run (leap) well, has been suggested, but the word is perh rather imit.

**galloway**. Horse from Galloway, SW. Scotland.

**gallowglass**. See *galloglass*.

**galows**. ME. *galwes* (pl.), AS *gealga* (sing.). Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *galg*, Ger. *galgen*, ON. *galge*, Goth. *galga*.

**gally** [*dial.* & *whaling*]. To frighten. Earlier *gallow* (*Lear*, iii. 2), AS. *ægðliwan*, to astonish.

**galoche**. See *galosh*.

**galoot** [US]. Fellow. Earlier, raw recruit, green hand, etc. (E. slang). ? Corrupt. of Du. *gelubt*, eunuch, ? or of Du. *genoot*, companion (see *huguenot*).

**galop**. Dance. F., see *gallop*.

**galore**. Ir. *go leór*, in sufficiency.

**galosh, golosh**. F. *galoche*, VL. \**galopra*, from G. *καλόπους*, shoemaker's last, from *καλον*, wood, *πούς*, foot.

**galt** [*dial.*]. Boar. ON. *goitr*, *galte*; cf. *gilt*

**galt**?. See *gault*.

**galumph**. Coined by Lewis Carroll, ? from *gallop*, *triumph*; cf. *chortle*.

**galvanism**. From *Galvani*, It. physicist (†1798).

**Galwegian**. Coined from Galloway, by analogy with Norway, Norwegian.

**gamash** [*archaic*]. Gaiter. F. *gamache* (*dial.*), Prov. *galamacha*, *garamacha*, Sp. *guadamect*, Arab. *ghadāmasi*, from *Ghadames* (Tripoli), famous for leather.

**gamba**. In *viola da gamba*. It., leg. See *gammon*².

**gambado**¹ [*dial.*]. Legging, orig. fixed to saddle. E. formation from It. *gamba*, leg. See *gammon*².

**gambado**². Caper, etc. From Sp.

*gambada*, term of horsemanship. Also *gambade*, from F. Cf. *gambut*, *gambol*.

**gambeson** [*hist.*]. Wadded mil. tunic. Also *wambeson*. OF. *gambeson*, *wambeson*, from *gambers*, *wambers*, from OHG *wamba*, belly, cogn. with *womb*.

**gambier**. Astringent used in tanning. Malay *gambir*, plant from which obtained.

**gambit** [*chess*]. OF. *gambet* (Mod. *gambit*), It. *gambetto*, wrestler's trip, from *gamba*, leg. See *gammon*².

**gamble**. Prob dial. var of ME *game-nen*, partly suggested by *gambol*. See *game*¹, *gammon*¹.

**gamboge**. ModL. *gambogum*, ult. from *Cambodia* (Annam), whence obtained.

**gambol**. From F. *gambade*, It. *gambata*, from *gamba*, leg. Orig. term of horsemanship. Ending was confused with *-aud*, *-auld*, and *-ā* dropped as in obs *curtal* (see *curtal*). In sense associated with *game*¹. See *gammon*².

**gambrel** [*techn.*]. Wooden bar for hanging carcasses, also in *gambrel roof*. OF. *gamberel*, from Celt. *cam*, bent. Cf. Welsh *cambren*.

**gambroon**. Fabric. From *Gambroon*, on Persian Gulf. Cf. *calico*.

**game**¹. Sport, etc. AS. *gamen*. Com. Teut. (OSax. OHG ON *gaman*), but only surviving in E. & Scand. (Sw. *gamman*, Dan. *gamen*). Supposed to be ident. with Goth *gaman*, participation, from *ga-*, collective prefix, and root of *man*. See *gammon*¹.

**game**² [*colloq.*]. Of leg. Also *gammy*. OF. *gambi*, "bent, crooked, bowed" (Cotg) Prob. cogn. with F. *jambe*, ONF. *gambe*, leg. See *gammon*².

**gamin**. F. *gamin*, street arab, ? Ger *gemern*, common, mean.

**gamma**. Third letter (γ) of G. alphabet Heb *gāmāl*, the camel. Hence *gammadión*, G. cross with gamma-shaped (Γ) arms.

**gammer** [*dial.*]. See *gaffer*.

**gammon**¹. Nonsense, etc. ME. *gamen*, *game*¹, as in *backgammon*

**gammon**². Of bacon. ONF. *gambon* (F. *jambon*), ham, from *jambe*, leg, VL. *gamma*, *gamma*, ham, etc., of animal, G. *καμπή*, bend, from *κάμπτεν*.

**gammoning** [*naut.*]. Of bowsprit. From verb *gammon*, to lash. Perh. cogn. with *gammon*².

**gammy**. See *game*².

**gamo** [*biol.*]. From G. *γάμος*, marriage.

**gamp**. From Sarah Gamp (*Martin Chuzzlewit*, ch. xix.).

**gamut.** OF. *gamaut*, MedL. *gamma ut*, from *gamma* (q.v.), indicating note below A, and *ut*, first of a series of syllables used to indicate notes of scale. These syllables, *ut*, *re*, *mi*, *fa*, *sol*, *la*, *si*, the first now replaced in E. by *do*, are said to have been adopted by Guy of Arezzo (early 11 cent.) from L. hymn for St John the Baptist's Day—" *Ut queant laxis resonare fibris Mira gestorum famulituum Solve polluti labii reatum, Sancte Johannes.*"

**gander.** AS. *gan(d)ra*; cf. LG. *gander*, earlier *ganre*. See *goose*, *gannet*.

**gang.** AS. *gang*, going, way, from *gangan*, to go. Com. Teut.; cf. obs. Du. *gängen*, Ger. *gehen* (p.p. *gegangen*), ON. *ganga*, Goth. *gaggan*.

**Gangetic.** L. *Gangeticus*, of the *Ganges*, G. Γάγγης.

**ganglion.** G. γάγγλιον, tumour, used also for nerve-centre.

**gangrene.** F. *gangrène*, L. *gangraena*, G. γάγγραινα.

**gangué** [min.]. Matrix. F. *gangué*, Ger. *gang*, lode of metal, cogn. with E. *gang*.

**gangway.** AS. *gangweg*. See *gang*.

**ganja.** Preparation of hemp. Hind. *gānjā*.

**gannet.** Sea-fowl. AS. *ganot*; cogn. with Du. *gent*, OHG. *ganazzo*, *gander*. See *goose*. In dial. also *gaunt*.

**ganoid.** Of fish scales. From G. γάνος, brightness.

**gantry, gauntry** [dial.]. Four-footed stand for barrels; now engineering term. From ONF. *ganter* (F. *chantier*), L. *cantherius*, rafter, transom, orig. pack-horse, from G. κανθήλιος, pack-ass.

**Ganymede.** Waiter. G. Γανυμήδης, cup-bearer of Zeus.

**gaol, jail.** ONF. *gaole* (Mod. *geôle*), VL. *caueola*, dim. of *cauea*, cage (q.v.).

**gap.** ON. *gap*, chasm, cogn. with *gape*.

**gape.** ON. *gapa*, to open the mouth; cf. Du. *gapen*, Ger. *gaffen*.

**gar<sup>1</sup>.** See *garfish*.

**gar<sup>2</sup>** [Sc.]. ON. *ger(v)a*, to make. Com. Teut.; cf. AS. *gierwan*, OS. *gerwian*. OHG. *garawan*.

**garage.** F., from *garer*, to make safe. See *garrison*, *ware<sup>2</sup>*.

**garance.** Yellow dye. F. *garance*, madder. OF. *warance* (12 cent.), Carolingian L. *warentia*, point to Teut. origin. ? From OHG. *weren* (Mod. *währen*), to endure (cf. *fast dye*).

**garb<sup>1</sup>.** Orig. elegance, behaviour, style. OF. *garbe* (Mod. *galbe*), con-

tour, It. *garbo*, elegance, from OHG. *garawī*, preparation, whence Ger. *gerben*, to tan. Cogn. with *gear*, obs. *yare* (Temp. v. 1), Ger. *gar*, quite, and Sc. *gar*, to perform, cause.

**garb<sup>2</sup>** [her.]. ONF. *garbe* (F. *gerbe*), wheat-sheaf, OHG. *garba*, sheaf, orig. handful; cf. Du. *garf*; ? ult. cogn. with *grab*.

**garbage.** Orig. (15 cent.) giblets of a fowl. Of obscure origin, but perh. ult. connected with *garb<sup>1</sup>* (q.v.), as OHG. *garawen* had the gen. sense of prepare, also cook. But analogy of *pluck* (q.v.) and dial. *gather* suggests possible connection with *grab*. See also *garb<sup>2</sup>*.

**garble.** Orig. to sift and select spices. OF. *garbeler*, *grabeler*, It. *garbellare*, from Arab. *ghirbāl*, sieve, Late L. *cribellum*, dim. of *cribrum*, sieve, cogn. with *cernere*, *cret-*, to separate.

**garboard** [naut.]. Range of planks next keel. Archaic Du. *gaarboord*, with *gaar* for *gader*, gather.

**garboil** [archaic]. Hubbub, commotion. OF. *garbouil*, It. *garbuglio*, from *garbugliare*, "to garboile, to hurlie-burle" (Flor.); second element cogn. with *boil<sup>2</sup>*, first doubtful.

**garçon.** F. *garçon*, OHG. *Waracio-n-*, recorded as pers. name (9 cent.) and ident. with OHG. *wrecco* (see *wretch*).

**garden.** ONF. *gardin* (F. *jardin*), from OF. *gard*, *gart*, of Teut. origin; cf. *garth*, *yard<sup>2</sup>*; cogn. with L. *hortus*, G. *χόπος*.

**gardenia.** From Dr A. *Garden* (†1791).

**gare-fowl, gaufowl.** Great auk. ON. *geurfugl*. First element perh. ON. *geirr*, spear.

**garfish.** From obs. *gare*, spear, AS. *gār*. Com. Teut.; cf. OHG. *gēr*, ON. *geirr* (v.s.), Goth. *gais* (only in personal names); also L. *gaesum*, G. *γαῖσον*, javelin, from Teut.

**Gargantuan.** From *Gargantua*, voracious giant (Rabelais), prob. suggested by OF. *gargate*, throat (v.i.).

**garget.** Throat-disease of cattle, poultry, etc. Earlier also *gargul*. See *gargle*.

**gargle.** F. *gargouiller*. Imt.; cf. *gurgle*, L. *gurgulio*, wind-pipe, also G. *yapyapīlew*, to gargle.

**gargoyle.** F. *gargouille*. As above.

**garial.** Crocodile. See *gavial*.

**garibaldi.** Red blouse, like shirts worn by followers of *Garibaldi*, liberator of Italy (†1882).

**garish.** ? From obs. *gaure*, to stare, perh. cogn. with *gaze*.

**garland.** OF. *garlande* (replaced by *guirlande*, from It.); cf. It. *ghirlanda*, Sp. *guirnalda*, and obs. Rom. forms in *gar-*. ? Ult. from MHG. *wieren*, to adorn, OHG. *wara*, (gold) wire. First meaning was prob. metal circlet.

**garlic.** AS. *gārleac*, spear leek. See *garfish*, *leek*.

**garment.** F. *garnement* (now only in sense of "baggage," bad lot, etc.), from *garnir*. See *garnish*.

**garner.** OF. *garnier* (Mod. *grenier*), L. *granarium*, granary, from *granum*, grain.

**garnet<sup>1</sup>.** Gem. F. *grenat*, L. *granatum* (sc. *malum*), pomegranate; from resembling seeds of same.

**garnet<sup>2</sup> [naut.].** Hoisting tackle. Prob. slightly altered in sense and form from F. *garant*, fall-tackle, Breton *garan*, lit crane (bird and apparatus). Cf. *burion*.

**garnish.** F. *garnir*, *garniss-*, OHG. *warñen* (\**warnjan*), reflex in sense, to protect oneself; cf. AS. *warnian*, to take warning. See *warn*.

**garrotte.** See *garrotte*.

**garret.** In ME. turret, watch-tower. OF. *garite*, refuge, sanctuary (F. *guérie*, sentry-box), from *garir*, to protect (F. *guérir*, to cure), OHG. *werran* (\**warjan*), to protect; cf. AS. *werian*, to defend. See *ware<sup>2</sup>*, *weir*.

**garrison.** OF. *garison*, *warison* (F. *guérison*, cure), whence also obs. E. *warison*. From *garir*, to protect (v s). Ong. defence, safety; in mod. sense substituted for ME. *garnison* (Chauc.), F. *garnison*, from *garnir* (see *garnish*).

**garron** [Sc.]. Nag. Gael. *gearran*, gelding, from *geàrr*, to cut.

**garrotte, garotte.** Sp. *garrote*, "a cudgell to winde a cord, as carriers do to packe with" (Percyvall); cf. F. *garrot*, cudgel, tourniquet. By some supposed to be Celt. and cogn. with F. *jarret*, hock (see *garter*).

**garrulous.** From L. *garrulus*, from *garrire*, to prattle.

**garter.** ONF. *garther*, *garrether* (F. *jarretière*), from *garet* (F. *jarret*), bend of the knee, hock, dim. of dial *garre*, *jarre*, of Celt. origin; cf. Welsh *gar*, knee, thigh, ham, *garan*, shank.

**garth** [dial.]. Paddock, etc. ON. *garthr*, cogn. with *yard<sup>2</sup>* (q.v.).

**gas.** Coined by Van Helmont, Du. chemist (†1644), with vague reminiscence of *chaos* as used by Paracelsus.

**gasconade.** Boastful talk. F., from reputation of inhabitants of *Gascony*.

**gash.** Earlier *garshe*, for ME. *garše*, from F. *gercer*, to chap, fissure, ? Late L. *caraxare*, G. *χαράσσειν*, to cut, incise.

**gasket** [naut.]. Short rope securing furled sail. Earlier *gassit* (Capt. John Smith), F. *gascette*, rope's end, dim. of *garce*, wench (see *garçon*); cf. *grummet* (q.v.).

**gasp.** Earlier *gaisp*, ON. *geispa*, to yawn, for \**geipsa*, ? cogn. with *gape*. Hence *gasper*, cigarette.

**gasteropod.** Mollusc. From G. *γαστήρ*, belly, *πούς*, ποδ-, foot Cf. *gastric*, of the stomach.

**gate<sup>1</sup>.** On hinges. AS. *geat*, pl. *gatu*; cf. ON. *gat*, Du. *gat*, opening.

**gate<sup>2</sup> [loc.].** Street, way. ON. *gate*; cf. Ger. *gasse*, lane, street, Goth. *gatiwō*. Altered to *gait* (q.v.) in spec. sense.

**gather.** AS. *gadrían*; cf. Du. *gaderen*. Ger. dial *gattern*; prob. cogn. with AS. *gæðling*, companion (see *gad<sup>3</sup>*), Ger. *gatte*, husband, and ult. with *good*. See *together*.

**gatling.** Gun. Invented by Dr R. J. Gatling (†1903).

**gauche.** F., awkward, left-handed. Origin doubtful. See *gawk*.

**gaucho.** SAMer. half-breed. Sp., from Araucanian lang. of Chile.

**gaud.** Orig. prank, trick. App. from F. *se gaudir*, to make merry, scoff, VL. \**gaudire* for *gaudēre*. Later sense influenced by obs. *gaud*, large ornamental bead of rosary, app. from L. *gaudrum*, joy. *Gaudy* is also used in both senses. Cf. *gaudy*, college festival, esp. at Oxf., and *gaudeamus*, from student song *Gaudeamus igitur*, *juvenes dum sumus* Cf. also Ger. dial. *gaudi*, rejoicing, perh., like *gaudy* in some senses, from L. imper. *gaude*, rejoice.

**gauge, gage.** ONF. *gauge* (F. *jauge*). Origin unknown.

**gaujo.** See *gorgio*.

**gault** [geol.]. Clay. ? ON. *gald*, hard snow, whence Norw. *gald*, hard ground, rocky way.

**gaunt.** App. an EAngl. word. It may be dial. *gant*, *gaunt* (cogn. with *goose*), used of various water-fowl, with sense-development like that of *haggard*. See *gannet*.

**gauntlet<sup>1</sup>.** Glove. F. *gantelet*, dim. of *gant*, glove, OF. also *quant*, *want*, of Teut. origin.

**gauntlet<sup>2</sup>, to run.** Orig. mil. punishment. Corrupt. of *ganilope*, Sw. *gai-lopp*, "gate run," in sense of *gate<sup>2</sup>*.

Cf. Ger. *gassenlaufen*, also adapted from Sw.

**gantry.** See *gantry*.

**gauze.** F. *gaze*, perh. from *Gaza* (Palestine).

**gavel**<sup>1</sup> [*hist*]. Now chiefly in *gavel-kind*, orig a form of tenure. AS. *gafol*, tribute, cogn. with *give*.

**gavel**<sup>2</sup> [US.] President's mallet, orig. mason's. Origin unknown.

**gavial.** Crocodile of Ganges. F. *gavial*, mistake for *garial*, Hind. *gharyāl*.

**gavotte.** F. *gavotte*, Prov. *gavoto*, dance of the *Gavots*, Provençal name for inhabitants of Alps.

**gawk, gawky.** Meanings correspond with F. *gauche*, clumsy, left-handed. *Gawk* is for older *gallock*, still in dial. use, e.g. *gallock-handed*, which may very well be the origin of F. *gauche*, a word of late appearance (15 cent), without cognates in Rom. langs.

**gay.** F. *gai*, ? L. *vacuus*, free, unoccupied, etym. sense (empty) surviving in *haveng gai*, shotten herring. Cf. *waif*.

**gaze.** Orig. to stare in wonder, etc. Cf. Norw. Sw. dial. *gasa*, to gape, stare, and see *garsh*.

**gazebo.** Turret on roof or wall. ? Jocular "Latin" coinage on *gaze*.

**gazelle.** F. *gazelle*, Arab. *ghazāl*.

**gazette.** F. *gazette*, It. *gazetta*, first published at Venice (c. 1550) and supposed to come from *gazetta*, small Venetian coin, prob. paid for privilege of reading the news-sheet. The coin was prob. named from *gazetta*, magpie (cf. E. slang *mag*, halfpenny). *Gazetteer*, journalist, was used (1693) by Eachard in the title of his geog. dictionary, *The Gazetteer's*, or *Newsman's*, *Interpreter*, second ed. called simply *The Gazetteer*.

**gazogene.** F. *gazogène*, from *gaz*, gas.

**gear.** Orig. any equipment, esp. armour. ME. *gere*, ON. *gerru*, *gorru*, cogn. with AS. *gearwe*, clothing, armour, and *gearwran*, to make ready. See *garb*.

**gecko.** Lizard Malay *gēkoq*, imit. of cry.

**ged**<sup>1</sup>. Pike-fish. ON. *gedda*, from *gaddr*, spike. See *gad*<sup>1</sup>.

**ged**<sup>2</sup>. For *gad*, i.e. *God*. Cf. *demme*, *demnition*.

**gee** [US.]. Interj. Short for *geewhiz*, euph. for *Jesus*.

**gee-gee.** From command to horse, with meaning varying according to locality.

**geezer** [*slang*]. Dial. form of obs. *guiser*, mummer. See *guise*.

**Gehenna.** Church L. *gehenna*, Late G. *yéenna*, Late Heb. *gē-hinnōm*, valley of *Hinnom*, near Jerusalem, where children were sacrificed to Baal and Moloch (Jer. xix. 5, 6). Cf. *jehannum*.

**geisha.** Jap., dancing-girl, for Chin. *i-chē*, artistic ones.

**gelatine.** F. *gelatine*, It. *gelatina*, from *gelata*, jelly (q.v.)

**geld**<sup>1</sup>, **gelt**, **gild** [*hist*]. In *Danegeld*, *wergild*. MedL. *geldum*, AS. *gield*, payment, tribute. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *geld*, money, ON. *giald*, payment, Goth. *gild*, tribute. See *yield*.

**geld**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. Earlier as adj. ON. *geldr*, barren. Cf. Ger. dial. *gelten*, to geld, *gelze*, castrated swine (see *galt*<sup>1</sup>, *gult*). Hence *gelding*.

**gelid.** L. *gelidus*, from *gelu*, frost.

**gelignite.** Explosive. Coined from *gelatine* and *ignite*.

**gem.** F. *gemme*, L. *gemma*, orig. bud, cogn. with *genus*.

**gemara.** Latter part of Talmud, commentary on earlier part,  *mishna* (q.v.). Aram. *gemārā*, completion

**gemini.** L, the twins, constellation; hence *geminate*, arranged in pairs. As exclamation, for *juminy* (q.v.).

**gemsbok.** SAfr. antelope. Du. *gemsbok*, chamois, from Ger. *gemse*. Cf. *gemshorn*, organ stop, from Ger. See *chamois*.

**-gen.** F. *-gène*, G. *-γενής*, cogn. with *γίγνεσθαι*, to be born.

**genappe.** Yarn. From *Genappe* (Belgium).

**gendarme.** F, back-formation from *gens d'armes*, men at arms, later applied to mil. police.

**gender.** OF. *gendre* (Mod. *genre*), L. *genus*, *gener-*, kind.

**genealogy.** G. *γενεαλογία*, from *γενεά*, race.

**general.** L. *generalis*, from *genus*, *gener-*, kind. Contrasted with *special* (see *genus*, *species*). *Generalissimo* is It. superl. of *generale*.

**generate.** From L. *generare*, to procreate, from *genus*, *gener-*, race. Cf. *generic*. See *genus*.

**generous.** F. *généreux*, L. *generosus*, of high birth (v.s.).

**genesis.** G. *γένεσις*, from *γίγνεσθαι*, to be born. See *genus*.

**genet, gennet, jennet.** (Fur of) civet cat. F. *genette*, Sp. *ginefa*, Arab. *jarnast*.

**geneva** [*archaic*]. Gin. Corrupt. of F. *genièvre*. See *gin*<sup>2</sup>.

**genial.** L. *genialis*, from *genius* (q.v.).  
**genie.** Of the lamp, etc. F. *génie*, adopted by translator of *Arab. Nights* as rendering of Arab. word which it accidentally resembled. See *jinn*.

**genista.** Broom plant. L., see *Planta-genet*.

**genital.** L. *genitalis*, from *gignere*, *gen-*, to beget.

**genitive.** F. *génitif*, L. *genetivus* (v.s.), misused by L. grammarians to render G. γενική (πρώτης), which means properly "generic" (case).

**genius.** L., from *gignere*, *gen-*, to beget. Orig. spirit watching over each person from birth.

**gennet.** See *genet*, *jennet*.

**-genous.** From L. *-genus*, from root of *gignere*, *gen-*, to beget.

**genre.** Esp. in painting. F, kind (see *gender*).

**gent.** Short for *gentleman*.

**genteel.** Earlier *gentile*, F. *gentil*, in orig. sense of *gentile* (q.v.).

**gentian.** L. *gentiana*, from *Gentius*, king of Illyria (2 cent. B.C.), who discovered its properties (so Pliny).

**gentile.** L. *gentilis*, from *gens*, *gent-*, race. In Church L. used to render G. τὰ ἔθνη, the nations.

**gentle<sup>1</sup>.** Adj. F. *gentil*, L. *gentilis*, in class. sense of belonging to a *gens*.

**gentle<sup>2</sup>.** Maggot. ? Ident. with *gentle<sup>1</sup>*, from softness.

**gentry.** Altered from archaic *gentrice*, OF. *gentrice*, var. of *gentillesse* (cf. *fortalice*, *fortress*), from *gentil* (see *gentile<sup>1</sup>*).

**genuflexion.** MedL. *genuflexio-n-*, from L. *genu*, knee, *flectere*, *flex-*, to bend.

**guine.** L. *genuinus*, native; cogn. with *genus* (q.v.).

**genus.** L. *genus*, cogn. with G. γένος, race, γίγνεσθαι, to be born, Sanskrit *jana*, E. *kin*.

**-geny.** See *-gen*.

**geo-.** G. γῆ, from γῆ, earth, as in *geode*, concretionary stone, G. γεώδης, earthy; *geodesy*, G. δαίω, to divide; *geognosy*, G. γινώσκειν, to know; *geomancy*, divination by means of handfuls of earth (cf. *chiromancy*); *geometry*, G. μετρεῖν, to measure; *geopony*, agriculture, G. πνεσθαι, to labour, and many less familiar scient. terms. The oldest in E. use is *geometry*.

**Geordie** [*dialect*]. Collier (man or boat), safety lamp. From *George* (q.v.), last sense with ref. to *George Stephenson*.

**George.** L. *Georgius*, G. Γεώργιος (see *Georgic*), Cappadocian prince supposed to have been martyred temp. Diocletian; patron saint of England since Edward III. Hence, jewel of Garter, guinea (slang).

**georgette.** Fabric. Arbitrary trade-name.

**Georgic.** L. *georgicus*, G. γεωργικός, of a husbandman, γεώργος, from γῆ, earth, ἔργον, work.

**-ger.** L., from *gerere*, to bear. Also *-gerous*.

**geranium.** "Crane's bill." L. *geranium*, G. γεράνιον, from γέρανος, crane (q.v.). Cf. *pelargonium*.

**gerant.** F. *gerant*, manager, from *gérer*, to direct, from L. *gerere*.

**gerbe** [*her*]. Wheat-sheaf. Also, a firework. See *garb<sup>2</sup>*.

**gerfalcon, gyrfalcon.** OF. *gerfaucun*, acc. of *gerfauc* (Mod. *gerfaut*), compd. of *falcon* (q.v.); cf. It. *gyrfalco*, Sp. Port. *gerfalte*, Du. *giervalk*, Ger. *gerfalke*, *gyrfalke*, ON. *gyrfalkr*, all from F. First element is Teut., as shown by occurrence of *Wirfauc* as ME. surname (William Wirfauc, Yorks. *Fines*, temp. John), much earlier than first *NED*. record of *gerfauk* as common noun. This rules out Ger. *gerer*, vulture, hawk, which could not give *w-*, and suggests ON. *verthr*, worthy, Iceland being the home of the best breeds; cf. Ger. *edelfalke* (noble hawk).

**germ.** F. *germe*, L. *germen*, seed, ? for \**genmen*, from *gignere*, to beget.

**german-e.** F. *germain*, L. *germanus*, fully akin; cogn. with *germ*.

**German.** L. *Germanus*, used by Romans and Celts, but not by Teutons (see *Dutch*). Prob. orig. name of particular tribe; cf. F. *allemand*, from the *Alemanni* (now Swabians and Swiss). Replaced (16 cent.) earlier *Almain*, *Dutch*. Etymologies proposed for the name (e.g. OIr. *gair*, neighbour, *gairm*, war-cry, OHG. *gēr*, spear) are pure conjectures.

**germander.** MedL. *germandra* (cf. F. *germandrée*), for *gamandrea*, corrupted from Late G. χαμανδρά, for χαμαίδρος, ground oak. See *camomile*, *dryad*.

**germane.** See *german*.

**germinate.** From L. *germinare*, from *germen*, *germin-*, *germ*.

**geront-.** From G. γέρων, γερων-, old man.

**-gerous.** See *-ger*.

**Gerry.** Mil. slang for *German* (1917). See *Jerry*.

**gerrymander** [*pol.*]. System of "faking" electoral districts, originated (c. 1812) by *Elbridge Gerry*, Governor of Massachusetts. The shape of one district on the map suggested to a painter a *salamander*, improved by a journalist to *gerrymander*.

**gerund** [*gram.*]. L. *gerundum*, from *gerere*, to carry on.

**gesnera**. Plant. From *Conrad von Gesner*, Swiss botanist (16 cent.).

**gesso**. Plaster of Paris. It. *gesso*, L. *gypsum* (q.v.).

**gest** [*archaic*]. Exploit, epic. See *jest*.

**gestation** [*med.*]. L. *gestatio-n-*, from *gestare*, from *gerere*, *gest-*, to bear. Cf. *gestion*, carrying on, management, L. *gestio-n-*.

**gesticulate**. From L. *gesticulari*, from *gesticulus*, dim. of *gestus*, action, gesture, from *gerere*, *gest-*, to perform. Cf. *gesture*, orig. deportment, MedL. *gestura*.

**get**. ON *geta*, to obtain, beget, cogn. with AS. *gietan* (in *forget*, *beget*). Cognates (only in compds) also in Du. Ger. Goth. ult. cogn. with L. *pre-hendere*, G. *χρᾶναι*, to hold.

**geum**. Plant. L. *geum*, avens.

**gew-gaw**. ? Adaptation or imit. of F. *jou-jou*, toy, baby word from *jouer*, to play, L. *iocare*. Cf. *yuju*.

**gey** [*Sc.*]. Considerably, as in *gey sharp*. Sc. form of *gay* (cf. *pretty sharp*).

**geyser**. Icel *geysir*, from ON. *göysa*, to gush. See *gush*, *ingot*.

**gharry** [*Anglo-Ind.*]. Hind *gārī*, cart.

**ghastly**. From obs. *gast*, to terrify. See *aghost*, *ghost*.

**ghaut**. River-stairs (India). Hind. *ghāt*.

**ghazal, gazel**. Oriental verse-form. Arab. *ghazal*, love-song, from *ghazala*, to court.

**ghazi**. Mohammedan fanatic. Arab. *ghāzī*, pres. part. of *ghazā*, to attack.

**ghee**. Clarified butter. Hind. *ghī*, Sanskrit *ghṛta*, from *ghṛ*, to sprinkle.

**gherkin**. Early Du. dim. (now *gurkje*) of *gurk*, for *agurk*, cucumber. Of Slav. origin, cf. Pol. *ogórek*, Czech *okurka*, cucumber. Ger *gurke*, earlier *ajurke*, is via eastern LG.

**ghetto**. It *ghetto*, "a place appointed for the Jews to dwell-in in Venice, and other cities of Italie" (Flor.), ? L. *Aegyptus*, Egypt. Cf. *gitano*.

**Ghibelline** [*hist.*]. It. *ghibellino*, from Ger. *Wärlingen*, seat of *Hohenstaufens*. Cf. *Guelph*.

**ghost**. AS. *gāst*, soul, spirit. WGer. : cf. Du. *geest*, Ger. *geist*. For unoriginal -*h-* cf. cogn. *aghost*, and Flem. *gheest*, which may have influenced Caxton's spelling.

**ghoul**. "Body-snatching" demon. Arab. *ghūl*, from verbal root meaning to seize.

**Ghurka**. See *Goorkha*.

**ghyll**. See *gill*².

**giallo antico**. Marble. It., antique yellow.

**giant**. F. *géant*, L. *gigas*, *gigant-*, G. *γίγας*.

**giaour**. Turk. term of contempt for non-Mussulmans. Pers. *gaur*, *gabr*, fire-worshipper. Cf. *Guebre*.

**gib** [*archaic*]. Cat. Abbrev. of name *Gilbert* (see *gibbon*).

**gibber**. Imit. ; cf. *jabber*.

**gibberish**. Appears earlier (c. 1550) than *gibber* (*Hamlet* i. 1). Connection of the two is doubtful. Early used in ref. to lang. of rogues and gipsies.

**gibbet**. F. *gibet*, in OF. cross-handled stick, dim. of OF. *gibe*, staff.

**gibbon**. Ape. F., said (by Buffon) to be an Indian word. Skeat suggests that this "Indian word" is E. *Gibbon*, dim. of *Gilbert* (see *gib*).

**gibbous**. From L. *gibbus*, hump, cogn. with G. *κνῆψ*, bent.

**gibe**², **jibe**. To jest. ? Cf. Du. *gijbelen*, Ger. dial. *geiselen*, to laugh mockingly.

**gibe**² [*naut.*]. See *gybe*.

**Gibeonite**. Drudge. See *Josh* ix. 23.

**giblets**. Cf. OF. *giblet*, some sort of dish, F. *gibelotte*, rabbit stew, Walloon *giblê d'ave*, goose giblets. Origin unknown.

**gibus**. Opera hat. Name of inventor (19 cent.).

**giddy**. AS. *gydig*, insane, orig. possessed by a god, cf. G. *ἐνθεός* (see *enithusiasm*).

**gier eagle** [*Bibl.*]. Du. *gier*, vulture, cf. Ger. *geier*, cogn. with *gier*, greed (see *yeam*).

**giff-gaff** [*Sc. & north*]. Mutual Redupl. on *gve*.

**Gifford lectures**. Founded at Glasgow by Adam (Lord) Gifford (†1887).

**gig**². In ME. spinning-top (cf. *whirligig*), giddy girl (cf. *giglet*) ; app. cogn. with *jig*. Sense of light vehicle and boat is mod. (late 18 cent.), and identity of these with ME. *gigge* is doubtful.

**gig**². Fish-spear. For *fizig* (q.v.).

**gigantic**. G. *γίγαντις* (see *giant*).

**giggle**. Imit., representing a thinner



sound than *gaggle*; cf. Du. *griegelen*, Ger. *gickeln*, *kichern*, etc.

**giglet** [archaic]. Minx. From *gig*<sup>1</sup>, but now associated with *giggle*.

**gigot**. Sleeve. F., leg of mutton, perh. from OF. *gigue*, fiddle (see *jig*), from shape.

**Gilbertian**. Esp. with *situation*. From W. S. Gilbert (†1911), author of *Mikado*, etc.

**gild**<sup>1</sup>. Verb. AS. *gyldan*, from *gold* (q.v.).

**gild**<sup>2</sup>. See *gurd*.

**Giles**. Stock name for farmer (cf. *Hodge*). Cf. F. *Gilles*, clown or buffoon. From L. *Egidius*, from *aegris* (q.v.).

**gill**<sup>1</sup>. Of fish. ? Cogn. with *synon*. Sw. *gäl*, Dan *gælde*. ? Cf. Sp. *agalla*.

**gill**<sup>2</sup> [north]. Deep glen with stream. ON. *gil*, whence Norw. *geil*, passage between hedges. Also incorr. *ghyll*.

**gill**<sup>3</sup>. Measure. Cf. OF. *gille*, *gelle*, MedL. *gillo*, *gellus*, measure for wine. Perh. from proper name *Gille-s*, *Giles*, or from *Gill*, *jill*; cf. *jug*<sup>1</sup>.

**Gill**. See *jail*.

**gillaroo** [angl.]. Trout. Ir., from *giolla*, lad (v.i.), *ruadh*, red.

**gillie**. Gael *gille*, servant (v.s.).

**gillyflower**. Corrupt. by folk-etym. of F. *giroflee*, from *girofle*, VL \**garophyllon*, G. *καρποφύλλον*, nut leaf, from *καρυον*, nut. The flower was named from scent (see *clove*<sup>2</sup>).

**gilt** [dial.]. Boar. ON. *gyltr*, young sow; cf. *galt*<sup>1</sup> and Ger. dial. *gelze*, hog.

**gimbals** [naut.]. Also (archaic) *gimmel* (ring, bit) OF. *gamel* (Mod. *jumeau*), twin, L. *gemellus*, dim. of *geminus*. Cf. *jumble*<sup>2</sup>.

**gimcrack**. Orig. clever device, dodge. Earlier also *jimcrack*, altered (on name *Jim*) from ME. *gibecrake*, app. inlaid wood-work.

**gimlet, gimblet**. OF. *guimbelet* (Mod. *gabelet*), dim. from ODu *wimpel*. See *wimble*.

**gimmel** [archaic]. See *gimbals*.

**gimp**. Cf. Du. *gimp*, Ger. *gimpf*, app. from F. *guimpe*, wimple, of Teut. origin (see *wimple*), but with the sense of F. *gaspure* (q.v.).

**gin**<sup>1</sup>. Trap. Aphet. for F. *engin*, L. *ingenium*, skill, etc.

**gin**<sup>2</sup>. Spirit. Short for *geneva* (q.v.), F. *genièvre*, L. *jumperus*, juniper, because flavoured with its berries.

**gin**<sup>3</sup>. Aboriginal Austral. woman. Native word.

**gin**<sup>4</sup> [poet.]. Verb. Aphet. for *begin* (q.v.).

**gingall, jingall** [Anglo-Ind.]. Musket on swivel. Hind. *janjāl*, corrupt. of Arab. *jizāl*, pl. of *jaāl*, big, used of Afghan musket fired from rest. Cf. *jezaal*.

**ginger**. AS *gingiber* & F. *gingembre*, Late L. *gingiber*, Late G. *ζιγγίβερις*, ? ult. cogn. with Malayalam *inchiver*, from *inchi*, root, ? or Sanskrit *śrīṅgavera*, lit. antler-shaped.

**gingerly**. Orig. of walking "delicately" App. formed from OF *gensour*, compar. of *gent*, dainty, delicate, etc., L. *genitus*, (well) born.

**gingham**. F. *guingan*, Du. *gingang*, Malay *ginggang*, striped.

**gingival** [med.]. Of the gum, L. *gingiva*.

**gingko**. Tree Jap., from Chin *yin-hing*, silver apricot.

**gingly-** [anat.]. From G. *γίγγλυμος*, hinge.

**ginseng**. Plant. Chin *jên shên*, panax restoring vitality to man (*jên*).

**giottesque** [art]. Suggesting *Giotto*, Tuscan painter (13-14 cents.).

**gippy** [mil.]. For *Egyptian* (soldier).

**gipsy, gypsy**. Earlier *gypcian* for *Egyptian*, because they were supposed to come thence

**giraffe**. F. *girafe*, ult. Arab. *zarāfah*.

**girandole**. Orig. kind of firework; then, fountain jet. It. *girandola*, from *girare*, to gyrate (q.v.).

**girasol**. Opal. It. *girasole*, sunflower, from *girare*, to turn, *sole*, sun.

**gird**<sup>1</sup>. To encircle. AS. *gyrdan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *gorden*, Ger. *gürten*, ON. *gyrtha*, Goth. *-gairdan* (in compds.). Prob. cogn. with *garth* (q.v.). Cf. *girdle*, AS. *gyrðel*; *girth*, ON. *górth*. *Gurder* is a later formation.

**gird**<sup>2</sup>. To assail verbally; usu. with *at*. Orig. (c. 1200) to strike, and ident. with *gird*<sup>1</sup>. Cf. ON. *gyrtha*, to lash.

**gird**. See *gird*<sup>1</sup>.

**girdle**<sup>1</sup>. Belt. See *gird*<sup>1</sup>.

**girdle**<sup>2</sup>. For cakes. Northern var. of *griddle* (q.v.).

**girkin**. See *gherkin*.

**gurl**. ME. *gurle* (13 cent.). Dim. of some unknown word. For obscure hist. cf. *boy*, *lad*, *lass*.

**giron**. See *gyron*.

**Girondist** [hist.]. Moderate party in France (1791-93), led by deputies from the *Gironde*.

**girth**. See *gird*<sup>1</sup>.

**gist**. OF. *gist*, 3rd pers. sing. pres. of

*gésur*, to lie, L. *jacere*. The noun is evolved partly from AF. *l'acion gist*, "the action lies," as leg. phrase.

**gitano**. Gipsy. Sp. *gitano*, MedL. \**Egyptianus*. Cf. *ghetto*.

**gittern** [archaic]. OF. *guiterne*. See *cithar*, *guitar*, *zither*.

**give**. Northern form of AS *giefan* (whence normally ME. *geven*), influenced by ON. *gefa*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *geven*, Ger. *geben*, Goth. *giban*.

**gizzard**. ME. *giser*, F. *gésier*, L. *gigerium* (only in pl.), entrails of fowl.

**glabrous**. Hairless. From L. *glaber*. See *glad*.

**glacé**. F., lit iced (v i).

**glacial**. See *glacier*.

**glacier**. F. *glacier* (from Savoy dial.), from *glace*, ice, VL \**glacra* for *glacies*.

**glacis** [fort]. Sloping bank. F., from *glacer*, to freeze, make slippery (v.s.).

**glad**. AS. *glæd* Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *glad*, smooth, Ger. *glatt*, smooth, ON. *glaihr*, glad; ult. cogn. with L. *glaber*, smooth.

**glade**. Open space among trees. Cogn. with *glad*, bright (v.s.); cf. synon. Ger. *lichtung*, from *licht*, light, F. *clairière* and *éclaircie*, from *clair*.

**gladiator**. L., from *gladius*, sword.

**gladiolus**. L., dim. of *gladius* (v s).

**glair**. White of egg. F. *glawe*, VL. \**clarra*, from *clarus*, clear; cf. It. *chiara*, white of egg.

**glaiue** [poet.]. F. *glaiue*, L. *gladius* (whence OF. *glas*) mixed with Gaulish \**cladebo*- (cf. OIr. *cladeb*, Gael. *claidheamh*, and see *claymore*).

**glamour**. Corrupt. of *grammar*, in sense of *gramarye* (q.v.) Cf. obs. *master of glomery* (Camb.).

**glance**. First as verb. Orig. of blow (to *glance off*, etc.), in which sense it is nasalized from F. *glacer*, which in OF. had meaning of *glisser*, to slide, *glance off*. Sense of shining, flashing is influenced by Du. *glanz* (from Ger.), cogn. with *glint*.

**gland**. F. *glande*, OF. *glandre*, L. *glandula*, dim. of *glans*, *gland*-, acorn. *Glanders*, disease, preserves the OF. form.

**glare**. ME. *glaren*; cogn. with early Du. & LG. *glaren*, to gleam, glare, and ult. with *glass*. Cf. AS. *glær*, amber.

**glass**. AS. *glas*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *glas*, ON. *glær*; also Late L. *glesum*, amber (from Teut.), cogn. with *glare*. The alternation of -s-, -r-, shows true Teut. origin, but some influence may have been exerted by L.

*glacies*, ice; cf. F. *glace*, ice, large mirror.

**Glastonbury**. Chair, thorn. First in imit. of *Abbot of Glastonbury's chair* in bishop's place at Wells; second from famous thorn fabled to have been planted at Glastonbury (Somerset) by Joseph of Arimathea.

**Glaswegian**. Of Glasgow. ? Coined on *Galwegian*, *Norwegian*.

**glauber salts**. First made by Glauber, Ger. chemist (†1668).

**glaucoma**. Form of blindness. G. *γλαύκωμα*, from *γλαύξ*, *glauk-*, owl, named from its bright staring eyes (v i).

**glaucous**. From L. *glaucus*, G. *γλαυκός*, sea-coloured.

**glaze, glazier**. From *glass* (cf. *grass*, *graze*, *grazier*).

**gleam**. AS *glæm*; cf. OSax. *glīmo*, splendour, OHG *glīmo*, glow-worm, cogn. with *glimmer*, *glimpse*.

**glean**. OF *glener* (Mod. *glaner*), Late L. *glenare* (6 cent), ? from OCelt. \**glan-*, clean, pure.

**glebe**. F. *glèbe*, L. *gleba*, clod, lump, ult. cogn. with *globe*.

**glede, gled** [archaic]. Kite (Deut. xiv. 13) AS. *ghlða*, the glider.

**glee**. AS. *glīw*, *glēo*, minstrelsy, merriment; cf. ON. *glǫ*.

**gled** [archaic]. Glowing coal. AS. *glēd*, cogn. with *glow* Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *gloed*, Ger. *glut*, ON. *glōth*.

**gleek** [archaic]. Card game. OF *glie*, *ghelique*, ? Ger. *glück* (MHG. *gelücke*), luck (q.v.) (cf. *hasard*, *fortune*, *chance*, *bonheur*, all used of card-games), ? or Du. *gelijk*, like, three kings, etc. forming a *gleek*.

**gleet** [med.]. F. *glette*, viscous matter, Ger. *glätte*, from *glatt*, smooth.

**gleg** [Sc]. Quick, clever. ON. *gleggr*. Com. Teut.; cf. AS. *glēaw*, OSax. OHG. *glau*, Goth. \**glaggwus* (inferred from adv. *glaggwō*).

**glen**. Gael. Ir. *gleann*; cf. Welsh, Corn. *glyn*.

**glendoveer**. Sprite. Imitated by Southey from *grandouwer* (Sonnerat, *Voyage aux Indes*, 1782), Sanskrit *gandharva*.

**glengarry**. Bonnet. Place (Inverness). Cf. *glenlivet*, whisky (Banff).

**glib**. From c. 1600, also *glibbery*. Orig. smooth, slippery. Cf. Du. *glibbeng*, LG. *glibbrig*, slippery; prob. ult. cogn. with *glide* (cf. dial. *gliddery* in same sense).

**glide**. AS. *glīdan*. WGer.; cf. Du.

- ghyden*, Ger. *glerten*. Perh ult. cogn with *glad* (q.v.).
- glim**. Usu. in *douse the glim*. Related to *glimmer*. Immediate source perh. OF. *glimpe*, "a light made of the staulke or stemme of an herb dried, and afterward greased over" (Cotg), which is of Du. or Ger. origin. Cf. *glimpse*.
- glimmer**. Frequent from same root as *gleam*; cf. Ger. *glimmen*.
- glimpse**. First as verb, from root of *gleam*, *glimmer*; cf. MHG. *glimsen*.
- glint**. ME *glent*, prob. Scand.; cf. Ger. *glanzen*, to glance, shine.
- glissade** [Alp.]. Slide. F, from *glisser*, app. due to mixture of OF *glacier* (see *glance*) and synon. *gher*, of Teut. origin (see *girdle*).
- glisten, glister**. *Glsten* is AS. *glisman*, to glitter, with *ghster* cf. obs. Du. *ghsterven* (Mod. *glinsteren*). Both have same sense as ME. *glisen*, AS *glisan*, ult cogn with *glitter*.
- glitter**. ON. *glitra*, from *glit*, brightness; cf. Ger. *glitzern*. These are frequent. verbs cogn. with AS. *glitman*, to shine.
- gloaming**. AS *glōmung*, from *glōm*, twilight, cogn with *glow*, but not with *gloom*.
- gloat**. Cf. Ger. *gloitzen*, to stare, ON. *glotta*, to grin scornfully.
- globe**. F. *globe*, L. *globus*, round mass, etc., cogn. with *glomus*, lump.
- glomerate**. See *agglomerate*.
- gloom**. Back-formation from earlier *gloomy*, from verb *gloom*, to look sullen. Cogn. with *glum*, but not with *gloaming*.
- gloria**. L., for *gloria* (*patri, tibi, in excelsis*).
- glory**. OF. *glorie* (Mod. *gloire*), L. *gloria*.
- gloss<sup>1</sup>**. Lustre. Cf. obs Du. *gloos*, gleaming, MHG. *glos*. Prob. cogn. with *glare*, *glass*, the latter of which is used indifferently with *gloss* in 16-17 cents. See *gloss<sup>2</sup>*.
- gloss<sup>2</sup>**. Interpretation. Earlier *glose*, *glose* (q.v.), F. *glose*, G. *γλῶσσα*, tongue, language. Hence *glossary*. But ME. sense, flattery, deceit, points to early association with the root of *gloss<sup>1</sup>*.
- glossary, glosso-**. See *gloss<sup>2</sup>*.
- glottis** [anat.]. G *γλωττίς*, from *γλῶττα*, var. of *γλῶσσα*, tongue (v.s.).
- glove**. AS. *glōf*; cf. ON. *glōfe*; ? cogn. with ON. *lōfe*, hand (whence Sc. *loof*).
- glow**. AS *glōwan*, or, as this is a strong verb, perh. rather cogn. ON. *glōa*.

- cf. Du. *gloeren*, Ger. *gluhen*; see also *gleed*, *gloaming*.
- glower**. Obs. *glore*, to stare, cogn. with *glare*, influenced in sound and sense by *lower*, cf. Du. *gloren*, *gluren*, to peep, leer, Sw. dial. *glora*, to shine, stare.
- gloxinia**. Plant. From *Gloxin*, F. botanist (18 cent.).
- gloy**. Trade-name for paste. From G. *γλοιός*, sticky oil.
- gloze**. F. *gloser*, to interpret, comment on. See *gloss<sup>2</sup>*. When used with *over*, it is associated with *gloss<sup>1</sup>*.
- glucose**. From G. *γλυκός*, sweet.
- glue**. F. *glu*, bird-lime, glue, Late L. *glus*, *glut-*; cogn with L. *gluten*, glue.
- glum**. First as verb, to look sullen (see *gloom*), cf. Ger. dial. *glum*, turbid, from LG.
- glume** [bot.]. F. *glume*, L. *gluma*, husk.
- glumpy**. From *glum*; cf. *grumpy*.
- glut**. OF. *gloutir*, to swallow, L. *glutire*.
- gluten**. L., glue. Cf. *agglutinate*.
- glutton<sup>1</sup>**. Greedy eater. F. *glouton*, L. *glutto-n-*, from *glutire*, to swallow.
- glutton<sup>2</sup>**. Animal. Translated from Ger. *vielfrass* (from *viel*, much, *fressen*, to devour), applied to Scand. variety. This is, however, folk-etym for Norw. *fjeld-fross*, mountain cat, the second element of which is cogn. with ON. *fress*, tom-cat, bear.
- glycerine**. F. *glycérine*, from G. *γλυκερός*, sweet.
- glyconic** [metr.]. From *Γλύκων*, G. lyric poet.
- glyphic**. Pertaining to carving. G. *γλυπτικός*, from *γλύφειν*, to carve. Cf. *glyph*, as in *hieroglyph*.
- gnarled**. From solitary occurrence (*gnarled oak*) in *Meas. for Meas* u. 2 (only in Fol. of 1623), where it is a var. of *knurled*, from *knurl*, dim. of *knur*, *knar*, lump, swelling (see *knur*), cogn. with Ger. *knorren*, knot in wood.
- gnash**. Substituted (c. 1500) for earlier *gnast* (Wyc.), cogn. with ON. *gnista*, to gnash the teeth, Ger. *knirschen*, to gnash, *knistern*, to crackle. Of imit. origin.
- gnat**. AS. *gnæt*; cf. Sw. dial. *gnadd*.
- gnathic** [anat.]. From G. *γνάθος*, jaw.
- gnathonic**. Sycophantic. From *Gnatho*, parasite in Terence's *Eunuchus* (v.s.).
- gnaw**. AS *gnagan*. Com. Teut; cf. Du. *knagen*, Ger. *nagen* (OHG. *gnagan*), ON. *gnaga*. See *nag<sup>2</sup>*.
- gneiss** [min.]. Ger., from *gneist*, spark, cogn. with AS. *gnäst*.
- gnome**. ModL. *gnomus*, invented by Paracelsus (16 cent.). Cf. *sylph*.

**gnomic.** Dealing in axioms. From G. γνώμη, thought, judgment, from γινώσκειν, to know.

**gnomon.** Indicator, esp. on sun-dial G γνώμων, inspector, indicator, also carpenter's square, from γινώσκειν, to know.

**gnostic.** G. γνωστικός, pertaining to knowledge (v.s.).

**gnu.** SAfr. antelope Kaffir ngu.

**go.** AS. gān. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. gaan, Ger. gehen, ON. gā. Related to gang as root *sia-* (cf. Ger. stehen) to stand.

**goa.** Antelope. Native name (Tibet).

**goad.** AS. gād; cogn. with OHG. (Lombardic) gaida, spear-head, and ult. with gar, in garfish

**goal.** ME. gol, limit, boundary, occurring once only (c. 1315), may be AS. \*gāl, whence app. AS. gēlan, to hinder, impede. For sense cf. L. meta, goal, orig. boundary.

**goat.** AS. gāt. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. geit, Ger. geiss, ON. geit, Goth. garts; cogn. with L. haedus, kid.

**gob.** Lump, clot, etc., with dim. gobbet. Cf. OF. gobe, F. gobet, and gober, to swallow, gobble. App. of Celt. origin; cf. Gael. gob, beak (see gab), Ir. gob, beak, mouth.

**gobang.** Game. Jap. goban, Chin. k'i-p'an, chessboard.

**gobble.** Of turkey-cock. Imit. cf. gabble, cackle, etc. For swallowing sense see gob.

**gobelin.** Tapestry. From state factory, Paris, founded by Gobelin (16 cent.).

**gobemouche.** Credulous person. F. gobemouches, lit. swallow-flies, kind of sparrow.

**goblet.** OF. gobelet, dim. of gobel, gobeau. All these words are common F. surnames, coming from OHG. God-bald, god-bold (cf. E. Godbolt), and the vessel is no doubt of same origin. Cf. E. dial. goddard, goblet, OF. godart, OHG. God-hart, god-strong, named in same way. See goblin.

**goblin.** F. goblin, dim. of name Gobel (v.s.); cf. hobold (q.v.), harlequin, jack o' lantern, will o' the wisp, etc. Gobelín (q.v.) is a common F. surname. Cf. also Ger. heinzelmannchen, goblin, from Heinz, pet form of Heinrich, Henry, with var. hänsel-männchen, from Hans, Johnny.

**goby.** Fish. L. gobi-us. See gudgeon.

**god.** AS. god. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. god, Ger. gott, ON. goth, Goth. guth. Orig. a neuter, as in MHG. abgott,

idol, change of gender coming about with monotheism.

**godetia.** Flower. From Godet, Swiss botanist.

**godhead.** This and *maidenhead* are the only survivors of ME. suffix *-hede*, cogn. with *-hood* and Ger. *-heit*.

**godown.** Warehouse in East. Malay gadong, from Telugu or Tamil.

**godwit.** Bird. ? From cry; cf. *pewit*. But cf. synonym. Norw. Dan. *rodvite*, from *rod*, red, with second element as in *musvit*, titmouse This is perh. archaic Dan. *vitte*, small thing, used like E. *tit*.

**goffer, gauffer, gopher.** F. *gaufre*, to stamp with honeycomb pattern, from *gaufre*, thin cake with this pattern, LG. *wafel*, honeycomb (see *wafer*, *waffle*).

**goggle, -eyed.** From *goggle*, to move uncertainly here and there, app. cogn. with *jog*, *joggle*. Hence *goggles*, spectacles.

**goglet, gugglet** [Anglo-Ind.]. Earlier (17 cent.) *gurgulet*, Port. *gorgoleta*, "an earthen and narrow mouthed vessel, out of which the water runs, and guggles" (Vieyra) Cf. *gargle*.

**Goidelic, Gadhelic** [eihn. & ling.]. From OIr. *gōidel*, a Gael.

**goitre.** F. *goître*, back-formation from *goîtreux*, Prov. *goitros*, VL. \**guiturnosus*, from *gutur*, throat.

**golconda.** From old name of Hyderabad, famous for diamonds. Cf. *eldorado*.

**gold.** AS. *gold*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *goud*, Ger. *gold*, ON. *goll*, Goth. *gulth*; prob. cogn. with *yellow*.

**golf.** From 15 cent. Du. *holf*, club, cogn. with Ger. *kolben*, club, musket-butt, and ult. with L. *globus*.

**golgotha.** G. γολγοθᾶ, Aramaic *gogolihā*, Heb. *gulgoleth*, skull

**goliardic.** Poetry. From the *gohards*, medieval buffoon poets (12-13 cents.), OF. *gohard*, glutton, from OF. *gole* (Mod. *gueule*), mouth, maw, L. *gula*.

**golliwog.** Created in US. by Miss Florence Upton. Perh. from *golly* (v.i.) with suggestion of dial. *polliwog*, tadpole, which is still common in US

**golly.** Negro perversion of *God*.

**golosh.** See *galosh*.

**goluptious.** Facet. perversion (19 cent.) of *voluptuous*.

**gombeen-man** [Ir.] Usurer. From Ir. *gairbim*, cogn. with MedL. *cambrum*. See *change*.

**gombroon.** Persian pottery. From town on Persian Gulf. Cf. *gambroon*.



of Hanno the Carthaginian (c. 500 B.C.) in sense of hairy savage.

**gormandize.** See *gourmand*.

**gorse.** AS. *gorst*; cogn. with Ger *gerste*, barley, and L. *hordeum*.

**gorsedd.** Welsh, lit. exalted seat.

**gosh.** For *God*; cf. *gad*, golly.

**goshawk.** AS. *gōshafoc*, goose hawk; cf. ON. *gāshaukr*.

**Goshen.** Land of light and plenty. Heb. (*Gen.* xlvii 27).

**gosling.** Dim. of *goose*.

**gospel.** AS. *godspel*, for *gōd spel*, good tidings (see *spell*<sup>1</sup>), translating L. *evangelium* (see *evangel*). Associated with *God* (for *good*) also in ON. & OHG.

**goss** [archaic slang] Hat. Short for *gossamer hat*, a light felt popular c. 1830-40.

**gossamer.** ME. *gosesomer*, app. for *goose summer*, applied to the period (St Martin's summer) when geese are eaten and *gossamer* is chiefly seen. The substance and season have fantastic names in most Europ. langs, e.g. F. *fil de la Vierge*, Ger. *mädchen-sommer* (these perh. associated with the Assumption, Aug 15), Du. *kraanzomer* (crane), etc.

**gossip.** AS. *godsibb*, God akin (see *sib*), used of those who contracted spiritual affinity by acting as sponsors. With later senses, crony, chatterer, cf. hist. of synon. F. *compère*, *commère* (see *compeer*, *cummer*).

**gossoon** [Anglo-Ir.]. From ME. *gar-soun*, F. *garçon* (q.v.).

**Gotham.** Home of "wise men." Village near Nottingham.

**Gothic.** Of the *Goths*, Late L. pl. *Gothi*, G. *Γόθοι*, adapted from first element of Goth. *gutthiuda*, Gothic people.

**götterdämmerung.** Ger., twilight of the gods.

**gouache** [paint.] F. *gouache*, It. *guazzo*, "a water or washed colour" (Flor.), ? ult. cogn. with Ger. *wasser*, water, ? or for It. *acquazzo*, L. *aquat*, from *aqua*, water.

**goufa.** Boat on Tigris. See *kuphar*.

**gouge.** Chisel. F. *gouge*, Late L. *gubia*, *gubia*; cf. It. *gubbia*, Sp. *gubia*. Of Celt. origin; cf. OIr. *gubán*, Welsh *gylfin*, beak.

**goulard.** Lotion. From name of F. surgeon (18 cent.).

**goulash** [cook.]. Kind of stew. Ger. *gulasch*, from Hung.

**gourd.** F. *gourde*, L. *cucurbita*.

**gourmand.** F., of unknown origin, app.

related to *gourmet*, epicure, wine-taster

**gout.** F. *goutte*, L. *gutta*, drop, from early med. view as to the "humour" causing it.

**goût.** F. *goût*, taste, L. *gustus*.

**govern.** F. *gouverner*, L. *gubernare*, G. *κυβερνᾶν*, to steer a ship

**gowan** [Sc. & north]. Daisy Cf. earlier *golland*, ult. cogn. with *gold* and *yellow*.

**gowk** [Sc. & north] Fool. ON *gaukr*, cuckoo; cf. AS *gēac*, Ger. *gauch*, cuckoo, fool.

**gown.** OF. *gonne*; cf. MedL. *gunna*, It. *gonna*, OSp. *gona*. App. orig. a fur garment. Ult. origin unknown.

**grab.** Cf. early Du. & LG. *graben*; cogn. with *grape*, *gripe*, and ult. with *garb*<sup>2</sup>.

**grace.** F. *grâce*, L. *gratia*, pleasing quality, favour (in pl. thanks), from *gratus*, pleasing

**grackle.** Bird. ModL. *gracula*, for L. *graculus*, daw, chough, etc.

**grade.** F. *grade*, rank, order, L. *gradus*, step. Cf. *gradient*, from pres. part. of L. *gradior*, I step. *Gradual* is MedL. *graduālis*; cf. *graduate*, from MedL. *graduare*, to take a "degree." The *gradual*, chant between epistle and gospel at Eucharist, was so called because sung at steps of ambo. *Gradus*, L. school-book, was orig. *Gradus ad Parnassum* (17 cent.), for help in L. verse.

**gradely** [dial.]. Comely, etc. ON. *greithliga*, from *greithr*, cogn. with AS. *geræde*, ready (q.v.).

**Gradgrind.** One who recognizes nothing but "business." Character in Dickens' *Hard Times*.

**gradin-e** [arch.]. Tier. F. *gradin*, It. *gradino*, from L. *gradus*, step, grade.

**gradual, graduate, gradus.** See *grade*.

**graffito** [art.]. It., from *graffio*, scratch. Cf. *sgraffito*.

**graft**<sup>1</sup>. In gardening. Earlier *graffe*, F. *greffe*, L. *graphium*, G. *γραφίον*, stylus, from *γραφειν*, to write; from pencil-shaped shoot used in grafting. Cf. *impf*.

**graft**<sup>2</sup> [US.]. Perh. ident. with E. slang *graft*, work, from obs. *grave*, to dig.

**grahamize** [hist.]. From Sir James Graham, who was Home Secretary when Mazzini's letters were opened in post (1844).

**grail** [eccl.]. Book of Mass-music OF. *grael*, MedL. *graduāle*. See *grade*.

**grail, holy.** Cup used at Last Supper. OF. *graal*, *grael*, in *saint graal* (ME

*sangreal*), MedL *sanctus gradalis*, perh. ult from L *crater*, bowl

**grain**<sup>1</sup>. F. *grain*, grain, corn, L. *granum*, and *graine*, seed, L. *grana*, neut pl. used as collect. Cogn. with *corn*<sup>1</sup>, *kernel*.

**grain**<sup>2</sup>, **grainse**. Fish-spear. ON *grein*, division, branch, whence dial. E. *grain*, prong

**grallatorial** [*ornith.*]. From L. *grallator*, stilt-walker, from *grallae*, stilts, for \**gradlae*, from *gradior*, I step.

**gralloch** [*ven.*]. To disembowel (deer). From Gael *grealach*, intestines, ? cogn. with *gore*<sup>1</sup>.

**gram**<sup>1</sup>. Chick-pea. Port. *grão*, L. *granum*

**gram**<sup>2</sup>. Unit of weight. See *gramme*.

**-gram**. G. *γράμμα*, letter, from *γράφειν*, to write.

**gramarye** [*archaic*]. ME, grammar, magic. See *grammar*, *glamour*.

**gramercy** [*archaic*]. OF. *grant merci*, great thanks. See *mercy*

**gramineous**. From L. *gramen*, *gramin-*, grass.

**grammologue** [*shorthand*]. Incorr. for *logogram*. For inversion of elements cf. *gramophone*.

**grammar**. F. *grammaire*, L. *grammatica* (sc. *ars*), G. *γραμματική* (sc. *τέχνη*), from *γράμμα*, letter, from *γράφειν*, to write. In Middle Ages often of occult sciences popularly connected with the learned (hence *gramarye*, *glamour*).

**gramme**, **gram**. F. *gramme*, G. *γράμμα*, letter, also small weight.

**gramophone**. Formed by reversing *phonogram*.

**grampus**. Earlier *graundepose*, altered (on F. *grand*) from ME. *grapeys*, OF. *grapois*, *graspeis*, *craspois*, L. *crassus piscis*, fat fish; cf. *porpoise*

**granadilla**, **grenadilla**. Flower. Sp., dim. of *granada*, pomegranate.

**granary**. L. *granarium*, from *granum*, corn<sup>1</sup>.

**grand**. F. *grand*, L. *grandis*, which supplanted *magnus* in Rom. langs.

**grandee**. Earlier *grande*, *grandy*, Sp. *grande*, L. *grandis* (v.s.).

**grandiloquent**. From L. *grandiloquus*, from *loqui*, to speak.

**grandiose**. F. *grandiose*, It. *grandioso* **Grandisonian**. Like Sir Charles Grandison, faultless hero of Richardson's novel (1753).

**grange**. Orig. granary, barn. F. *grange*, VL. \**granica*, from *granum*, corn<sup>1</sup>.

**grangerize**. From James Granger, who published (1769) a *Biographical His-*

*tory of England* with blank pages for insertion of illustrative engravings, etc.

**granite**. It. *granito*, grained. Cf. *granophyre*, coined from Ger. *gran(ii)(por)-phyr*.

**granny**. For *grannam*, colloq. for *grandam*.

**grant**. AF. *graantier*, *graunter*, OF. *creanter*, from *creant*, pres. part. of *creire* (Mod. *croire*), L. *credere*, to believe, entrust (cf. *credit*). Possibly AF. *graunter* may also partly represent F. *garantir* (see *guarantee*).

**granulate**. From Late L. *granulum*, dim. of *granum*, grain.

**grape**. F. *grappe* (*de raisin*), bunch (of grapes), cogn. with *grab*, *grapple*, etc.

**graph** [*math.*]. For *graphic formula*. Cf. *graphical*, G. *γραφικός*, from *γραφή*, writing, drawing, from *γράφειν*, to write, orig. to scratch

**-graph**, **-grapher**, **-graphy**. See *graph*. **graphite**. Black lead. Ger. *graphit*, or F. *graphite*, because used for pencils (v.s.).

**grapnel**. Dim. from F. *grappin*, dim. of OF. *grappe*, hook, OHG. *krappfo*.

**grapple**. Orig. naut. Cogn. with above.

**graptolite**. Fossil. From G. *γραπτός*, painted. See *-lite*.

**grasp**. ME. *graspen* (often synon. with *gripe*), for *grapsen*, cogn. with *grab*, *gripe*, etc.

**grass**. AS. *gæs*, *græs*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. ON. Goth. *gras*; ult. cogn. with *grow*, *green*, and L. *gramen*

**grass-cut(ter)** [*Anglo-Ind.*]. Folk-etym. for Urdu *ghāskatā*.

**grass-widow**. Orig. (16 cent.) discarded mistress. Cf. obs. LG. *graswedewe*, in same sense, also Du. *grasweduwe*, Ger. *strohweib* (straw), in mod. sense. Orig. allusion prob. to bed of straw or grass.

**grate**<sup>1</sup>. Bars. MedL. *grata*, from L. *cratis*, hurdle. Cf. *grill*.

**grate**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. F. *gratter*, to scratch, of Teut. origin; cf. Dan. *kraite*, Ger. *kraizen*, E. *s-scratch*.

**grateful**. From obs. adj. *grate*, L. *gratus*, pleasing (cf. *ingrate*). Cf. *gratitude*.

**gratify**. F. *gratifier*, from L. *gratificari*, from *gratus*, pleasing.

**gratin** [*cook.*]. F., from *gratter*, to grate.

**gratis**. L., contr. of *gratus*, abl. pl. of *gratia*, favour. Cf. *gratuitous*, from cogn. L. *gratuitus*, freely bestowed.

**gratitude**, **gratuity**. See *grateful*, *gratis*. **gratulate**. See *congratulate*.

**grauwacke** [*geol.*]. Ger., gray wacke (q.v.).

**gravamen**. MedL., grievance. See *grave*<sup>2</sup>, *grief*.

**grave**<sup>1</sup>. Noun. AS. *græf*, cogn. with *grafan*, to dig (v.1).

**grave**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. AS. *grafan*, to dig (see Ps. vii 16, *P.B.*). Com. Teut., cf. Du. *graven*, Ger. *graben*, ON. *grafa*, Goth. *graban*. Cf. *engrave*.

**grave**<sup>3</sup>. Adj. L. *gravis*, heavy, serious, cogn. with G. *βαρύς*. Cf. *gravity*, *gravitate*.

**grave**<sup>4</sup> [*naut.*]. Chiefly in *graving-dock*, where ship's bottom is cleaned by burning and tarring. From F. *grève* (see *gravel*), beach, where ship was careened for the purpose.

**grave**<sup>5</sup> [*hist.*]. Du. *grave*, count<sup>1</sup>; cf. *landgrave*.

**gravel**. F. *gravelle*, dim. of OF. *grave* (Mod. *grève*), shingle, etc., of Celt. origin.

**graveolent**. Fetid. From L. *grave*, heavily, *olère*, to smell.

**graves**. See *greaves*<sup>2</sup>.

**Graves' disease**. Diagnosed (1835) by Dr Graves, of Dublin.

**gravid**. L. *gravidus*, from *gravis*, heavy.

**gravitate**, **gravity**. See *grave*<sup>3</sup>.

**gravy**. App. originated as cooking-term (14 cent.) from misreading of OF. *grané*, from *grain*, used in OF. as gen. name for cooking ingredients. This conjecture, unlikely as it appears, is confirmed by the fact that M.E. recipes for *gravy* and OF. recipes for *grané* are practically ident.

**gray**. See *grey*.

**grayling**. Fish. From colour.

**graze**<sup>1</sup>. Of cattle. AS. *grasian*, from *grass* (cf. *glaze*, *glass*). *Grazier*, feeder of cattle, is partly OF. *grassier*, fattener (see *grease*).

**graze**<sup>2</sup>. To touch lightly. Of doubtful origin. It appears to contain suggestions of *raze* (cf. *abrasion*), of obs. *glace*, to glance (q.v.), and of skimming the surface of the *grass* (cf. F. *effleurer*). Prob. associated with *graze*<sup>1</sup>.

**grease**. F. *graisse*, VL. \**crassia* from *crassa*, neut. pl., from *crassus*, fat. Cf. *force*, *marvel*.

**great**. AS. *grēat*. WGer.; cf. Du. *groot*, Ger. *gross*.

**greaves**<sup>1</sup> [*hist.*]. Armour for legs. OF. *greve*, shin. Origin obscure, perh. the hard part as opposed to the soft part (cf. F. *mollet*, calf), and so ult. ident. with *greaves*<sup>2</sup>.

**greaves**<sup>2</sup>, **graves**. Fibrous refuse of tallow. LG. *greven*, cogn. with OHG. *gruobo* (Mod. *griebe*), which some connect with Ger. *grob*, coarse, as applied to the solid constituents.

**grebe**. F. *grèbe*, of unknown origin.

**greed**. Back-formation from *greedy*, AS. *græddig*. Com. Teut.; cf. OSax. *grādag*, OHG. *grātag*, ON. *grāihugr*, Goth. *grēdags*, also ON. *grāihir*, hunger, Goth. *grēdus*, cogn. with Sanskrit *grāh*, to be greedy.

**green**. AS. *grēne*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *groen*, Ger. *grün*, ON. *grænn*; cogn. with *grass*, *grow*.

**greengage**. See *gage*<sup>2</sup>.

**greet**<sup>1</sup>. To salute AS. *grētan*. WGer.; cf. Du. *groeten*, Ger. *grüssen*. Perh. cogn. with *greet*<sup>2</sup>, with orig. sense of outcry.

**greet**<sup>2</sup> [*Sc. & north*]. To weep. AS. *grētan*. Com. Teut.; cf. OSax. *grātan*. MHG. *grazen*, ON. *grāta*, Goth. *grētan*.

**greffier**. F., notary, etc. From *greffe*, stylus. See *graft*<sup>1</sup>.

**gregarious**. From L. *gregarius*, from *grex*, *greg-*, herd.

**Gregorian**. Music, from Pope Gregory I (6 cent.). Calendar (1582), from Pope Gregory XIII.

**Gregory powder**. From James Gregory, Sc. physician (†1821).

**gremial**. Of the lap or bosom, L. *gremium*.

**grenade**. F. *grenade*, "a pomegranet"; also, a ball of wild-fire, made like a pomegranet" (Cotg.). See *pomegranate*. Hence *grenadier*.

**grenadilla**. As *granadilla*.

**grenadine**<sup>1</sup>. Fabric. F., for archaic *grenade*, orig. spotted with "grains."

**grenadine**<sup>2</sup>. Fruit drink. From F. *grenade*, pomegranate.

**Gresham's law** [*econ.*]. That bad money drives out good, as explained (1558) by Sir T. Gresham to Queen Elizabeth.

**grevillea**. Flower. Named (1809) from C. F. Greville, vice-president of the Royal Society.

**grey**, **gray**. AS. *græg*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *grauw*, Ger. *grau*, ON. *gräv*.

**greyhound**. AS. *grīghund*, ON. *greyhundr*. The first element means bitch, and the compd. has prob. changed its meaning.

**greylag**. Goose. From late migration.

**griddle**, **gridiron**. AF. *grādl*, ult. from L. *crates*, hurdle, grating. Found also in Gael. Ir. Welsh, from L., so that the immediate source may have been



partly Celt. *Griðron* is folk-etym. for ME. *greðve*, var. of *greðle*. *Grid* is a back-formation. See *grill* and *griddle*<sup>2</sup>.

**gride** [*poet.*] To pierce, cut. Metath. of *grid*<sup>2</sup>, adopted by Spenser from Lydgate.

**gridron**. See *griddle*.

**grief**. F, wrong, grievance, from *grever*, to afflict. See *grieve*.

**grieve**. From tonic stem (OF. *greuv-*) of F. *grever*, to weigh down, afflict, VL. \**grevare*, from \**grevus*, altered from *gravis*, heavy, by association with its opposite *levis*, light.

**griffin**<sup>1</sup>, **griffon**, **gryphon**. F. *griffon*, from L. *gryphus*, from G. *γρύψ, γρυπ-*; cf. G. *γρυπός*, curved, hook-beaked

**griffin**<sup>2</sup> [*Anglo-Ind.*] New arrival in India, green hand. Origin unknown.

**griffon**. Dog F., see *griffin*<sup>1</sup>.

**grig, merry**. In earliest records (16 cent.) it means boon companion and is found also (corrupted) as *merry Greek*. Quite possibly it is the pet form of *Gregory* (cf. surname *Grigg*), and *merry Grig* may go with *merry Andrew*, *zany*, etc. Crabbe describes the members of a convivial society as "Griggs and Gregorians" and Mas-

singer (1599) used *Gregory* for a gallant. *Grig*, grasshopper, cricket, is a mod. assumption from the phrase, by analogy with *merry as a cricket*.

**grill**. F. *gril*, gridron (cf. fem. form *grille*, grating), OF. *greil*, *greille*, L. *craticulum*, *craticula*, from *crates*, hurdle, grating. Cf. *creel*, *griddle*.

**grilse**. Young salmon on first return from sea. ? OF. *grisle*, grey. See *grizzled*.

**grim**. AS. *grimm*, fierce. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *grim* (noun), Ger. *grimm*, ON. *grimmr*; cogn. with ME. *grame* and Ger. *gram*, whence OF. *grain*, surly.

**grimace**. F. *grimace*, prob. from OHG. *grimmiza*, cogn. with *grim* (v.s.). ? Or connected with *grime* (q.v.)

**grimalkin** [*archaic*]. ? For *gray malkin* (*Macb.* i. 1), the latter, dim. of *Mahlida* and *Mary*, being name for she-cat.

**grime**. First as verb (15 cent.). Of LG. origin, cf. ModFlem *grijm*, obs. Du. *begremen*, "denigrare, maculis inficere, maculare, angl. grime" (Kil); ? cogn. with AS. *grima*, mask, orig. blackened face, which is still sense of Norw. *grime*.

**Grimm's law** [*ling.*]. Stated by Jakob Grimm, Ger. philologist (†1863).

**grimthorpe**. To "restore" an ancient building. From restoration (late 19 cent.) of St Albans Abbey by Lord Grimthorpe

**grin**. AS. *grennian*; cf. Ger. *gremnen*, *grinsen*.

**grind**. AS. *grindan*; ? cogn. with L. *frondere*, to gnash the teeth; cf. Du. *grenden* (rare).

**gringo**. Mexican name for Englishman or AS. American. Sp. *gringo*, unintelligible, ? for *griego*, Greek.

**grip**<sup>1</sup>. AS. *gripa*, handful, *gripe*, clutch; cogn. with *gripe*. US. *grip*, handbag, is for *gripsack*.

**grip**<sup>2</sup> [*dial.*]. Trench, hollow AS. *grêpe*, *grype*.

**gripe**. AS. *gripan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *gripen*, Ger. *greifen*, ON. *gripa*, Goth. *greipan*, cogn. with *gripe*.

**grippe**. Influenza. F., seizure, from *gripper*, to seize, clutch, of LG. origin (v.s.).

**grisaille** [*paint.*]. F., from *gris*, grey. See *grizzled*.

**grissette**. F., work-girl, from *gris*, grey (v.s.), from former dress.

**griskin**. Dim. of dial. *grice*, pig, ON. *griss*.

**grisly**. AS. *grislíc*, terrible; cf. ME. *grisen*, to shudder (AS. *āgrisan*), Du. *griezelen* (earlier *griselen*), MHG. *grisenlich*, grisly.

**grison**. Samer. quadruped. F., from *gris*, grey.

**grist**. AS. *grist*, from *grind*.

**gristle**. AS. *gristle*, cartilage of the nose, *næggristle*. Analogy of Du. *knarsbeen*, gristle, from *knarsen*, to gnash, suggests connection with *grist*, from idea of crunching.

**grit**. AS. *grēot*, sand, etc. The fact that Ger. *gruess*, groats, grits, is OHG. *gruoz*, sand, points to relationship of *grits*, oatmeal, AS. *grytta* (cf. Ger. *grütze*), with *grit*. The vowel of *grit* (for *greet*) is due to association with *grits*.

**grits**. See *grit*.

**grizzle**. To sulk, fret. ? Ironical allusion to patient *Grizel*, Chaucer's *Griseldris*.

**grizzled, grizzly**. From archaic *grizzle*, grey-haired, ME. *grisel*, old man, OF. dim. of *gris*, grey. The *grizzly bear* (ursus horribilis) belongs rather to *grisly*.

**groan**. AS. *grāman*, ? cogn. with *grin*. **groat**. Orig. Du. coin. Du. *groot*, great, in sense of thick; cf. *groschen*.

**groats**. Crushed grain. Pl. from AS. *grot*, particle, cogn. with *grut*; cf. Du. *grutte*, Ger. *grutze*. See *groat*, *gruel*.

**grobian.** Churl. Ger., facet. latinization (*Grobrianus*), from *grob*, coarse, surly, cogn. with *gruff*.

**grocer.** Orig. dealer "in the gross," wholesale. OF. *grossier*. See *gross*, *engross*<sup>2</sup>.

**grog.** Old *Grog* was the nickname of Admiral Vernon, who wore usually a *groggram* cloak, and who first (Aug. 1740) ordered dilution of sailors' rum. Hence *groggy*, unsteady.

**groggram.** Earlier (16 cent.) *groggrain*, *grogeran*, F. *gros grain*, coarse grain

**groin.** Earlier *grine*, ME. *grynde*; ? cf. AS. *grynde*, abyss, cogn. with *ground*, and dial. *gründle*, runnel. For change of vowel cf. *boil*<sup>1</sup>. Arch. sense is later than anat.

**grolier** [bibl.]. From Jean Grolier, F. bibliophile (†1565).

**grummet** [naut.]. See *grummet*.

**gromwell.** Plant. Altered from ME. *gromil*, *gromel*, OF. *gromil* (Mod. *grémil*). The first element is prob. OF. *grume*, pip of grape, also grain in gen., L. *grumus*. The plant (*lithospermum*) is noted for its hard seeds

**groom.** Orig. (c. 1200) boy, male child, cf. OF. *gromet*, lad (see *grummet*) Both are of obscure origin.

**groove.** Du. *groefte*, trench, cogn. with *grave*<sup>1</sup>; cf. Ger. *grube*, ON. *gröf*, pit, Goth. *grōba*.

**grope.** AS. *grāpian*; cogn. with *grasp*, *grip*<sup>1</sup>.

**grosbeak.** Bird. F. *grosbec*. See *gross* and *beak*.

**groschen.** Coin. Ger., dim. of *gross*, great. Cf. *groat*.

**grosgrain** [US.]. See *program*.

**gross.** F. *gros*, Late L. *grossus*, of obscure origin, said to be unconnected with Ger. *gross*, great. For noun sense, bulk, cf. *grocer*, *engross*<sup>2</sup>. Spec. sense of duodecimal hundred is F. *grosse* (= It. *grossa*, Sp. *gruesa*). Cf. *great hundred*, *long hundred*, Ger. *grosshundert* (120).

**grot, grotto.** F. *grotte*, It. *grotta*, G. *κρυπτή*, from *κρύπτειν*, to hide (see *crypt*).

**grotesque.** F. *grotesque*, It. *grottesca* (sc. *opera*), fem. of *grottesco*, from *grotta* (v.s.), because imitated from crude designs found in old buildings.

**grouch** [US.]. See *grouse*<sup>2</sup>, *grudge*.

**ground.** AS. *grund*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *grond*, Ger. *grund*, ON. *grunnr*, Goth. *grundus* (in compds.). Orig. bottom, esp. of the sea.

**groundsel, grunsel.** Plant. AS. *grunde-*

*swelge* (10 cent.), lit. earth-swallower, appears to be an early perversion of *gundeswelge* (7 cent.), pus swallower, from use of chopped leaves in poultices. But both forms may be due to folk-etym. It is uncertain whether the AS. name was applied to the plant which we now call *groundsel*, and Ger. *günsel*, comfrey (q.v.), OHG. *cunsele*, L. *consolida*, suggest a similar origin for our word. This L. name was of gen. application to plants used for poulticing.

**group.** F. *groupe*, It. *gruppo*, bunch. Of Teut. origin; cf. *crop*, *crupper*.

**grouper.** Fish. Earlier *grooper*, *groper*. Named by the Bermuda settlers (1622), app. from *grope*, from frequenting rocks

**grouse**<sup>1</sup>. Bird. Orig. (c. 1500) *grewys*, pl. used collectively. Perh. F. *grue* or Port. *grou*, crane (L. *grus*, *gru*-, crane), used in wrong sense. Bird-names are very vague; and *grouse* are explained by Littleton (1677) as young bustards, a bird akin to the crane. *Grew* was in common AF. use.

**grouse**<sup>2</sup> [mil.]. To grumble. OF. *groucier* (whence *grudge*) has same sense and is still used in Norm. dial., but it hardly seems possible to establish connection. Cf. US. *grouch*.

**grout**<sup>1</sup>. Sement. Orig. coarse meal. AS. *grūt*; cogn. with *grit*, *groats*. *Grout*, thin mortar, is perh. the same word.

**grout**<sup>2</sup>, **groot.** To dig with the snout. App. coined from *rouit*<sup>2</sup>, *root*<sup>2</sup>, under influence of *grunt*, or of dial. *groot*, earth, mud.

**grove.** AS. *grāf* Cf. ME. *greve*, thicket, AS. *grāfa*.

**grovel.** Back-formation from adj. *groveling*, orig. adv., face downward; cf. ME. *groof*, ON. *grūfa*, usu. in *ā grūfu*, whence ME. *on grufe*, groveling. For back-formation cf. *sidle*.

**grow.** AS. *grōwan*; cf. Du. *groeten*, OHG. *gruoan*, ON. *grōa*; cogn. with *grass*, *green*.

**growl.** Cf. ME. *grollen*, *gurien*, to rumble, OF. *grouiller*, to scold, Du. Ger. *grollen*, to grumble, sulk. All of imit. origin.

**groyne.** Structure to check washing up of sand. F. *groyne*, snout of pig, back-formation from *grogner*, to grunt, from L. *grunnire*.

**grub.** ME. *grobben*, *gruben*, etc., to dig, cogn. with *grave*<sup>1</sup>; cf. Ger. *grübeln*, to brood over, OHG. *grubilōn*, to bore

into. Hence *grub*, digging insect, worm, etc. Fig., as in *Grub Street*, now Milton St., Moorfields, inhabited by literary "grubs" in 17 cent.

**grudge.** Earlier *grutch*, to murmur, grumble, OF *groucier*, *groucher* (see *grouse*<sup>2</sup>), of obscure origin, perh. imit.

**gruel.** OF *gruel* (Mod *gruau*), crushed grain, groats, dim. of archaic *gru*, of LG. origin; see *groats*.

**gruesome.** From ME. and dial. *grue*, to shudder, cf. Dan. *gru*, horror, Ger. *grauen*, to shudder, *grausam*, cruel, *gräulich*, horrible, etc. Ult. cogn. with *grisly*.

**gruff.** Du. *grof*, "crassus, spissus, densus, impolitus, rudis" (Kil.); cogn. with Ger *grob* (OHG. *girob*, perh. a compd of OHG. *rob*, rough), which means coarse (tobacco, material, etc.) and surly. See *grobrian*.

**grumble.** Cf. F. *grommeler*, LG. *grummeln*. Imit., or perh. allied to *grim*. Hence *Grumbletonian* (17 cent), orig. applied to the "Country party" as opposed to the "Court party."

**grume** [med]. Clot. OF *grume* (replaced by *grumeau*), L. *grumus*. See *gromwell*.

**grummet** [naut]. Fig. use of obs. *gromet*, *grummet*, ship's boy, common in F. & E., 13-18 cents, also Sp. *grumete* (see *groom*). Cf. *gasket*, with which it is associated in earliest quotations.

**grump.** Suggested by *grumble*, *grunt*, *dump*<sup>1</sup>.

**Grundy, Mrs.** Character in Morton's *Speed the Plough* (1798).

**grunsel.** See *groundsel*.

**grunt.** AS. *grunnetan*, frequent. of *grunman*; cf. Ger. *grunzen*; also F. *grogner*, L. *grunnire*. Of imit. origin

**gruyère.** Cheese. From name of Swiss town (Fribourg)

**griffon.** See *griffin*<sup>1</sup>.

**grysbok.** S Afr. antelope. Du. *gris*, grey.

**guacho.** See *gaucho*.

**guaiacum.** Resin. Sp. *guayaco*, *guayacan*, from native lang. of Hayti.

**guana.** Var. of *iguana* (q.v.).

**guanaco.** Kind of llama. Sp. *guanaco*, Peruv. *huanacu*

**guano.** Sp. *guano*, Peruv. *huanu*, dung.

**guarantee.** Also *guaranty*. First as noun (= *warranty*), p.p. fem. of F. *garantir*, to protect, from OF. *garant*, protection, OHG. *werend*, pres. part. of *weren*, to protect. Cf. *wehr*, *landwehr*, *warrant*.

**guard, guardian.** F. *garde*, *gardien*. Late substitutions in E. for *ward*, *warden* (q.v.).

**guava.** Sp. *guayaba*, from WInd. name of tree.

**gubernatorial** [US.]. Of a governor (see *govern*).

**gudgeon**<sup>1</sup>. Fish. F. *goujon*, L. *gobio*-n-, from *gobius*; cf. *goby*.

**gudgeon**<sup>2</sup> [techn.]. Socket of rudder pintle (naut.). OF *gojon*, ? from F. *gouge*, wench, prostitute, with an obscene allusion. Cf. synon F. *femlot* (*de gouvernail*). See *pintle*, *pivot*.

**guebre.** Fire-worshipper. F. *guèbre*, Pers *gabr* Cf. *glaour*.

**guelder rose.** From *Guelders* (Prussia), old capital of Guelderland (Holland), formerly Pruss. province.

**Guelph** [hist.]. It. *Guelfo*, OHG. *Welf* (whelp), name of a Ger. princely family. See *Ghibelline*

**guerdon.** F. *guerdon*, OF. *guedredon*, a mixture of L. *donum*, gift, with OHG. *undarlōn*, return payment, cogn. with AS. *withenlān*, requital. See *with-*, *withers*, *widdershins*, *loan*.

**guerilla.** Sp. *guerrilla*, dim. of *guerra*, war, OHG. *werra* (see *war*). Often wrongly used for *guerrillero*, *guerilla* fighter.

**guernsey.** Seaman's vest, orig. knitted at *Guernsey*. Cf. *jersey*.

**guess**<sup>1</sup>. Verb. ME. *gessen*, to estimate, appraise; cf. Sw. *gissa*, Dan. *gisse*, Du. *gissen*. Prob. of Norse origin.

**guess**<sup>2</sup> [dial.]. In *another-guess*. Corrupt. of *gates*, genitive of *gate*<sup>2</sup>, of another way, kind.

**guest.** AS. *grest*, or rather cogn. ON *gestr*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *gast*, Goth. *gasts*; also Russ. *gost*; cogn. with L. *hostis*, enemy, common idea being that of stranger.

**gueux** [hist.]. Name assumed by patriots of Netherlands who rose against Spain (16 cent.). F., beggar, of unknown origin.

**guff** [US.]. Rot, blather. Orig. Sc., puff of wind; cf. Norw. *gufs*, puff, ON. *guffa*, smoke, steam

**guffaw.** Orig. Sc. Imit.

**guggle.** See *goglet*, *gurgle*.

**Guicowar.** See *Gaskwar*.

**guide.** F. *guider*, Prov. *gudar* or It. *guidare* (replacing OF. *guier*, whence ME. *gyen*, to guide), Goth. *wtian*, cogn. with Ger. *weisen*, to show, and with E. *wit*.

**guidon.** Pennon. F. *guidon*, It. *guidone*, from *guidare*, to guide (v.s.).

**guignolism** [neol.]. Theat. horrors. From F. *guignol*, puppet-play. Orig. (1818) caricature of the Lyons silk-worker, perh. from (Lyons) dial *guigna*, to wag (cf. dial. *guignolet*, wagtail).

**guild**, **gild**. AS. *gield*, payment, *gegield*, association; cf. (ge) *gield*-*heall*, guild-hall. Init. *g-* may be due to cogn. ON. *gilda*, guild, guild-feast, but *y-*forms also occur. Cf. Du. Ger. *geld*, money, Goth. *gild*, tribute, Du. *guld*, guild. See *yield*.

**guilder**. Coin. Corrupt. of Du. *gulden* (q.v.).

**guile**. OF. *guile*; cf. AS. *wil*, trick. See *wile*.

**guillemot**. Bird. F., dim of *Guillaume*; cf. *robin*, etc. In Hakk. *wilmot* is often used in same sense.

**guilloche** [arch.]. From F. *guillochs*, "a kind of flourishing in masonry, or carpentry" (Cotg), perh. from surname *Guilloche*, derivative of *Guillaume*, cf. *mansard*, *guillotine*, and F. *guillemets*, inverted commas, from printer named *Guillemet*.

**guillotine**. F., from *Guillotin*, name of physician (†1814) who, from humanitarian motives, suggested its use (1789). The name is a double dim. of *Guillaume*.

**guilt**. AS. *gylt*, ? cogn. with AS. *gieldan*, to pay for, requite (see *guld*, *yield*).

**guimp**. See *gimp*.

**guinea**. First coined (1663) from Guinea gold and for the purposes of the Guinea trade. Cf. *guinea-fowl*, imported from Guinea in 16 cent. The *guinea-pig*, earlier *guinea cony*, comes from Brazil. It was prob. so called because brought home by the "Guineamen," slave-ships, at the end of their triangular voyage (England to Guinea with trade-goods, Guinea to Wind. and S. Amer. with slaves, home to England with New World produce). Its F. name *cochon d'Inde* is equally vague; cf. *gallopot* and hist. of turkey.

**guipure**. F. *guipure*, from *guiper*, OFrankish *wipan*, cogn. with *whip*.

**guise**. F. *guise*, OHG. *wisa* (Mod. *weise*), manner. See *wise*<sup>1</sup>. Sense of style, costume, survives in *disguise*, and dial. *guiser*, mummer, whence slang *geezzer*.

**guitar**. F. *guitare*, Sp. *guitarra*, G. *κithára*; cf. *cithar*, *cithole*, *guitern*, *kit*<sup>2</sup>, *zither*.

**gulch** [US.]. ? From obs. *gulch*, to devour, swallow (of imit. origin) on

analogy of *gorge*; or perh. corrupt. of latter.

**gulden**. Coin. Du., lit. golden.

**gules** [her.]. Red. F. *gueules*, pl. of *gueule*, maw, throat, L. *gula*. Orig. throat-fur of marten, dyed red (cf. *sable*).

**gulf**. F. *golfe*, of the sea, *gouffre*, abyss in gen., Late G. *κόλφος*, for *κόλπος*, bosom (used as L. *sinus*, bosom, in same sense); cf. Sp. It. *golfo*, whence F. *golfe*.

**gull**<sup>1</sup>. Bird. Celt.; cf. Welsh *gwylan*, Corn. *gulvan*, Bret. *goelann*, whence F. *goëland*, gull.

**gull**<sup>2</sup>. Dupe, etc. ? Obs. *gull*, immature fish, also kind of gudgeon, cogn. with Du. *gul*, small cod; cf. slang use of *gudgeon* and *cod*. ? Or from *gull*<sup>1</sup>, from the bird's ready swallowing of anything thrown to it.

**gullet**. F. *goulet* (now usu. entrance to harbour), dim. of *gueule*, throat, L. *gula*.

**gully**. F. *goulet*, in sense of passage, "gorge", (v.s.)

**gulosity**. Greediness. Late L. *gulositas*, from *gula* (v.s.).

**gulp**. Imit.; cf. Du. *gulpen*, to gulp, Dan *gylpe*, to belch, vomit.

**gum**<sup>1</sup>. Of the teeth AS. *gōma*; cf. Ger. *gaumen*, gum, palate, ON. *gōmr*, palate.

**gum**<sup>2</sup>. Sticky substance. F. *gomme*, VL. *gumma*, for *gumm*, G. *κόμμη*, prob. of Egypt. origin.

**gum, by**. Arbitrary perversion of *God*; cf. *gosh*, *golly*.

**gumption**. Orig. Sc. ? From obs. (or dial) *gome*, heed, care, ON. *gaumr*, *gaum*. Com. Teut.; cf. OSax *gōma*, OHG. *gouma*, Goth. *gaumjan*, to perceive, notice.

**gun**. First recorded 1339, "instrumenta de latone, vocitata *gonnes*." Perh. from female name *Gunhild*, recorded as applied to a mangonel, "una magna balista de cornu quae vocatur *Domina Gunilda*" (1330-1). There are many hist. guns which have names of the same type, e.g. the famous 15 cent. *Mons Meg* of Edinburgh (see also *Bertha*). Another suggestion is that *gun* is for OF. *engin*, var. of *engan*, device (cf. *gin*<sup>1</sup> for *engin*), a form recorded in the region (Mons) whence the first gun constructors came to England. Perh. both sources have contributed, the latter having helped to fix the already existing nickname. *Engan* is from OF. *enganner*, to trick, of unknown origin.

**gunny.** Coarse sacking. Hind. *gōn*, Sanskrit *goṇī*, sack.

**gunter.** Chain scale, etc. From *Edmund Gunter*, mathematician (†1626).

**gunwale, gunnel.** From *gun* and *wale* (q.v.). Cf. *channel*<sup>2</sup>.

**gunyah.** Austral. hut. Native word.

**gup** [*Anglo-Ind.*]. Gossip. Urdu *gap*, from Turki.

**gurgitation.** From Late L. *gurgitare*, to engulf, from *gurgēs*, *gurgit-*, abyss.

**gurgle.** Cf. *gargle*, Ger. *gurgeln*, It. *gorgogliare*, L. *gurgulio*, gullet. All of imit. origin.

**gurjun.** EInd. tree. Native name.

**Gurkha.** See *Goorkha*.

**gurnard, gurnet.** Fish. OF. *gornard*, from *grogner*, to grunt, from L. *grunnire*; because the fish makes a grunting sound when caught. Cf. Ger. *knurrfisch*, from *knurren*, to growl.

**guru.** See *gooroo*.

**gush.** Ult. cogn. with Du. *gūdsen*, *guitsen*, Ger. *giessen*, ON. *giōsa*, to pour.

**gusset.** F. *gousset*, orig. flexible armour joining plates under armpit, perh. from *gousse*, shell of pod.

**gust<sup>1</sup>.** Of wind. ON. *gustir*, cogn. with *giōsa*, to gush.

**gust<sup>2</sup>.** See *gusto*.

**gusto.** It. *gusto*, L. *gustus*, taste.

**gut.** AS. *guttas* (pl.), from *gēotan*, to pour. Orig. sense prob. channel.

**gutta percha.** Malay *getah*, gum, *percha*, tree producing it. Assimilated to L. *gutta*, drop.

**gutta serena** [*med.*]. Amaurosis. L., clear drop.

**gutter.** F. *gouttière*, roof gutter, from *goutte*, drop, L. *gutta*.

**guttle.** To eat greedily. Suggested by *gut* and *guzzle*.

**guttural.** From L. *guttur*, throat.

**gutty** [*golf*]. For *gutta percha*.

**guy<sup>1</sup>.** In *guy-rope* (naut.). ? From ME. *gyen*, to guide (q.v.).

**guy<sup>2</sup>.** *Guy Fawkes* (†1605). See *Vitus*.

**guzzle.** Perh. connected with F. *gosier*, throat, or it may be imit. (cf. *gulp*, *gurgle*).

**gwyniad.** Fish, esp. in Lake Bala. Welsh, from *gwyn*, white.

**gybe** [*naut.*]. To alter course of vessel so that boom of sail *gybes*, i.e. swings from side to side. Du. *gypen*, cogn. with *gib<sup>2</sup>*.

**gyle.** Beer brewed at one brewing. Du. *gyl*, cogn. with *gylen*, to ferment.

**gymkhana** [*Anglo-Ind.*]. Altered (after *gymnastic*, etc.) from Urdu *gend-khāna*, racquet court, lit. ball-house.

**gymnasium.** L. *gymnasium*, G. *γυμνάσιον*, from *γυμνός*, naked.

**gymnotus.** Electric eel. From G. *γυμνός* (v.s.) and *νῆτρον*, back, because of absence of dorsal fins.

**gynaecium.** L. *gynaecium*, G. *γυναικείον*, apartment for women, from *γυνή*, *γυναικ-*, woman. Cf. *gynaecology*, study of women's diseases; *gynocracy*, rule by women. See *quean*.

**-gynous.** G. *-γυνος*, from *γυνή* (v.s.).

**gyp.** College servant (Camb.). ? Cf. obs. *gippo*, varlet, from obs. *gippo*, short jacket, from F. *jupe* (see *jubbah*).

**gypsum.** L. *gypsum*, from G. *γύψος*, chalk, gypsum, prob. of Oriental origin.

**gypsy.** See *gipsy*.

**gyrate.** From L. *gyrare*, from *gyrus*, circuit, G. *γῦρος*, ring.

**gyro-.** See *gyrate*.

**gyrfalcon.** See *gerfalcon*.

**gyron, giron** [*her.*]. Shape of right-angled triangle. F. *gyron*, earlier *geron*, from OHG. *gēro*, spear-head. See *gore<sup>2</sup>*, *garfish*.

**gyve.** AF. *give*, fetter, also bundle. Perh. from *withe* (q.v.), used for halter, fetter in ME., with F. *g-* as usual for Teut *w-*, and corrupt. of *-th-* unpronounceable by Normans.

**ha.** Natural exclamation.

**habeas corpus** [*leg.*]. From words of writ, "have thou the body (of so-and-so produced in court)."

**haberdasher.** Dealer in *haberdash*, small-wares. First element is perh. ult. that of *avouardupois* (q.v.), which is sometimes spelt *haber-* in ME.

**habergeon** [*hist.*]. Coat of mail (2 *Chron.* xxvi. 14). F. *haubergeon*, dim. of *hauberk* (q.v.).

**habiliment.** F. *habillement*, from *habiller*, to dress, orig. to make ready, OF. *abilher*, perh. due to *habit* (q.v.) and OF. verb *atillher*, to equip (see *artillery*).

**habilitate.** From Med. L. *habilitare*, to make fit, from *habilis*. See *able*.

**habit.** F. *habit*, L. *habitus*, from *habēre*. Earliest E. meaning (13 cent.) is fashion of dress.

**habitant.** Native of Canada of F. descent. F., inhabitant.

**habitat.** L., he inhabits. Cf. *floruit*.

**habitué.** F., p.p. of *habituier*, to accustom.

**hachis.** See *hash*.

**hachish.** See *hashish*.

**hachure.** Shading, esp of maps. F, from *hacher*, to chop, from *hache*, axe, because orig. done on wood-block Cf *hatch*<sup>3</sup>.

**hacienda.** Estate, plantation. Sp *hacienda*, from L. *faciēda*, things to be done, from *facere*.

**hack<sup>1</sup>.** To cut. AS *haccian*, in compds only. WGer.; cf. Du. *hakken*, Ger. *hacken* (also noun *hacke*, hoe)

**hack<sup>2</sup>** [archaic]. Board on which falcon's meat is put Var. of *hatch*<sup>1</sup> (q v.).

**hack<sup>3</sup>.** Short for *hackney* (q v.).

**hackberry** [US.]. Also E dial *hag*, *heck*-. From ON. *hæggr*, bird-cherry (tree).

**hackbut, hagbut** [hist.]. Gun. OF. *haquebute*, corrupted from obs. Du. *hakebus*, *haakbus*, hook gun. Cf. *arquebus*, *blunderbuss*.

**hackery** [Anglo-Ind.]. Bullock-cart. Perh. early perversion of Hind. *chhakra*, two-wheeled cart; cf. Sanskrit *śakata*, waggon.

**hackle.** Flax-comb (see *heckle*). Also applied, app from some resemblance, to neck-feathers of cock.

**hackmatack.** Amer. larch. Amer. Ind. name.

**hackney.** Cf. F. *haguenée*, Sp *hacanea*, OSp Port. *facanea*, It. *acchinea* Prob. E., from *Hackney* (Middlesex), AS. *Hacan iæg*, isle of Haca. Earliest recorded form is AL *hakenevus* (12 cent). In early use for hired horse (cf *hackney-carriage*), hence shortened *hack*<sup>3</sup>

**haddock.** Prob. ident. with OF. *hadot*, "a salt haddocke" (Cotg.), of doubtful origin. For final cf. *havoc*.

**Hades.** G. Ἅδης, in Homer name of god of lower world, later transferred to his kingdom.

**hadij.** Arab. *hājī*, pilgrim (to Mecca).

**haematite, hematite** [min.]. G. *αἱματίτης* (sc. λίθος), from *αἷμα*, blood.

**haemorrhage, hemorrhage.** G. *αἱμορραγία*, from *ῥηγνύναι*, to break, burst (v.s.).

**haemorrhoid.** G. *αἱμορροΐς*, *αἱμορροΐδς*, from *ρεῖν*, to flow (v.s.). Has replaced *emerald* (from OF).

**hafnium** [chem.]. From *Kjöbenhavn* (Copenhagen), where first isolated (1923).

**haft.** AS. *hæft*, handle, cogn. with *have*; cf. Ger. *heft* and *handhabe* in same sense.

**hag<sup>1</sup>.** Witch. Shortened from AS *hægtesse*, witch, fury, from *haga*, hedge,

"haw"; cf. synon OHG. *hagazussa* (Mod. *hexe*), also ON. *tinnritha*, OHG. *zünritha*, lit. hedge rider (see *town*). The suffix is cogn with Norw. dial *tysja*, crone.

**hag<sup>2</sup>** [Sc. & north]. As in *moss-hag*. ON. *hög*, ravine, orig. blow, cut (see *haggle*)

**hagberry** [dial.]. See *hackberry*.

**haggard<sup>1</sup>.** Adj. F. *hagard*, orig. used of hawk incapable of being tamed. App from OHG *hag*, hedge, "haw," whence F. *hais*. As adj. first applied to the eyes, later sense of gaunt, scraggy, being due to association with *hag*<sup>1</sup>.

**haggard<sup>2</sup>** [dial.]. Stack-yard. ON. *heygarthr*, hay-garth.

**haggis.** Now esp. Sc., but a common word in ME. App. by some metaphor from F. *agasse*, *agace*, magpie, OHG. *agalsira*, which usu. has initial *h*- in LG dialects. Cf. the two senses of *pie*, and also obs *chewet*, daw, meat-pie, which is F. *chouette*, daw, owl.

**haggle.** Orig. to mangle. Frequent of dial. *hag*, to chop, hack, ON *hoggva*, cogn. with *hew*, *hack*<sup>1</sup>. Fig. sense perh. partly due to instinctive association with *chop*<sup>2</sup>.

**hagiography, hagiology.** From G *ἅγιος*, holy. Cf. *hagioscope*, a "squint" in church arch.

**ha-ha, haw-haw.** Sunk fence. F. *haïa*, of doubtful origin.

**hai(c)k.** Eastern wrap. Arab. *hayk*, from *hāk*, to weave.

**haiduk.** See *heyduck*.

**hail<sup>1</sup>.** Frozen rain. AS *hagol*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *hagel*, ON. *hagl*; cogn. with G *καχληξ*, small stone.

**hail<sup>2</sup>.** To call. Orig. from noun *hail*, health, safety, used in greeting, ON. *heil*, cogn. with AS. *hælu*, or from corresponding adj (see *hale*<sup>1</sup>, *wassari*). Cf. Ger. *heil*, used for L. *ave*, *salve* For cognates see *whole*.

**hair.** AS. *hær*. Com. Teut., cf. Du. Ger. *haar*, ON. *hār*

**hake<sup>1</sup>.** Fish. Prob. cogn. with ON. *hakt*, hook, from shape of jaw; cf. Norw *hakfisk*, trout, and Ger. *hecht*, pike, cogn. with AS. *hacod*, pike.

**hake<sup>2</sup>.** Frame-work in various senses. Also *heck*. Var. of *hatch*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.).

**hakeem, hakim.** Eastern physician. Arab. *hakīm*, wise, learned, from *hakama*, to exercise authority.

**hakenkreuzler** [pol.]. Member of fascist organization in Germany, using as emblem the *hakenkreuz*, i.e. hook-cross (see *swastika*).

**halation** [*phot.*]. Irreg. formation from *halo*

**halberd, halbert** [*hist.*] F. *hallebarde*, MHG. *helmbayrde* Second element is OHG. *bayra*, broad-axe, first is prob *helm*, shaft, handle (see *helm*<sup>2</sup>) *Barta* is cogn. with *beard*; cf. ON. *skeggja*, halberd, from *skegg*, beard.

**halcyon**. L. *halcyon*, kingfisher, altered from G. ἁλκυών, as though from ἅλς, sea, κύν, conceiving, from the belief that the bird hatched its young in a floating nest during the *halcyon days*. Really cogn. with L. *alcedo*, kingfisher, and prob with *auk*.

**hale**<sup>1</sup>. Adj. Northern form of AS. *hāl*, whole (q.v.).

**hale**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. F. *haler*, to pull, haul, OHG. *halōn* (Mod. *holen*), cf. synon. Du. *halen* *Haul* is a later borrowing of the same F. verb.

**half**. AS. *healf*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *half*, Ger. *halb*, ON. *halfr*, Goth. *halbs* Oldest sense of noun is side, as in *behalf*.

**halibut**. From ME. *haly*, holy, and *but*<sup>1</sup>, perh. because eaten on holy days; cf. Du. *heilbot*, Sw. *helgefistundra* (flounder).

**halidom** [*archaic*] AS. *hālgdōm*, holiness, relic, sanctuary See *-dom*.

**halieutic**. Of fishing G. ἁλιευτικός, from ἁλιεύτης, fisher, from ἅλς, sea

**haliotis** [*zool.*]. Ear-shell. From G. ἅλς (v.s.), and οὖς, ὠτ-, ear.

**hall**. AS. *heall*, spacious room or building, cogn. with *helan*, to cover, hide, and ult. with L. *celare*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *hal*, Ger. *hülle*, ON. *holl*.

**hallelujah**. See *alleluia*.

**haliard**. See *halyard*

**hallo**. Also *hello*, *hillo*, *hollo*, *hullo*, *halloo*, *holla*, etc. Cf. F. *holà*! and our *hi there*! also OHG. *hala*, imper. of *halōn* (see *hale*<sup>2</sup>), as summons to ferryman; but the whole group is mainly natural interjection. In hunting (*view halloo*) perh. OF. *ha lou*! for Mod. *loup*, wolf.

**hallow**. AS. *hālgian*, from *hālg*, holy (q.v.). Noun *hallow*, AS. *hālgā*, saint, survives in *Hallowmass*, *Hallowe'en*, *All Hallows*.

**hallucinate**. From L. *hallucinari*, for *alucinari*, to wander in mind, coined (on *vaticinari*) from G. ἁλύνειν, to be distraught, cogn. with G. ἡλέος, mad.

**halm**. See *hauim*

**halma**. Game. G. ἅλμα, leap, from ἁλίσθαι, to leap, cogn. with L. *salire*.

**halo**. From L. *halos*, G. ἅλως, threshing-floor, round disk.

**haloid** [*chem.*]. From G. ἅλς, salt.

**halt**<sup>1</sup> [*archaic*]. Lame AS. *healt*. Com. Teut., cf. obs. Du. *halt*, MHG. *halz*, ON. *haltr*, Goth. *halts*.

**halt**<sup>2</sup> [*mil.*]. Orig. in to *make halt*, F. *faire halte*, Ger. *halt machen*, from *halten*, to hold, stop. See *hold*<sup>1</sup>.

**halter**. AS. *hælfter*, halter for horses. WGer.; cf. Du. Ger. *halfter*. Orig. sense that by which something is held; cf. *helve*, *helm*<sup>2</sup>

**halyard, haliard**. Corrupt. of *halner* (14 cent.), from *hale*<sup>2</sup>.

**ham**. AS. *hamm*; cf. Du. *ham*, Ger. dial. *hamme*, ON. *hom*. Orig. sense prob. crooked, bent.

**hamadryad**. From G. ἡμαδρύς, wood-nymph, fabled to die with tree, from ἅμα, together with, δρῦς, tree. In 19 cent. applied to Indian serpent (*ophiophagus*) and Abyssinian baboon.

**hamartiology** [*theol.*] From G. ἡμαρτία, sin.

**hame** [*dial.*]. Of horse-collar. Of obscure origin. Cf. Du. *haam*, Ger. dial. *hamen*.

**Hamitic** [*ling.*]. Of descendants of *Ham* (Gen. ix. 22). Applied esp. to group of ancient Afr. langs., including Egypt.

**hamlet**. OF. *hamelet*, dim. of *hamel* (Mod. *hameau*), dim. of OF. *ham*, from Teut. (see *home*).

**hammam, hummaum**. Turkish bath Arab. *hammām*, hot bath.

**hammer**. AS. *hamor*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *hamer*, Ger. *hammer*, ON. *hamarr*. The origin of *hammercloth*, cover of driver's box, is obscure. It occurs in 15 cent. as name of a material, perh. for *hammered cloth*.

**hammock**. F. *hamac* or Sp. *hamaca*, a Carib word.

**hamper**<sup>1</sup>. Verb. In ME to fetter, bind. App. cogn. with ON. *hemja*, to restrain, *hemell*, shackle; cf. Ger. *hemmen* (MHG. *hamen*) Analogy of *pastern* (q.v.) suggests ult. connection with *ham* (cf. archaic *ham-shackle*).

**hamper**<sup>2</sup>. Basket. ME. *hanaper*, OF. *hanaprier*, case to hold *hanaps*, goblets, OHG. *hnappf* (Mod. *nappf*), cogn. with AS. *hnæpp*, cup, bowl. The name was later applied to a receptacle for documents, hence the *hanaper* or *hamper* of Chancery For F. *hanap*, due to inability to pronounce *hn-*, cf. *harangue*.

**hamster**. Rodent. Ger. *hamster*, OHG. *hamustra*, corn-weevil, field-mouse Of obscure origin, prob. non-Aryan

(cf. *rat*) The Lithuanian name is *staras*.

**hanaper** [*archaic*] See *hamper*<sup>2</sup>.

**hand.** AS. *hand*. Com Teut., cf. Du. Ger. *hand*, ON. *hönd*, Goth. *handus*. *Handcuff* is app. from *hand* and *cuff*, as AS *handcops*, manacle, is not found in ME.

**handicap.** From *hand in cap*. Orig. a kind of lottery game at which winners were penalized to the profit of the pool.

**handle.** AS. *handle*, from *hand*. Hence also verb (AS *handrian*).

**handsel, hansel** [*archaic*]. New Year's gift, earnest money, etc. ON. *handsal*, hand sale, used of shaking hands in concluding bargain. But early senses suggest also connection with *hanse* (q.v.); cf. archaic Dan. *hænse*, to pay one's footing in a guild.

**handsome.** Orig. pleasant to handle (cf. *toothsome*).

**handspike.** Altered from Du. *hand-spaak*, second element of which is cogn. with E. *spoke*.

**handy.** From *hand*, replacing ME. *hend*, *hende*, *hendr*, ready to hand, skilled, AS. *gehende*, *hendig*, from *hand* (with umlaut). Cf. Ger. *behende*, handy, from *bei*, by, and old dat. of *hand*. Some regard the older adj. (cf. ON. *höndugr*, capable, Goth. *handugs*, wise) as connected more immediately with a Teut. verb, to grasp (see *hint*).

**hang.** Mixture of three verbs, viz. AS *hōn* (cf. OHG. Goth. *hāhan*), strong trans., AS. *hangian*, weak intrans., ON. *hengja*, causal of *hanga*. Cf. Ger. *hangen*, intrans., *hängen*, trans, *henken*, trans. (of execution only). The root is Com. Teut.

**hangar** [*neol.*]. F. *hangar*, shed. ? Cf. MedL. *angarium*, shoeing forge, ? or of Teut. origin and cogn. with *hang* (cf. *penthouse*).

**hanger**<sup>1</sup>. Wood on hill-side AS. *hangra*, from *hang*.

**hanger**<sup>2</sup>. Short sword Du. *hanger*, "pugio de zona pendens" (Kil.).

**hank.** ON. *hōnk*, hank, skein. If dial. *hank*, handle of a jug, is the same word (which is likely, cf. *hasp*), it belongs ult. to *hang*; cf. Ger. *henkel*, *hengel*, jug-handle, cogn. with *henken*, *hängen*, to hang. Cf. also dial *hank*, propensity, exactly synon. with Ger *hang* (v.i.).

**hanker.** Cf. dial *hank* (v.s.) and Du. *hunkeren*, in same sense. Prob. contains idea of *hang* and *hunger*.

**hanky-panky.** ? Redupl. on *hand*, suggested by *sleight of hand*.

**Hansard.** Offic. reports of Parliament, published by Messrs *Hansard* (from 1774).

**Hanse, Hanseatic** [*hist.*]. OHG. *hansa*, used for L. *cohors* (Matt. xxvii 27), cogn. with AS. *hōs*, troop, and adopted in MHG as name of a guild or confederation of traders. See *steelyard*.

**hansel.** See *handsel*.

**hansom.** From name of patentee (1834) **hap.** ON. *happ*, luck, chance, cogn. with AS *gehæp*, convenient. Hence verb *hap*, *happen*, and adj. *happy*, orig. lucky.

**haphazard.** First element is obs. *hap*, to snatch, F. *happer*, "to trap, or catch; to snatch, or graspe at" (Cotg.), Du. *happen*.

**haplography.** Writing only once what should be written twice. From G. ἀπλοῦς, simple Cf. *ditlography*.

**hara-kiri, hari-kari.** Jap., belly cut. Englished as *happy dispatch*, perh. by some misunderstanding.

**harangue.** F. *harangue*, earlier *haren-gue*, OHG. *hring* (Mod. *ring*), circle of audience; cf. It. *arringa*. See *rank*<sup>2</sup>, *ranch*. For init. *ha*- see *hamper*<sup>2</sup>.

**haras.** Stud-farm. Adopted in ME., but now treated as foreign word. F. *haras*, prob. connected with Arab. *faras*, horse, whence OF. *haraz*, stallion, ? via some unrecorded Sp. form.

**harass.** F. *harasser*, ? from OF. *harer*, to set a dog on, OHG. *harēn*, to yell.

**harbinger.** ME. *herbergeur*, from OF. *herbergier* (Mod. *héberger*), to provide "harbourage," lodgings, OF. *herberge*, OHG. *heriberga*, army-shelter. See *harbour* and cf. F. *auberge*, via Prov. from Teut. Orig. host, entertainer; later, official preceding monarch, etc., to arrange for his quarters.

**harbour.** ME. *herberwe*, AS. \**herebeorg*, army shelter, or cogn. ON. *herbergi*. Cf. *harbinger* and see *harry*. Orig. lodging, shelter, in gen.

**hard.** AS. *heard*. Com Teut.; cf. Du. *hard*, Ger. *hart*, ON. *harihr*, Goth. *hardus*; cogn. with G. *κρᾶνός*, strong. ME. sense of firm ground survives in *Portsmouth Hard*, *Buckler's Hard* (near Beaulieu).

**hards** [*loc.*]. Refuse of hemp or flax. AS. *heordan* (pl.); cf. obs. Du. *heerde*, "fibra lini" (Kil.).

**hardy.** F. *hardi*, p.p. of OF. *hardir*, OHG. *hartan*, to make hard. Orig. bold, reckless (cf. *foolhardy*).



**hare.** AS. *hara*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *haas*, Ger. *hase*, ON. *here*; ? cogn. with AS. *hasu*, grey, and ult. with L. *canus*, hoary (for \**casnos*).

**harem.** Arab. *haram*, from *harama*, to prohibit.

**haricot.** F. *haricot*, Mex. *ayacoth*. Form is due to F. *haricot*, stew, of unknown origin.

**hari-kari.** See *hara-kuri*.

**hark.** ME. *herken*, intens. of *hear* (q.v.); cogn. with Ger. *hörchen*; cf. *hearken*, altered (on *hear*) from earlier *harken*, AS. *heorcman*. For intens. -*k* cf. *lurk*, *talk*, *walk*.

**Harleian.** Of books and MSS. collected by *Harley*, Earl of Oxford (†1724) and his son, the MSS. being acquired (1753) by the British Museum.

**harlequin.** OF. *herlequin*, *hellequin*, *hennequin*, etc., name of a demon hunter, accompanied by a "meiny." OF. *la maysme Hierlekin* is represented by ME. *Hurlewayne's meyne* (Langland); cf. also the It. demon *Archino* (Dante). It is a Flem. dim. of some personal name, perh. of *Han*, John. For the use of personal names for demons cf. *hobgoblin*, *will o' the wisp*, etc. The ModE. form is via F. *arlequin* (earlier also *harlequin*), It. *arlecchino*, one of the stock characters of It. comedy (cf. *pantaloon*, *columbine*, *scaramouch*).

**harlot.** Orig. rogue, fellow (for restriction of sex cf. *hoyden*, *witch*). OF. *harlot*, *herlot*, fellow, vagabond; cf. It. *arlotto*, "the name of a merie priest, a lack-latine or hedge-priest" (Flor.). If, as seems possible, the earliest sense was camp-follower, the first element is OHG. *harr*, army (see *harbour*, *harry*), and the second may be connected with Ger. *lotter*, as in *lotterbube*, synon. with *harlot* in its earliest sense, cogn. with AS. *loddere*, beggar, wastrel.

**harm.** AS. *hearm*, grief, harm; cf. Ger. *harm*, ON. *harmr*, grief.

**harmattan.** Hot wind (Guinea). Native (Fanti) name.

**harmony.** F. *harmonie*, G. *ἁρμονία*, from *ἁρμόζω*, to fit together. Cf. *harmonica*; *harmonium*.

**harness.** F. *harnais*, whence also It. *arnese*, Sp. *arnés*, Ger. *harnisch*, etc. Orig. equipment, gear, of any kind. Origin unknown.

**harp.** AS. *hearpe*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *harp*, Ger. *harfe*, ON. *harpa*. MedL. *harpa* (6 cent.), from Teut., has given

the Rom. forms, F. *harpe*, etc. *Harpsichord*, with unexplained -s-, comes via OF. from It. *arpcordo*.

**harpings** [naut.]. Strongest side-timbers near stem. Prob. from F. *harpe* (v.i.), used of various clamping devices in wall-building.

**harpoon.** F. *harpon*, from *harpe*, cramp-iron, ult. from G. *ἄρπαξ*, clutching. Spec. sense seems to have been given by the Basques, the first whalers.

**harpsichord.** See *harp*.

**harpy.** F. *harpie*, L. *harpyia*, G. *ἄρπυια*, winged and clawed monster with female body, from *ἁρπάξω*, to snatch.

**harquebus.** See *arquebus*.

**harridan.** Corrupt. of F. *haridelle*, "a poore tit, or leane ill-favored jade" (Cotg.). Origin obscure. ? Fantastic formation on F. dial. (Norm.) *harousse*, jade, ON. *hross*, horse (q.v.). Cf. ModF. *rosse*, jade (lit. & fig.), from Ger.

**harrier.** The bird, *hen-harrier*, etc., is from *harry*. The hound, though associated with *hare*, is perh. the same word.

**Harris, Mrs.** Imaginary person. Mrs. Gamp's mythical friend (*Martin Chuzzlewit*).

**harrow.** ME. *harwe*, cogn. with ON. *herfi*, ? and with Du. *hark*, rake. It has been associated with obs. *harrow*, by-form of *harry*, used esp. in AS. & ME. of the harrowing of hell by Christ.

**harry.** AS. *hergran*, to make war, from *here*, army; cf. synon. ON. *herja*, Ger. *verheeren*. For AS. *here* cf. *harbinger*, *harbour*.

**Harry.** Also ME. *Herry*, F. *Henri*, Ger. *Heinrich*, OHG. *hagan-rîh*, hedge ruler. With *Old Harry*, by the lord Harry, cf. *Old Nick*.

**harsh.** Orig. of texture. ME. *harsh*; cf. Sw. *hårsk*, Dan. *harsk*, rancid, rusty, of bacon, also Ger. *harsch* (from LG.); ? ult. cogn. with *hard*.

**harslet.** See *haslet*.

**hart.** AS. *heort*, *heort*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *hert*, Ger. *hirsch* (OHG. *hiruz*), ON. *hjörtr*; ult. cogn. with L. *cervus* and G. *képas*, horn.

**hartal** [neol.]. Pol. strike. Urdu, from *har*, every, each, *talna*, to prevent, postpone.

**hartebeest.** Antelope SAfrDu., from *hart* (see *hart*) and *beest*, beast.

**Hartleian.** Of *David Hartley*, psychologist (†1757).

**harum-scarum.** From obs. *hare*, to harass (q.v.), frighten, and *scare*.

**haruspex.** L., soothsayer by means of entrails of victims. First element is cogn. with Sanskrit *hrvā*, vein, artery. See *auspices*.

**harvest.** AS. *hærfest*, autumn. WGer; cf. Du. *herfst*, Ger. *herbst*, autumn; ult. cogn. with L. *carpere*, to pluck, & *καρπός*, fruit.

**harveyize.** From *H. A. Harvey*, of New Jersey (1888).

**hash.** Earlier *hachy*, *hashee*, F. *hachis*, from *hacher*, to chop (see *hatchet*).

**hashish, hachish.** Narcotic. Arab *hashish*, dry herb. See *assassin*.

**haskell** [golf]. First rubber-cored ball. Inventor's name.

**haslet, harslet** [dial.]. OF. *hastelet* (Mod. *hâtelet*), small spit, double dim. of OF. *haste*, spear, L. *hasta*, influenced by OHG. *harst*, gridiron.

**hasp.** AS. *hæpse*, *hæsp*, cf. obs. Du. *haspe*, Ger. *haspe*, ON. *hespa*. The foreign words also mean skein (for double sense cf. *hank*).

**hassock.** Orig. tussock of sedge. AS. *hassuc*, coarse grass; ? cf. Welsh *hesg*, cogn. with *sedge*.

**hastate.** Spear-shaped. L. *hastatus*, from *hasta*.

**haste.** OF. *haste* (Mod. *hâte*), of Teut. origin; cf. Goth. *haifsts*, conflict, AS. *hæst*, violent. Du. *haast*, Ger. *hast* are from F.

**hat.** AS. *hætt*; cf. ON. *hött*, hood; ult. cogn. with *hood*, Ger. *hut*, hat, and *head*.

**hatch<sup>1</sup>.** Grating, etc. AS. *hæc*, whence also dial. *heck*, *hack*; cf. Du. *hek*.

**hatch<sup>2</sup>.** Of birds. ME. *hacchen*; cogn. with Ger. dial. *hecken*, Sw. *hacka*, Dan. *hække*.

**hatch<sup>3</sup>.** To shade with fine lines. F. *hacher* (see *hachure*).

**hatchel.** See *hackle*, *heckle*.

**hatchet.** F. *hachette*, dim. of *hache*, axe, OHG. \**hapja* (Mod. *hippe*), scythe. F. *hache* could also be Ger. *hacke*, hoe, but this would not account for Prov. *apcha*.

**hatchment** [hist.]. Archaic F. *hachement*, crested helmet, etc., above shield in armorial bearings, app. for *acesment*, from *acesmer*, to adorn, a very common OF verb, of doubtful origin. Cf. obs. E. *atcheament*, often confused with *achievement*.

**hate.** AS. *hete*, noun, *hættian*, verb. Com. Teut; cf. Du. *haat*, Ger. *hass*, ON. *hatr*, Goth. *hats*. *Hatred* is of

ME. formation, with rare suffix *-red*, AS. *ræden*, condition (cf. *kindred*).

**hauberk** [hist.]. OF. *hauberc* (Mod. *haubert*), OHG. *halsberg*, neck protection; cf. AS. *healsbeorg*, hauberk, which did not survive. See *hawse*, *scabbard*, *habergeon*.

**haugh** [Sc. & north]. AS. *healh*, corner, nook.

**haughty.** From earlier *haright*, F. *haut* (see *hauteur*). Perh. really back-formation from ME. *hauten-ness*, from F. *hautain*, by analogy with *naughtiness*, *naughty*.

**haul.** See *hale<sup>2</sup>*.

**haultm, halm.** AS. *healm*, stalk. Com. Teut; cf. Du. Ger. *halm*, stem of grass, ON. *hålmr*, straw; cogn. with L. *calamus*, G. *κάλαμος*, reed.

**haunch.** F. *hanche*, of Teut. origin; cf. obs. Du. *hancke*, hip.

**haunt.** F. *hanter*, to frequent, of unknown origin.

**Hausa** [ling]. Lingua franca of WAfr. coast. Name of Bantu tribe.

**hausmannize** [hist.]. From *Baron Haussmann*, prefect of Paris (1853-70), who reconstructed a great part of the town.

**hautboy.** F. *hautbois*, lit. high wood, whence It. *oboe*.

**hauteur.** F. *hauteur*, from *haut*, high, L. *altus*, influenced by synon. OHG. *hōh* (Mod. *hoch*).

**havana.** Cigar from *Havana* (*Habana*) in Cuba.

**have.** AS. *habban*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *hebben*, Ger. *haben*, ON. *hafa*, Goth. *haban*. It is uncertain whether L. cognate is *habere* or *capere*.

**havelock** [US]. Linen flap to protect head from sun. From *Sir Henry Havelock*, Mutiny hero (†1857).

**haven.** AS. *hæfen*, cogn. with *have*; cf. Du. *haven*, Ger. *hafen* (from LG. for MHG. *habene*), ON. *hofn* (whence Dan. *havn*, corrupted in E. *Copenhagen*).

**haversack.** F. *havresac*, LG. *hafersack* (cf. Ger. *habersack*), oat sack, orig. trooper's bag for horse provender; cf. E. northern dial. *haver*, oats, ON. *hafre*. This is the Com. Teut. word for oats; cf. Du. *haver*.

**havildar.** Sepoy non-commissioned officer. Pers. *hawāldār*, from Arab. *hawālāh*, charge, and Pers. agential suffix *-dār*.

**havoc.** Orig. only in to *cry havoc*, give signal for pillage, OF. *havot*, *havo* (12 cent.). Origin unknown, but prob. Teut.

**haw<sup>1</sup>.** Berry AS. *haga*, fruit of *hawthorn*, AS. *haguthorn*, from *haga*, hedge, enclosure (see *hag<sup>1</sup>*), whence archaic *haw*, as in obs. *church-haw*, churchyard. *Hawbuck*, bumpkin, churl, is prob. from *haw*, hedge, and *buck*, in 18 cent. sense of dandy, etc.

**haw<sup>2</sup>.** In eye of horse or dog. ? From *haw<sup>1</sup>*, from shape. Cf. F. *orgelet*, sty (in eye), dim. of OF. *orgeol*, Late L. *hordeolum*, barley-corn, sty.

**haw<sup>3</sup>.** In *hem and ha(h)*, *haw-haw*, etc. Instinctive.

**hawbuck.** See *haw<sup>1</sup>*.

**hawk<sup>1</sup>.** Bird. AS. *hafoc*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *havik*, Ger. *habicht* (OHG. *habech*), ON. *hawkr*. ? Ult. cogn. with *have*, in sense of grasp, seize

**hawk<sup>2</sup>.** To clear the throat. Imit.

**hawk<sup>3</sup>.** Plasterer's "palette." Prob. from *hawk<sup>1</sup>*. Cf. F. *oiseau*, hod, lit. bird.

**hawker.** Kind of pedlar. The form of this word, which is LG. *hoker* or Du. *heuker*, huckster (q.v.), is due to E. *hawker*, which in ME. not only meant falconer, but also itinerant dealer in foreign hawks travelling from castle to castle. Verb to *hawk* is a back-formation (cf. *cadge*, *peddle*).

**hawse** [naut.]. Earlier *halse*, AS. *heals*, neck, prow of ship. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. ON. Goth. *hals*; cogn. with L. *collum*.

**hawser** [naut.]. AF. *haucour* (14 cent.), from OF. *haucier* (Mod. *hausser*), to raise, hoist (see *enhance*). Has been associated in form and sense with *hawse* (v.s.). But some connect *hawser* with L. *helciaricus*, barge-tower, from G. ἑλικω, to drag, and this view finds some support in OF. *hausseree*, towing-path.

**hawthorn.** See *haw<sup>1</sup>*.

**hay<sup>1</sup>.** Dried grass. AS. *hæg*, cogn. with *hew*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *hoor*, Ger. *heu*, ON. *hey*, Goth. *hawi*.

**hay<sup>2</sup>** [hist.]. Hedge, enclosure AS. *hege*, hedge, enclosure, cogn. with *hag<sup>1</sup>*, *haw<sup>1</sup>*; but the ME. word more often represents cogn. F. *haie*, OHG. *haga*.

**haysel** [dial.]. Hay season (EAng.). ME. *sele*, season.

**hazard.** F. *hasard* (12 cent.), a dicing game (cf. *chance*); cf. Sp. Port. *azar*. Of Oriental origin. William of Tyre, a contemporary of the Crusades, says that the game was named from the castle of *Asart* (Ain Zarba\*) in Palestine. Cf. *boston* and perh. *baccarat*

**haze<sup>1</sup>.** Mist. App. connected by some

mysterious piece of folklore with Ger. *hase*, hare. Ger. *der hase brauet*, LG. *de hase brouet*, lit. the hare is brewing (in his subterranean kitchen), is used of a ground-mist.

**haze<sup>2</sup>** [naut. & US.]. To bully. E. dial. *haze*, to frighten, ill-treat. App. connected, though reason is quite obscure, with *haze<sup>1</sup>*. Cf. F. *brumer* (mil.), to bully, haze, dial. form of *brumer*, from *brume*, mist, haze.

**hazel.** AS. *hæsel*. Com. Teut., cf. Du. *hazel*(aar), Ger. *hasel*, ON. *hasl*; cogn. with L. *corulus* (\**cosulus*), hazel.

**he.** AS. *hē*. From the same base, orig. demonstr., as *here*, *hence*, etc., cogn. with L. *cū-ira*. Ger. *er*, Goth. *is*, represent another base, cogn. with L. *is*, but the *h-* base appears in Ger. advs. *her*, *hin*, and *heute*, to-day (cf. AS. *hēodæg*).

**he, he-he.** Natural interj.; cf. *ha*, *h*, *ho*, in E. and other langs.

**head.** AS. *hēafod*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *hoofd*, Ger. *haupt*, ON. *hofuth*, Goth. *haubith*; ult. cogn. with L. *caput*.

**-head.** ME. suffix *-hede*, cogn. with *-hood*. Only in *godhead*, *maridenhead*

**headborough** [hist.]. Orig. head officer of a *frithborh* (see *frankpledge*).

**headlong.** For earlier *headling*, with adv. suffix as in *grovelling*. Cf. *side-long*.

**heal.** AS. *hǣlan*, from *hāl*, whole. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *heelen*, Ger. *heilen*, ON. *heil*, Goth. *hailjan*. See *hale<sup>1</sup>*, whole, holy.

**health.** AS. *hǣlth*, from *hāl*, whole (v.s.).

**heap.** AS. *hēap*. WGer.; cf. Du. *hoop*, Ger. *haufen*. See *forlorn hope*.

**hear.** AS. *hieran*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *hooren*, Ger. *hören*, ON. *heyra*, Goth. *hausjan*; prob. cogn. with G. ἀκούω, to hear, and ult. with *ear<sup>1</sup>*.

**hearken.** See *hark*.

**hearse.** F. *herse*, harrow, portcullis, L. *hirpex*, *hirpic-*, large rake. In ME. an elaborate framework to hold candles over bier or coffin. Afterwards applied to a canopy, the bier itself, and poet. to the tomb. Mod. use from 17 cent. Cf. *rehearse*.

**heart.** AS. *heorte*. WGer.; cf. Du. *hart*, Ger. *herz*, ON. *harta*, Goth. *hartin*, L. *cor*, *cord-*, G. *kardia*, OIr. *cride*, Welsh *crandd*, Russ. *serdtse*.

**hearth.** AS. *heorh* WGer.; cf. Du. *haard*, Ger. *herd*

**heat.** AS. *hǣte*, from *hāt*, hot; cogn. with Du. *hitte*, Ger. *hitze*, ON. *hite*, Goth. *heitō*, fever.

**heath.** AS. *hæth*, heathland, heather. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *heide*, ON. *heithr*, Goth. *harthra*.

**heathen.** AS. *hæthen*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *heiden*, Ger. *heide*, ON. *heithinn*, Goth. *haihnō* (fem.). App. from *heath* (with orig. sense of wild people). But the choice of the word may have been determined by superficial resemblance to G. *ἔθνη*, nations, gentiles. Some think the Goths took it from Armen. *hethanos*, a loan-word from G. *ἔθνος*. The parallel often drawn with *pagan* (q.v.) is fallacious.

**heather.** Orig. Sc., earlier *hathur*, *hadder*. Connection with *heath* is uncertain.

**heave.** AS. *hebban*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *heffen*, Ger. *heben* (OHG. *heffan*), ON. *hefja*, Goth. *hafjan*; cogn. with L. *capere*.

**heaven.** AS. *heofon*, heaven, sky; cf. OSax. *hebban*; also ult. cogn. with Du. *hemel*, Ger. *himmel*, ON. *himinn*, Goth. *himins*.

**heavy.** AS. *hefig*, from *heave*.

**hebdomad.** From *hebdomad*, the number seven (cf. *triad*), G. *ἑβδομάς*, *ἑβδομῆς*, number seven, seven days.

**Hebe.** Personification of G. *Ἥβη*, youthful prime.

**hebetate.** From L. *hebetare*, from *hebes*, *hebet*, dull.

**Hebrew.** OF. *ebreu* (Mod. *hébreu*), MedL. *Ebreus*, for *Hebraeus*, G. *Ἑβραῖος*, from Aramaic form of Heb. *‘ibri*, one from the other side (of the river Euphrates). Also *Hebraic*, G. *Ἑβραϊκός*.

**hecatomb.** G. *ἐκατόμβη*, offering of a hundred oxen, from *ἐκατόν*, hundred, *βοῦς*, ox.

**heck.** Grating, in various senses. Northern form of *hatch*.

**hackberry** [dial.] See *hackberry*.

**heckle, hackle, hatchell.** Instrument for combing hemp. Cogn. with *hack*<sup>1</sup> and *hook*. Cf. Du. *hekel*, Ger. *heckel*. With fig. sense of *heckle* cf. *tease*.

**hectare.** F, see *hecto-* and *are*<sup>2</sup>.

**hectic.** G. *ἐκτικός*, habitual, compulsive, from *ἐξίς*, habit of body, from *ἔχειν*, to have.

**hecto-.** From G. *ἐκατόν*, hundred.

**hector.** From *Hector*, bullying braggart of popular drama, G. *ἐκτωρ*, from *ἔχειν*, to hold, as being the prop of Troy.

**hedge.** AS. *hecg*, cogn. with *haw*<sup>1</sup>, *hay*<sup>2</sup>, *hag*<sup>1</sup>; cf. Du. *heg*, Ger. *hecke*. Sporting sense of verb in betting is for

earlier to *hedge in* (off), to secure by a hedge.

**hedonism.** From G. *ἡδονή*, pleasure.

**-hedron** [math.]. From G. *ἔδρα*, seat, base.

**heed.** AS. *hēdan*. WGer.; cf. Du. *hoeden*, Ger. *hüten* (from *hut*, care, heed). Prob. cogn. with *hat*, *hood*, *hut*, common idea being that of protection.

**hee-haw.** Imut., cf. OF. *hinham* (13 cent.).

**heel**<sup>1</sup>. Of foot. AS. *hēla*; cf. Du. *hiel*, ON. *hæll*. App. dim. of AS. *hōh*, heel (see *hough*).

**heel**<sup>2</sup> [naut.]. Verb. For earlier *hield*, *heald* (still in dial.), AS. *hieldan*, to incline, from *hylde*, a slope, *heald*, bent; cogn. with AS. *hold*, gracious, loyal; cf. Ger. *halde*, slope, very common in place-names.

**hefty** [colloq.]. Subjective use of US. *hefty*, convenient to *heft* (lift), which is app. from Du. *heffen* (see *heave*).

**Hegelian.** Of *Hegel*, Ger. philosopher (†1831).

**hegemony.** Pol. domination. G. *ἡγεμονία*, from *ἡγεμών*, leader, cogn. with *ἀγεω*, to lead.

**hegira.** Flight of Mohammed from Mecca to Medina (622 A.D.). MedL. *hegrira*, Arab. *hijrah*, departure, from *hajara*, to depart, cogn. with name *Hagar*.

**heifer.** AS. *hēahfore*, -fre, -fru, ME. *hayfare* suggest that this may be for *high-fayer* (goer).

**heigh.** Natural ejaculation.

**heighday.** See *heyday*.

**height.** AS. *hēhithu*, from *hgh*; cf. *heighlen*.

**Heine** [hist.]. Canadian nickname for German. Pet form of *Heinrich* (see *Harry*).

**heinous.** F. *haineux* (OF. *hainos*), from *haine*, hatred, from *haïr*, to hate (q.v.), of LG. origin (cf. Goth. *hatjan*).

**heir.** OF. *eir* (Mod. *hoir*), L. *heres* (VL. acc. *\*herem*, for *heredem*), cogn. with G. *χῆρος*, bereft. For *heirloom*, hereditary tool, chattel, see *loom*<sup>1</sup>.

**helco-.** From G. *ἕλκος*, ulcer.

**heliacal.** From G. *ἡλιακός*, from *ἥλιος*, sun.

**helianthus.** From G. *ἥλιος*, sun, *ἄνθος*, flower.

**helichrysm.** Immortelle. From G. *ἑλιξ*, spiral, *χρυσός*, gold.

**Helicon.** G. *Ἑλικών*, mountain in Boeotia, sacred to Muses.

**helicopter** [neol.]. Device for enabling

aeroplanes to rise perpendicularly. From G. ἑλῖξ, spiral, πτερόν, wing.

**heliograph.** From G. ἥλιος, sun.

**heliotrope.** Orig. kind of sunflower (v s). From G. τρέπω, to turn.

**heliotherapy** [neol.]. Sunlight cure. See *therapeutic*.

**helium** [chem.]. From G. ἥλιος, sun (after *selenium*, *tellurium*).

**helix.** G. ἑλῖξ, spiral, cf. F. *hélice*, screw (of steamer)

**hell.** AS. *hell*, cogn. with *helan*, to hide, whence dial *hele*, to cover up. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *hel*, Ger. *hölle* (OHG. *hella*), ON. *hel*, Goth. *halja*.

**hellebore.** G. ἑλλέβορος

**Hellene.** G. Ἑλλην, first as pl., in Homer, of a Thessalian tribe named from its chief.

**hello.** See *hallo*.

**helm**<sup>1</sup>. Helmet. AS *helm*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *helm*, ON. *hjalmr*, Goth. *hulms*; cogn. with *hele*, to cover (see *hell*), L. *celare*, G. *καλύπτειν*.

**helm**<sup>2</sup>. Tiller. AS. *helma*; cf. ON. *hjálm*, *helm*, MHG. *helm*, handle (see *halbert*).

**helmet.** Dim. of *helm*<sup>1</sup>.

**helminthology.** Study of intestinal worms. From G. ἑλμινς, ἑλμινθ-, maw-worm.

**helot.** G. ἑλωτες (pl.), trad. of Ἔλος, Laconian town whose inhabitants were enslaved and, according to Plutarch, made to act as awful examples ("drunken helots") to young Spartans

**help.** AS. *helpan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *helpen*, Ger. *helfen*, ON. *hjalpa*, Goth. *hīlpan*. *Helpmeet* is a ghost-word, due to misunderstanding *Gen.* ii. 18 (*Vulg.* adjutorium simile sibi).

**helter-skelter.** Cf. *hurry-scurry*, *harum-scarum*; but both elements are obscure.

**helve.** AS *helf*. WGer.; cf. obs. Du. *half*, OHG. *halp*; cogn. with *halter*.

**Helvetian, Helvetic.** From L. *Helvetia*, Switzerland.

**hem**<sup>1</sup>. Border. AS. *hem(m)*, cogn. with *ham*, enclosure (see *home*), and with Ger. *hemmen*, to constrain, obstruct.

**hem**<sup>2</sup>, *h'm*. Interj., sound of clearing throat; cf. *ahem*, *hem* and *ha(w)*, *hum* (q.v.).

**hematite**, etc. See *haem*.

**hemeralopia** [med.]. Day-blindness. From G. ἡμεράλωψ (*hēmera*, day, *alaós*, blind, *ωψ*, eye). Cf. *nyctalopia*.

**hemisphere.** F. *hémisphère*, G. *häm-sphäre*, from *hēmi*, half, cogn. with

L. *semi*-, Sanskrit *sāmi*-, and σφαῖρα, sphere. Cf. *hemstich* (see *distich*).

**hemlock.** Kentish form of AS. *hymlice*. Origin unknown.

**hemorrhage**, etc. See *haem*.

**hemp.** AS. *heneþ*; cf. Du. *hennep*, Ger. *hanf*, ON *hampr*. Though widely diffused in Aryan (G. *κάνναβις*, OSlav. *konophya*, Pers. *kanab*), it is prob a non-Aryan word borrowed early from Scythian.

**hen.** AS. *henn*, fem. of *hana*, cock. WGer.; cf. Du. *hen*, Ger. *henne*. Masc. form is Com. Teut., and cogn. with L. *canere*, to sing.

**hence.** ME. *hennes*, with adv. -s, for earlier *henne* (cf. *thence*), from demonstr. stem of *he*; cf. Ger. *hin*, *hinnen*.

**henchman.** ME. *henxt-man*, groom (cf. MedL. *hengestmannus*), from AS. *hengest*, horse. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *hengst*, ON. *hestr*, horse, stallion, etc., and the war-name of the reputed conqueror of Kent. Current sense is due to Scott, who understood it as *haunchman* (cf. *flunkey*).

**hendecagon.** From G. ἑνδεκα, eleven, γωνία, angle.

**hendiadys** [gram.]. Late L., for G. ἐν δὲ δύοιν, one through two.

**henna.** Shrub and dye. Arab. *hinna*.

**henotheism.** Dilution of *monotheism*. From G. εἷς, ἐν-, one.

**hepatic.** G. ἥπατικός, from ἥπαρ, liver.

**heppelwhite.** Furniture. Name of 18 cent. cabinet-maker.

**heptad.** The number seven. G. ἑπτὰς, ἑπταδ-, from ἑπτά, seven, cogn. with L. *septem*. Cf. *heptagon*, *heptarchy*, *Heptameron* (see *Decameron*).

**her**<sup>1</sup>. Objective case. AS. *hire*, dat. of *hēo*, she, which early replaced also acc. *hīe*.

**her**<sup>2</sup>. Possessive case. AS. *hire*, genitive of *hēo*, she, used as possess. adj.; cf. Ger. possess. *ihr*, orig. genitive of *sie*, she.

**herald.** OF. *heralt* (Mod. *héraut*), OHG. *\*harr-walt*, army-wielder (see *harbour*), found as personal name (*Chariovalda*) in Tacitus. Cf. E. *Harold*, AS. *Here-weald*.

**herb.** F. *herbe*, L. *herba*, grass, etc. *Herbal*, book on herbs, is after *manual*, *missal*, etc.; hence *herbalist*. *Herborize*, F. *herboriser*, shows the same confusion with *arbor*, tree, as E. *arbour* (q.v.).

**herculean.** From L. *Hercules*, G. Ἡρακλῆς, trad. glory (κλέος) of Hera

at whose command he performed his twelve labours.

**herd.** AS. *heord*. Com Teut; cf. obs. Du. *herde*, Ger. *herde*, ON. *hǫrth*, Goth. *haurda*; cogn. with G. *kóρθus*, troop. Cf. *herd* (= *herdsman*), AS. *herde*, also Com. Teut. (Ger. *hirt*, etc.).

**herdwick.** Breed of sheep. From northern dial. *herdwick*, tract in charge of a herd (v.s.). Cf. *barlwick*.

**here.** AS. *hēr*, cogn. with *he*. Com Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *hier*, ON. Goth. *hēr*. *Heretofore* preserves otherwise obs. *tofore*, AS. *tōforan* (cf. *before*).

**hereditary.** L. *hereditarius*, from *heres*, *hered-*, heir. Cf. *heritage*, *heritor*, F. *héritage*, *héritier*.

**heresy.** F. *hérésie*, from L. *haeresis*, G. *αἵρεσις*, selection, school of thought, sect, from *αἰρέω*, to take.

**heriot** [leg.]. Gift to lord on death of tenant of latter's best live beast or dead chattel; orig. restoration of mil. equipment. AS. *heregeatwe* (pl.), army gear. Second element is *getāwe*, *trappings*, etc., from *tāwian*, to prepare (see *taw*<sup>1</sup>).

**hermandad** [hist.]. Sp. *hermandad*, brotherhood, from *hermano*, brother, L. *germanus*, akin, german.

**heritage, heritor.** See *hereditary*.

**hermaphrodite.** G. *Ἑρμαφρόδιτος*, son of *Hermes* and *Aphrodite*, who became one with the nymph *Salmacis*.

**hermeneutic** [theol.]. Of interpretation. From G. *ἐρμηνεύειν*, to interpret, prob. from *Ἑρμῆς* (v.i.).

**Hermes.** G. *Ἑρμῆς*, son of Zeus and Maia, identified by Romans with Mercury. Applied as title *Ἑρμῆς τρις μέγιστος*, *Hermes* thrice greatest, by early mystics and alchemists to Egypt. deity Thoth. Hence *hermetic*, dealing with occult science, and with air-tight sealing of vessels, etc. used by alchemists.

**hermetic.** See *Hermes*.

**hermit.** ME. also *ermit*, *armit*, F. *ermite*, G. *ἐρημίτης*, from *ἐρημία*, desert (cf. *eremite*).

**hern.** Archaic for *heron* (q.v.).

**hernia** [anat.]. L., rupture, cogn. with first element of *haruspex*.

**hernshaw.** See *heron*.

**hero.** Back-formation from *heroes*, L. *heroēs*, pl. of *heros*, G. *ἥρως*, hero, demigod (fem. *ἡρώλη*).

**Herodian.** Jewish partisan of *Herod* family, esp. of *Herod Antipas*.

**heroin.** Drug Ger. trade-name disguising connection with morphium.

**heron.** F. *héron*, OF. *hauron*, *hargron*, *hegron*, from latinized form of OHG. *heigr*. Cf. *aigrette*, *egret*. OHG. *heigr* is app. connected with MHG. *reiger* (Mod. *reiher*), *heron*, Du. *reiger*, AS. *hrägra* Archaic and dial. *heronsew*, *hernshaw*, etc. is OF. dim. *heronceau*, *heroncel*.

**herpes.** Skin disease G. *ἐρπης*, from *ἐρπεω*, to creep, cogn. with *serpent*. Cf. *herpetology*, study of snakes.

**Herr.** Ger., orig. compar. of *hehr*, noble, venerable, cogn. with *hoar* (q.v.).

**herring.** AS. *hærring*. WGer.; cf. Du. *haring*, Ger. *haring*. ? From AS. *hār*, hoar, white.

**herrnhuter.** Moravian (q.v.). From first Ger. settlement at *Herrnhut*, Lord's keeping, in Saxony. See *Herr* and *heed*.

**herse** [archaic]. Portcullis, phalanx. See *hearse*.

**hertzian waves** [phys]. Discovered by *Hertz*, Ger physicist (†1894).

**hesitate.** From L. *haesitare*, frequent. of *haerere*, *haes-*, to stick fast.

**Hesper, Hesperus.** L. *hesperus*, G. *ἑσπερος*, of the evening, western; cogn. with *vesper* (q.v.). Hence the *Hesperides*, daughters of the west, who guarded the golden apples in the isle of the blest, also *hesperid-*, in bot. terms dealing with the orange.

**Hessian boots.** Of *Hessen*, Germany.

**hest** [archaic]. AS. *hæts*, command, with excrement *-t*. See *behest*, *hight*.

**hesternal.** From L. *hesternus*, of yesterday (q.v.).

**hetaira.** Courtesan G. *ἑταῖρα*, female companion.

**heteroclit** [gram.]. G. *ετερόκλιτος*, irregularly inflected, from *ἕτερος*, other, different, *κλίνειν*, to bend. Cf. *heterodox*, from *δόξα*, opinion; *heterogeneous*, from *γένος*, kind.

**hetman.** Chief of Cossacks. Earlier also *ataman*. Pol. *hetman*, from Ger. *hauptmann*, head man, captain.

**heuristic.** Irreg. from G. *εὐρίσκεω*, to find.

**hew.** AS. *hāwan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *houwen*, Ger. *hauen*, ON. *höggva*; cogn. with *hay*<sup>1</sup>, and ult. with L. *-cudere*.

**hexad.** The number six. G. *ἑξάς*, *ἑξάδ-*, from *ἕξ*, six, cogn. with L. *sex*. Cf. *hexagon*, from *γωνία*, angle; *hexameter*, from *μέτρον*, measure; *hexapla*, six-fold parallel text of OT., neut. pl. of *ἑξαπλοῦς*, six-fold; *hexateuch*, pentateuch (q.v.) with Book of Joshua.

**heyday.** Interj. ? From *heigh*, *hey*, natural ejaculation, with second element as in Ger. *heida*, from which it may have been imitated. This is lit *hi there*, but the *da* may also be interjectional; cf. F. *our-da*. The *heyday* (of youth, etc) is perh. for *high day*, *hey* being a common ME spelling of *high*.  
**heyduck, heyduke.** Polish servant. Cf. Pol. *hajduk*, Russ. *gajduk*, also in Czech, Magyar, etc. Said to be name of a Hung tribe (cf *slave*, *coohie*).

**hey-ho.** Orig. naut.

**hi.** Interj. Cf. *hey*, *heigh*, *ho*, etc.

**hiatus.** L, from *hiare*, to gape

**hibernate.** From L. *hibernare*, from *hibernus*, from *hiems*, winter.

**Hibernian.** From L. *Hibernia*, for *Iverna*, G. *Ílepyr*, from Q.Celt. form of *Erin*, whence also AS *Írland*.

**hibiscus.** G. *ἵβίσκος*, kind of mallow.

**hic jacet.** L., here lies.

**hiccough.** Late spelling, associated with *cough*, of earlier *hiccup*, *hicket*, imit. of sound, cf F. *hoquet*

**hickory.** For *pothickery*, native Virginian name (17 cent.).

**hidalgo.** Sp., formerly also *hijo d'algo* (de algo), son (L *filius*) of some-one (L *aliquis*). Cf. OSP., Port. *fidalgo*.

**hide<sup>1</sup>.** Skin. AS. *hýd*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *huid*, Ger. *haut*, ON. *húth*; cogn. with L. *cutis*, G. *kúros*, and perh with *hide<sup>2</sup>*.

**hide<sup>2</sup> [hist.].** Measure of land. AS *hid*, earlier *hǣgd*, from *hūw*- family, as in *hūwse*, *hūwscipe*, family, household, hide of land, cogn. with *hind<sup>2</sup>* and with Ger. *heirat*, marriage.

**hide<sup>3</sup>.** Verb. AS. *hýdan*, with cognates in LG. & obs Du.; ? cogn. with *hide<sup>1</sup>*, ? or with G. *κρύβειν*, to hide, ? or ult. with both.

**hideous.** F. *hideux*, OF. *hisdos*, from *hisde*, ? L. *hispidus*, bristly (cf. *horrid*).

**hie [archaic]** AS *hǣgian*, to be intent on, strive, whence ME *hien*, also reflex., to hasten, gradually becoming a verb of motion; cf. Du. *hijgen*, to pant, Dan. *hige*, to strive after.

**hierarchy.** G. *ἱεραρχία*, rule of a *hierarch*, high-priest, from *ἱερός*, holy. Cf. *hieratica* (sc. *charta*), finest papyrus, used in sacred writings.

**hieroglyphic.** G. *ἱερογλυφικός*, from *γράφειν*, to carve (v.s.). Cf. *hierophant*, expounder of sacred mysteries, from G. *φαίνειν*, to reveal (as in *syco-phanti*).

**Hieronym-.** Of *Hieronymus*, i.e. Jerome, compiler of *Vulgate* (5 cent.).

**higgle.** Thinned form of *haggle* (cf. *flap*, *flap*), representing a less noisy dispute. Hence *higgler*, itinerant dealer

**higgledy-piggledy.** Earlier also *highly-pigly*. Prob reduplicated jingle on *pig*, with ref. to huddling together.

**high.** AS *hǣah*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *hoog*, Ger. *hoch*, ON. *hār*, Goth *hauhs*, cogn. with Ger. *hügel*, hill, and *how<sup>2</sup>*.

**high-falutin' [US.].** Fantastic variation on *high-flown* (? *floating*).

**high-flown.** Associated in sense with *high-flying* (cf. *outsoken* for *out-speak-ing*), but really from *flown*, swollen, tumid, p.p. of *flow* (q.v.).

**high [archaic].** Only as p.p., named, called. Represents the past tense, *heht*, of passive (or middle) voice of AS. *hātan*, to command. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *heeten*, to bid, be named, Ger. *heissen*, ON. *heita*, Goth *haitan*.

**highy-tighty.** See *horty-torty*.

**hike [dial.].** To drag, etc ? Cogn. with *hitch*.

**hilarity.** F. *hilarité*, L. *hilaritas*, -tat-, from *hilaris*, cheerful, G. *ἰαρός*.

**Hilary.** Session of High Court; term at Oxford and Dublin. From *S<sup>t</sup> Hilary*, Hilarius, bishop of Portiers (†367), whose day is Jan 13.

**Hildebrandic [hist.].** Of *Hildebrand*, i.e. Gregory VII (11 cent.), upholder of papal authority

**hill.** AS *hyll*, with cognates in LG. & obs Du.; ult. cogn. with L. *collis*, hill, *celsus*, high.

**hillo.** See *hallo*.

**hilt.** AS. *hilt*; cf. obs. Du. *helt*, OHG *helza*, ON. *hjal*, also OF. *helte*, *heute*, from Teut. Origin unknown

**him.** AS. *him*, dat. sing. of *hē* and *hit*, replacing in ME. acc. *hime*. Cf. Ger. *ihn* (acc.), *ihm* (dat.).

**hind<sup>1</sup>.** Female deer, fem. of *hart*. AS. *hind*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *hinde*, ON. *hind*. Origin unknown. Perh orig. the hornless, as opposed to *hart* (q.v.).

**hind<sup>2</sup> [archaic & dial.].** Foreman or bailiff of a farm. ME. *hine*, peasant, AS. *hina*, genitive pl., as in *hina fæder*, paterfamilias, cogn. with *hide<sup>2</sup>* (q.v.), orig. sense being member of household. The -d is excrement, as in *sound<sup>1</sup>*, *hine* being still in dial. use.

**hind<sup>3</sup>.** As in *hindleg*, *behind* Earlier *hinder*, as in *hindermost* and dial. *hinder-end*. AS. *hinder*; cf. Ger. *hinter* (as in *hinterland*), ON. *hindr*, Goth. *hindar*, all orig. compar. formations.

**hinder.** AS. *hindrian*, to keep back,

from above; cf. Ger. *hindern*, ON. *hindra*. Cf. to *further*.

**Hindi** [lng]. Urdu *hindī*, from Pers. *hind*, India, Sanskrit, *sindhu*, river, hence region of Indus and Sindh. Used of vernacular Aryan lang. of northern India akin to Sanskrit. *Hindustani*, used for Urdu (q.v.), from *Hindustān*, is best avoided as a ling. term owing to possible confusion with *Hindi*.

**hinge**. ME *heng*, not found in AS., but cogn. with *hang*; cf. F. *penture*, "the hinge of a doore" (Cotg.), from *pendre*, to hang.

**hinny**<sup>1</sup>. Offspring of stallion and she-ass. From L. *hinus*; cf. G. *ivos*, *ivnos*.

**hinny**<sup>2</sup>. To neigh, whinny. From F. *hennir*, L. *hinnire*.

**hinny**<sup>3</sup> [Sc. & north]. Darling. For *honey* (cf. *Sc. brither* for *brother*).

**hint**. From ME. *henten*, to grasp, AS. *hentian*, to pursue; cf. Goth. *frahmthan*; ? cogn. with *hunt*.

**hinterland**. Ger., see *hind*<sup>3</sup> and *land*.

**hip**<sup>1</sup>. Of body. AS. *hype*; cf. Du. *heup*, Ger. *hüfte* (OHG. *huf*), Goth. *hups*.

**hip**<sup>2</sup>. Of wild rose ME. *hepe*, AS. *heope*. WGer.; cf. OSax. *hiopo*, OHG. *hiufo*, thorn-bush.

**hip**<sup>3</sup>. As in *hip-hip-hurrah*. Earlier also *hep*. Cf. Ger. *hepp*, cry to animals, signal for attack on Jews.

**hipped** [archaic]. Depressed. From archaic *hip*, *hyp* (c. 1700), usu. pl., short for *hypochondria* (cf. *mob*<sup>1</sup>, *cut*, etc.). Cf. Du. *hiép*, melancholy, for *hypochondria*.

**hippic**. G. *ἵππικός*, of the horse (v.i.).

**hippocampus**. Fish. G., from *ἵππος*, horse (cogn. with L. *equus*), and *κάμπος*, sea-monster.

**hippocras** [archaic]. Spiced wine. OF. *ypocras*, from *Hippocrates*, G. physician (5 cent. B.C.), originator of a filter called Hippocrates' sleeve (bag).

**hippocrene** [poet.]. G., from *ἵππος κρήνη*, fountain of the horse, because made on Helicon by hoof of Pegasus.

**hippodrome**. G. *ἵππόδρομος*, race-course for chariots, from *δρόμος*, race (see *dromedary*). For *hippogryph*, fabulous monster, see *griffin*<sup>1</sup>.

**hippopotamus**. Late G. *ἵπποπόταμος*, from *ποταμός*, river (cf. *Mesopotamia*, between the rivers).

**hircine**. Of the goat, L. *hircus*.

**hire**. AS. *hýr*, hire, wages; cf. Du. *huur*. Not known in HG., ON., or Goth.

**hirsute**. L. *hirsutus*, shaggy, from *hir-*

*tus*, in same sense; ? cogn. with *horrid*, ? or with *hircus*, goat.

**hirudin**-[zool.]. From L. *hirudo*, *hirudān*, leech.

**his**. AS. genitive of *hē* and *hit*.

**Hispanic**. Of Spain, L. *Hispania*.

**hispid** [bot.]. Bristling. L. *hispidus*. See *hideous*.

**hiss**. Imit; cf. Ger. *zischen*, F. *siffler*, to hiss, whistle, L. *sibilare*.

**hist**. Natural ejaculation, better represented by *st*; cf. *whist*<sup>1</sup>.

**histology**. From G. *ἱστός*, web, tissue

**history**. Learned form of *story*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.), L. *historia*, G. *ἱστορία*, from *ἵστωρ*, *ἵστωρ*, wise, learned, from root of *εἰδέναι*, to know.

**histrionic**. From L. *histrion*-n, actor, of Etruscan origin.

**hit**. ON. *hitla*, to hit upon, meet with.

**hitch**. To jerk. First in late ME., which has also *hatch*, *hotch*, in same sense. If the last is the orig., it is F. *hocher* (12 cent.), in same sense (see *hodge-podge*), used esp. in *hocher la tête*. For vowel change cf. *bitch*<sup>2</sup>.

**hithe**, **hythe** [hist.]. AS. *hýth*, landing-place.

**hither**. AS. *hider*, from demonstr. root of *he*, with ending as in cogn. L. *ci-tra*. Cf. *here*, *thither*.

**hive**. AS. *hýf*; ? cogn. with ON. *húfr*, hull of ship, and ult. with L. *cupa*, tub.

**ho**. Natural exclamation; cf. *ha*, *hi*, *oh*, etc. Esp. naut.

**hoar**. AS. *hār*, white with age, venerable; cf. Ger. *hehr* (see *Herr*), ON. *hār*, and cogn. Goth. *hars*, torch.

**hoard**. AS. *hord*, treasure. Com. Teut.; cf. OSax. *hord*, Ger. *hort* (poet.), ON. *hodd*, Goth. *huzd*; ult. cogn. with G. *heiden*, to hide.

**hoarding**. From archaic *hoard*, fence, barrier, archaic F. *hourd*, palisade, from LG. form of OHG. *huri* (Mod. *hürde*), hurdle (q.v.).

**hoarhound**. See *horehound*.

**hoarse**. ME. *hors*, *hoos*, AS. *hās*. Com. Teut.; cf. obs. Du. *heersch*, *heesch*, Ger. *heiser* (OHG. *heis*), ON. *häss*. The *-r* is unexplained.

**hoax**. Contr. (c. 1800) of *hocus* (q.v.).

**hob**<sup>1</sup>. Clown, goblin. Pet-name of *Robert* (cf. *Hodge*). With *hobgoblin* cf. *Robin Goodfellow*.

**hob**<sup>2</sup>. Side of fire-place. Earlier *hub*. Also in various dial. senses. ? Ident. with *hob*<sup>1</sup>, a familiar name used for a handy device, e.g. the mark at quoits is called the *hob* (cf. the *jack* at bowls). Hence *hobnail*.



**hobble.** App. cogn. with *hop*<sup>1</sup>; cf. Du. *hobbeln*, LG. *hoppeln*. In sense of shackle for horse (cf. *hobble-skirt*), it was formerly *hopple*.

**hobbledehoy.** Also *hober-*, *hobbar-*, etc. Has been associated with *hobble*, but first element is prob. *hob*<sup>1</sup>, in sense of clown. Cf. obs. *hobbinoll*, rustic (Spenser), *hoball*, clown (Ralph Royster-Doyster). Cf. Ger. *flegeljahre*, *hobbedehoy-hood*, from *flegel*, clown. It is impossible to say what the ending may have been, the tendency of numerous early forms being to give it a F. appearance, ? as though *hobet de haie*, hedge hawk (see *hobby*<sup>2</sup>).

**hobby**<sup>1</sup>. Orig. small horse. ME. *hobin*, *hobi*, from *hob*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.); cf. *dobbin* (q.v.). For current sense cf. F. *dada*, gee-goe, also used of a hobby.

**hobby**<sup>2</sup> [*archaic*]. Inferior hawk. OF. *hobet*, whence F. *hobereau*, small hawk, squireen, "hawbuck." See *hobbedehoy*.

**hobgoblin.** See *hob*<sup>1</sup>.

**hobnail.** See *hob*<sup>2</sup>.

**hob-nob.** Orig. to drink together clinking glasses. In spec. sense of intimacy perh. partly a redupl. of familiar name *Hob* (see *hob*<sup>1</sup>).

**hobo** [US.]. Tramp. Origin unknown.

**Hobson's choice.** Trad. from Thomas Hobson (†1630), the Camb. carrier and livery-stable keeper, who refused to let out his horses exc. in strict rotation. But earliest mention, written in Japan (1617), is *Hodgson's choice*.

**hock**<sup>1</sup>. Of leg. Southern by-form of *hough*.

**hock**<sup>2</sup>. Wine. Short for Ger. *hochheimer*, from *Hochheim*, on the Main.

**hock**<sup>3</sup>. As in *hockday*, *hock-Tuesday*, second Tuesday after Easter Sunday, *hocktide*. Orig. disyllabic (cf. surname *Hockaday*, *Hockerday*). ? From AS. *hōcor*, derision; cf. MHG. *goychentag*, in same sense, from *gouchen*, to play the fool, from *gouch*, cuckoo (see *gowk*).

**hockey.** App. OF. *hoquet*, bent stick, shepherd's crook; cogn. with *hook*; cf. *bandy*<sup>2</sup>.

**hocktide.** See *hock*<sup>3</sup>.

**hocus-pocus.** Sham L. of quack. The fact that *hokuspokusfilhokus* is still used in Norw. & Sw. suggests that there may be something in the old theory of a blasphemous perversion of the sacramental blessing, *hoc est corpus (filii)*. Hence *hocus*, to hoax (q.v.); later, to drug one's liquor for swindling purposes.

**hod.** ME. *hot*, F. *hotte*, "a scuttle, dossier, basket, to carry on the back" (Cotg.), of Teut. origin; cf. obs. Du. *hodde*, Ger. *hotte*.

**hodden grey.** Origin of *hodden*, cloth made by using one black fleece with twelve white, is doubtful; ? northern p.p. of to *hold*, thus wool "holding" natural hue.

**hodge.** Yokel. Pet-name of Roger (cf. *hob*<sup>1</sup>).

**hodge-podge.** Earlier *hotch-potch*, which is altered from earlier *hotchpot*, F. *hochepot*, from *hocher*, to shake. For F. *hocher* cf. Du. *hutsen*, *hotsen*, MHG. *hutzen* (see *hustle*).

**hodiernal.** From L. *hodiernus*, from *hodre* (*hoc die*), to-day.

**odometer, odometer.** Pedometer. From G. *ὄδος*, way.

**hoe.** F. *houe*, OHG. *houwa* (Mod. *haue*); cogn. with *hew*.

**hog.** AS. *hogg*. If orig. sense was castrated swine, it may be cogn. with *hag*, to cut (see *hag*<sup>2</sup>).

**hogmanay** [Sc. & north]. New Year's Eve, etc. Earlier (17 cent.) *hogmynae*, *hagmane*. Origin unknown.

**hogshead.** From *hog's head* (14 cent.), a fantastic name which can only be conjecturally explained. Cf. LG. *bullenkop*, a beer measure, lit. bull's head.

**hoick.** Var. of *hike*.

**hoicks.** Var. of *yoicks*.

**hoiden.** See *hoyden*.

**hoist.** For *hoise* (Acts xxvii. 40), earlier *hysse*. A naut. word found in most Europ. langs.; cf. F. *hisser*, Norw. Sw. *hussa*, Ger. *hissen* (from LG.), Du. *hijschen*, etc. Our word is from Du., but ult. source is unknown, prob. LG.

**hoity-toity.** Vars. *highy-tighty*, *heighty-terhty*, and the earliest record, upon the *hoity-toity* (1668), suggest the *high ropes* and *tight rope*, or simply a jingle on *hgh*.

**hokey-pokey.** For *hocus-pocus*.

**hold**<sup>1</sup>. AS. *healdan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *houden*, Ger. *halten*, ON. *halda*, Goth. *haldan*.

**hold**<sup>2</sup> [naut.]. For earlier *hole* (q.v.); cf. Du. *hol*, from which E. sense may be borrowed.

**hole.** AS. *hol*, orig. adj., hollow. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *hol*, Ger. *hohl*, ON. *hol*; also Goth. *hulundi*, cave. ? Ult. cogn. with *hell* (q.v.). Also represents inflected forms of AS. *holh*, a hollow.

**holiday.** AS. *hāligdæg*, holy day.

**Holkar.** Hereditary ruler of Indore. From *Hol*, village near Poona.

**holla.** F *holà*; cf. *in there, hou-p-là*, and see *hallo*.

**holland.** Fabric. For earlier *Holland cloth*.

**hollands.** Du adj. *hollandsch* (cf. *Scots*).

**hollo, holloa.** See *hallo*. Hence verb *hollo(w)*, to shout.

**hollow<sup>1</sup>.** Orig. noun. AS. *holh*. By association with *hol*, adj and noun (see *hole*), it became an adj. in ME.

**hollow<sup>2</sup>.** Verb. See *hollo*.

**holly.** Earlier *hollin*, AS. *holegn*; cogn. with Du. Ger. *hulst* (OHG. *huls*), whence F. *houx*, and prob. with Welsh *celyn*, Ir. *uilleann*, Gael. *cuilinn*. See also *holm-oak*.

**hollyhock.** For *holy hock*, AS. *hocc*, mallow Cf. synon. Welsh *hocys bendigard*, which is a mixture of E. & L. (*benedicta*).

**holm** [geog.]. Small island, esp. in river. ON. *holmr*; cf. LG. *holm*; cogn. with L. *culmen*, E. *hill*.

**holm-oak.** Evergreen oak. From dial. *holm*, holly, ME. *hollin*; see *holly*.

**holocaust.** G. *λόκαυστον*, from *δλος*, whole, *καυστός*, burnt, from *καίω*. Cf. *holograph*, wholly written; *holophotal*, from *φῶς*, *φωρ*, light.

**holothurian.** Sea-slug. From G. *όλοθύριον*, kind of zoophyte.

**holster.** Du. *holster*, "a holster for a pistol" (Hexham); cf. Sw. *holster*, Dan. *hylster*; app. cogn. with ON. *hulstr*, case, sheath, AS. *heolstor*, hiding-place. But the sudden appearance in 17 cent. of E. & Du. *holster* in this spec. sense points to association with Ger. *holfter*, "a holster" (Ludw.), from OHG. *hulft*, case, sheath. The etym. relation of the two is obscure. For a similar case cf. Du. *halfter*, *halster*, halter.

**holt** [archaic]. Wood. AS. *holt*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *hout*, Ger. *holz*, ON. *holt*; cogn. with G. *κλάδος*, twig, Gael. *coille*, wood.

**holus-bolus.** At a gulp. Facet. "latinization" of the *whole bolus*, or as though G. *δλος βῶλος*.

**holý.** AS. *hālig*, from *hāl*, whole. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *heilig*, ON. *heilagr*, Goth. *hailag* (on inscription only; Ulfila has *werks*).

**holystone** [naut.]. Soft sandstone for scrubbing decks. ? For *holey* or *hollow*.

**hom.** Sacred palm of ancient Persians. Pers. *hōm*, Sanskrit *soma*.

**homage.** F. *hommage*, from *homme* (OF. *ome*, *home*), man, L. *homo*, *homin-*.

**home.** AS. *hām*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *heem*, Ger. *heim*, ON. *heimr*, Goth. *haims*.

**homer.** Measure (Is. v. 10). Heb. *hōmer*, heap.

**homestead.** See *stead*.

**homicide.** F. *homicide*, L. *homicida*, man slayer, *homicidium*, man slaying, from *caedere*.

**homily.** G. *δμιλία*, converse, from *δμιλος*, crowd, from *δμοῦ*, together, *ίλη*, crowd. Hence *homilectic*.

**hominy.** Shortened from Algonkin (Virginia) *rockahomone*, of which first element means maize.

**homoeopathy.** Coined by Hahnemann, from G. *ὁμοιος*, of the same kind, *πάθος*, suffering Cf. *allopathy*.

**homogeneous.** From G. *ὁμογενής*, of the same kind, from *ὁμός* and *γένος* (see *same*). Cf. *homologous*, from *λόγος*, ratio; *homonym*, from Aeolic *ὄνυμα*, name; *homophone*, from *φωνή*, sound.

**homoiousian, homoousian** [theol.]. Holding Christ to be of like (*ὁμοιος*) essence, or same (*ὁμός*) essence (*οὐσία*) as the Father.

**homunculus.** L., dim. of *homo*, man.

**hone.** Whetstone. AS. *hān*, stone, rock; cf. ON. *hein*, whence Norw. *heim*, whetstone

**honest.** OF. (*h*)*oneste* (Mod. *honnête*), L. *honestus*, cogn. with *honos*, honour.

**honey.** AS. *hunig*; cf. Du. Ger. *honig*, ON. *hunang*, Goth. has *milith*, for which see *midew*, *mealy-mouthed*.

**honeysuckle.** Earlier *honeysuck*, AS. *hunigsuge*, privet.

**honk.** Imit. of cry of wild goose or hoot of motor-car.

**honorarium.** Late L, gift made on appointment to post of honour. Cf. *honorary*, conferring honour without payment; *honorific*, making honour, L. *honorificus*

**honour.** OF. (*h*)*onour* (Mod. *honneur*), L. *honos*, *honor-*.

**honved.** Hung. landwehr. Hung. *hon*, native land, *ved*, defence; transl. of Ger. *landwehr* (q v.).

**hood.** AS. *hōd*; cf. Du. *hoed*, Ger. *hut*, hat, ON. *hötr*; cogn. with *hat* and ult with *heed*.

**-hood.** AS. *hād*, condition, orig. person; cogn with Ger. *-heit*, Goth. *hardus*, manner; cf. *-head*.

**hoodlum** [US]. San Francisco hooligan (c. 1870). ? Perverted back-spelling (cf. *slop*\*) of *Muldoon*. Cf. *hooligan*, *larrikin*.

**hoodoo** [US.] Opposite of mascot.

Said to be for *voodoo* (q.v.), and, according to Sir R. Burton, an Afr. word from Dahomey.

**hoof**. AS. *hof*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *hoef*, Ger. *huf*, ON. *höfr*.

**hook**. AS. *hōc*; cf. Du. *hoek*; cogn. with Ger. *haken*, ON. *haki*.

**hookah**. Arab. *hugqah*, vessel (through which the smoke is drawn).

**hooker** [*naut.*]. Earlier also *howker*, *hawker*. Du. *hoeke*, ? from *hoek*, hook, or connected with *hoeke*, huckster, because a small trading ship. Du. *hoekboot* is recorded 1262.

**hooligan**. From lively Ir. family of that name in the Borough (19 cent.).

**hoop**<sup>1</sup>. Ring. AS. *hōp*; cf. Du. *hoep*.

**hoop**<sup>2</sup>. To whoop. F. *houper* (12 cent.), from cry *houp*, to dogs or horses, as in *houp-là*. Hence *hooping-cough*. *Whoop* is a later spelling.

**hoopoe**. Bird. Earlier *hoop*, *hoopoop*, F. *huppe*, L. *upupa*, from cry.

**hoot**. From 12 cent. Prob. imit.; cf. *hoop*<sup>2</sup>, *toot*, *hue*<sup>2</sup>.

**hop**<sup>1</sup>. Verb. AS. *hoppian*; cf. Du. *hoppēn*, Ger. *hopfen* (usu. *hüpfen*), ON. *hoppa*. See *hobble*.

**hop**<sup>2</sup>. Plant. Du. *hop*; cf. Ger. *hopfen*. Origin doubtful, but prob. cogn. with F. *houppē*, tuft, tassel. F. *houblon*, hops, earlier *houbrillon*, is of Teut. origin.

**hope**<sup>1</sup>. Verb. AS. *hopian*; cf. Du. *hopen*. App. a LG word, which appears later in Scand. & HG. (*hoffen*).

**hope**<sup>2</sup>. See *foriorn*.

**hoplite** [*hist.*]. Heavily armed soldier. G. *ὁπλίτης*, from *ὅπλον*, armour, etc. See *panoply*.

**hopscootch**. Earlier *Scotch hoppers*, *hop-score*, *hop-scot*. From the *scotch* (q.v.), scratch, incision, which has to be hopped.

**horary**. Of hours. MedL. *horarius*, from *hora*.

**horde**. Orig. applied to Tartars and other Asiatic nomads. Turki *orda*, *urdu*, camp, which reached Western Europe (16 cent.) via Russ. & Pol., the *h*-appearing first in the latter. In most Europ. langs. See *Urdu*.

**horehound**. For *hoarhound*, ME. *hore-houne*, AS. *hærehūne*, *hūne* being a plant-name of unknown origin. For excrescent *-ā* cf. *bound*<sup>2</sup>, *sound*<sup>1</sup>. Named from white down on leaves.

**horizon**. G. *ὁρίζων*, *ὁρίζων*- (sc. *κύκλος*), bounding (circle), from *ὅρος*, boundary.

**hormones** [*med.*]. Stimulating secretions. From G. *ὁρμᾶν*, to urge on.

**horn**. AS. *horn*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *hoorn*, Ger. *horn*, ON. *horn*, Goth. *haurn*; cogn. with L. *cornu*, G. *képas*, Welsh *corn*, etc. For *hornbeam* see *beam*, and cf. Scand. tree-names in *ben*-, bone; for *hornblende* see *blende*.

**hornet**. AS. *hrynnet*; cf. OSax. *hornobero*, lit. horn-bearer, Du. *horzel*, Ger. *hornisse*; app. all from *horn*, from shape of antennae; cf. Norw. Dan. *gjedehams*, hornet, lit. goat-wasp; also L. *crabro*, hornet, ult. cogn. with G. *képas*, horn.

**hornito** [*geog.*]. Volcanic mound (US.). Sp. *hornito*, dim. of *horno*, oven, L. *furnus*.

**horologe**. G. *ὥρολόγιον*, hour telling, from *ᾠρα*, hour, time.

**horoscope**. G. *ὥροσκόπος*, nativity, time observer, from *σκοπεῖν*, to look (v.s.).

**horrible**. F. *horrible*, L. *horribilis*, from *horrēre*, to bristle, shudder; cf. L. *horridus*, bristling, horror, shudder, etc.

**horripilation**. Late L. *horripilatio-n*-, from *horripilare*, from *pilus*, hair (see *horrible*).

**horror**. See *horrible*.

**hors de combat**. F., out of fight. Cf. *hors d'œuvre*, lit. outside the work, accessory. *Hors* is L. *foris*, outside.

**horse**. AS. *hors*; cf. Du. *ros*, Ger. *ross* (OHG. *hros*), ON. *hross* (Goth. has *aikwa*, cogn. with L. *equus*, G. *ἵππος*, AS. *eoh*); ? cogn. with L. *currere*, *curs*-, to run.

**hortatory**. Late L. *hortatorius*, from *hortari*, to exhort.

**horticulture**. From L. *hortus*, garden.

**hortus siccus**. Collection of dried plants. L., dry garden.

**hosanna**. Heb. *hōsha'nnā*, for *hōshi'āh-nā*, save, pray! as in Ps. cxviii. 25. A Passover cry of the Jews.

**hose**. AS. *hosa*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *hoos*, stocking, Ger. *hose*, trousers, ON. *hosa*, stocking. *Hose*, flexible tube, is the same word.

**hospice**. F. *hospice*, L. *hospitium* (v.i.).

**hospital**. OF. *hospital* (Mod. *hôpital*), learned form of *hostel*, MedL. *hospitale*, neut. of *hospitals*, from *hospes*, *hospit*-, host, quest. See also *hostel*, *hotel*.

**hospodar**. Ottoman governor in Rumania. Rum. *hospodâr*, from Russ. *gospodin*, lord, gentleman. Cogn. with L. *hospes* (see *host*<sup>2</sup>).

**host**<sup>1</sup>. Army. ME. also *ost*, OF. (*h*)*ost*, L. *hostis*, enemy (cogn. with *guest*), treated in Rom. langs. as collect.

**host**<sup>2</sup>. Landlord. ME. also *ost*, OF. (*h*)*oste* (Mod. *hôte*), host or guest, L. *hospes*, *hospit-*, host, guest, ? for \**hosi-potis*, guest lord.

**host**<sup>3</sup>. Consecrated bread. ME. also *cist*, *ost*, OF. (*h*)*oste* (replaced by *hostie*), L. *hostia*, sacrificial victim.

**hostage**. OF. *ostage* (Mod. *otage*), VL. \**hospitaticum*, which supposes as sense-development the reception and guaranteeing of the stranger (*hospes*). See *host*<sup>2</sup>.

**hostel**. OF. *hostel* (Mod. *hôtel*), Late L. *hospitale*. See *hospital*. For *hostler*, OF. *hosteler*, see *ostler*.

**hostile**. L. *hostilis*, from *hostis*, enemy.

**hostler**. See *hostel*, *ostler*.

**hot**. AS. *hāt*. Com. Teut., cf. Du. *heet*, Ger. *heiss*, ON. *heitr*.

**hotchkiss**. Machine-gun. US. Inventor's name. Cf. *gaiting*, *maxim*.

**hotch-pot**, **hotch-potch**. See *hodge-podge*.

**hotel**. F. *hôtel*, hostelry, mansion (cf. *hôtel-Dieu*, hospital, *hôtel-de-ville*, town hall), OF. *hostel*.

**Hottentot**. S AfrDu., imit. of clucking speech. So explained 1670. Cf. *barbarian*.

**houdah**. See *howdah*.

**hough** [*Bibl.*]. Archaic for *hock*<sup>1</sup>. AS. *hōh*, heel, change of sense being due to *hough* *sinew*, AS. *hōhsinu*, connecting heel and hock. Hence *hough*, to hamstring (*Josh.* xi. 6).

**hound**<sup>1</sup>. AS. *hund*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *hond*, Ger. *hund*, ON. *hundr*, Goth. *hunds*; cogn. with G. *hund*, *kur*, L. *canis*, Sanskrit *śvan*, and with *hunt*.

**houp-là**. F., see *hoop*<sup>2</sup>.

**hour**. OF. (*h*)*oure* (Mod. *heure*), L. *hora*, G. *ōpa*.

**hourī**. F. *hourī*, Pers. *hūrī*, nymph of Mohammedan paradise, from Arab. *hūr*, pl. of *ahwar*, bright-eyed.

**house**. AS. *hūs*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *huus*, Ger. *haus*, ON. *hūs*, Goth. *-hūs* (in *gudhūs*, temple; usual Goth. is *vazn*, see *ransack*).

**housel** [*archaic*]. Eucharist. AS. *hūsl*; cf. ON. *hūsl*, Goth. *hunsl*, sacrifice, offering.

**housings**. Of horse. Earlier *house*, F. *housse*, "a foot-cloth for a horse" (Cotg.), Arab. *ghāshiyah*, saddle-cloth, from *ghashiya*, to cover.

**houyhnhnm**. Coined by Swift (third voyage of Gulliver). Cf. *yahoo*.

**hovel**. Orig. shed, cattle-shelter. OF. *huvelet*, pent-house, suggests an OF. \**huvel*. Cf. OF. *hobe*, cabin, hut, ? OHG. *hoube* (Mod. *haube*), hood.

**hoveller**. Also *hobbler*, *huffler*. Unlicensed pilot, predatory boatman, esp. on Kent coast. ? From *hovel*, as inhabiting cabins on the shore. ? Or from *hover* (q.v.).

**hover**. From c. 1400, for earlier *hove*. Origin unknown. At first chiefly naut., of ships standing on and off coast.

**how**<sup>1</sup>. Adv. AS. *hū*, from stem of interrog. *who* (q.v.); cf. Du. *hoe*, and, with different suffix, Ger. *wie* (OHG. *hwēo*), Goth. *hwaiwa*.

**how**<sup>2</sup> [*north*]. Hill. ON. *haugr*, lit. high, cogn. with Ger. *hügel* (dim.), hill. Cf. *Hoogh* (near Ypres), from Du., and Cape *La Hogue*, from ON.

**howdah**, **howdah**. Urdu *haudah*, Pers. Arab. *haudāq*, orig. litter carried by camel.

**howitzer**. Earlier *howitz*, *howbitz*, Ger. *haubitze*, earlier *haufnitz*, Boh. *houfnice*, engine for hurling stones. From Ger. come also F. *obus*, shell, *obusier*, howitzer.

**howl**. ME. *houlen*; cf. Du. *hullen*, Ger. *heulen*. Imit., like L. *ululare*, whence (influenced by Ger. *heulen*) comes F. *hurler* (OF. *uller*, *urler*).

**howlet** [*dial*]. Owl. Associated with owl, but really a dim. of the name *Hugh*. Cf. F. *hulotte* in same sense, and E. dial. *houchin*, *hob-howchin*, owl. The surnames *Howitt*, *Howlett*, *Hullett*, *Hewlett*, *Houchin*, *Hutchin* similarly represent OF. dims. of *Hugh*. Cf. *robin*, *jackdaw*, *dicky* (*bird*), etc.

**hoy**. Obs. Du. *hoet*. Origin unknown.

**hoya**. Plant. From *Hoy*, E. gardener (†1821).

**hoyden**, **hoiden**. Orig. boor, clown. Prob. Du. *heiden*, heathen; also, "homo agrestis et incultus" (Kil.).

**Hoyle**, according to [US.]. From *Edmond Hoyle* (1672-1769), writer on card-games and chess.

**hub**. Prob. ident. with *hob*<sup>2</sup>, of which it shares some senses

**hubble-bubble**. Imit. name (redupl. on *bubble*) for *hookah*.

**hubbub**. In 16 cent. usu. associated with Ireland. Cf. *abu*, war-cry of ancient Irish, and Gael. *ub* ! *ubub* ! interj. of contempt.

**hubby** [*colloq*]. For *husband*. From 17 cent.

**huckaback**. Fabric for towels. Early var. *hagabag* (Sc.) suggests redupl. on *bag*.

**huckleberry** [US]. App. corrupt. of *hurtleberry*, *whorleberry* (q.v.).

**hucklebone**. Hip-bone; also, astragalus. Corruptly *knucklebone*. Earlier *huck-bone*, from which dial. *huck*, hip, haunch, is a back-formation. Prob. cogn. with *hook*, in sense of bend.

**huckster**. Obs. Du. *hoekster*, fem. of *hoecker*, "caupo, propola, Ang. houkester, hucster" (Kil). Prob. from Du. *hoek*, hook, corner. Cf. Du. *winkel*, shop, lit. corner. See also *hawker*.

**huddle**. Orig. to pack hastily out of sight. Cf. ME. *hodren*, in similar sense, and obs. *hudder-mudder*, now replaced by *hugger-mugger*. It may be cogn. with *hide*<sup>3</sup>; cf. AS. *hýdels*, hiding-place.

**Hudibrastic**. In style of *Hudibras*, mock heroic poem (1663-78) by Samuel Butler.

**hue**<sup>1</sup>. AS. *hīw*, form, appearance, colour; cf. Goth. *hwa*, form, Sanskrit *chhavi*, skin, complexion, etc.

**hue**<sup>2</sup> and **cry**. OF. *hu e cry*. The first element is from imit. F. *huer*, to hoot, shout.

**huff**. From 16 cent., to blow, puff, play the braggart, etc. Hence *huff*, temper. Perh. imit., but cf. Ger. *hauchen* (MHG. *huchen*), to breathe. At draughts it was once usual to blow on the piece that was "huffed."

**hug**. From 16 cent. Origin obscure. As orig. sense was affectionate, it may be Norw. dial. *hygge*, to care for, love, which belongs ult. to ON. *hugr*, courage, mood.

**huge**. OF. *ahuge*, *ahoge*. Origin unknown.

**hugger-mugger**. Orig. concealment, secrecy, developing new senses as *huddle*. Cf. archaic Dan. *i mjug*, Norw. dial. *i mugg*, secretly; ult. cogn. with *smug*.

**Huguenot**. Perverted from earliest form *eiguenot* (1550), dial. form of Ger. *eidgenoss*, oath companion, confederate. The name was given to the men of Geneva when they joined the Swiss Confederation (1518) and thus was at first of pol. character. Assimilated by folk-etym. to Huguenot, a French surname long before the Reformation, double dim. of *Hugues*, Hugh. ModProv. *aganau* keeps rather nearer the orig. See *oath*, *neat*<sup>1</sup>.

**hulk**. AS. *hulc*, ship. In ME usu. associated with heavy, unwieldy vessel (hence *hulking*); cf. Du. *hulck*, Ger. *holk*; also OF. *houlque*, *hourque*, etc.,

Sp. It. *urca*, ? from Teut. In view of the early prevalence of the word in WGer., derivation from G. *δράκας*, towed ship, from *δρακω*, to drag, is very doubtful. Connection with *hull* seems more likely; cf. obs. *hulk*, hovel, AS. *hulc*, cogn. with *hull*.

**hull**. AS. *hulu*, husk, shell, cogn. with *helan*, to hide; cf. Ger. *hülle*, covering, *hülse*, husk. For later sense cf. F. *coque*, shell, hull of ship; also L. *carina*, ship, orig. nut-shell.

**hullabaloo**. Orig. Sc. & north. Prob. with vague suggestion of *howl*, *bellow*, *halloo*, etc.

**hullo**. See *hallo*.

**Hulsean lectures**. Established at Camb. by bequest of Rev. John Hulse (†1790).

**hum**. Imit. of bee, fly, etc.; cf. Ger. dial. *hummen*, Ger. *summen*, and see *humble-bee*. In *hum* and *ha* it is rather for hesitating *hem* (cf. *ahem*).

**human**. L. *humanus*, cogn. with *homo*, man. Differentiated from *humane* since c. 1700, the noun *humanity* keeping both senses (cf. also *inhuman*). For *human-e* cf. *german-e*, *urban-e*.

**humble**. F. *humble*, L. *humilis*, from *humus*, ground.

**humble-bee**. Commonly *bumble-bee*. Cf. Du. *hommel*, Ger. *hummel* (OHG. *humbal*, *humpal*). See *hum*.

**humble-pie**. For *umble-pie*, from *umbles*, earlier *numbles*, entrails, etc. of deer, OF. *nombles*, by dissim. for *lombles*, from L. *lumbulus*, dim. of *lumbus*, loin. For loss of *n-* cf. *apron*, *umpire*.

**humbug**. Recorded as noun and verb c. 1750. Origin unknown. Perh. associated by some obscure metaphor with *humming* and *bug*, insect; cf. Sp. *zumbar*, to hum, to jest, and possible connection of OF. *bourde*, humbug, with *bourdon*, drone-bee; also Sp. *abejón*, humbug, lit. drone.

**humdrum**. Imit. of monotony. Redupl. on *hum*, with reminiscence of *drum*.

**humectate**. From L. *humectare*, from (*h*)*umidus*, damp.

**humeral** [anat.]. From L. *humerus*, shoulder, cogn. with G. *ἄμω*, whence *omoplate*.

**humid**. L. (*h*)*umidus*, from *umēre*, to be moist.

**humiliate**. From L. *humiliare*, from *humilis*, humble.

**hummock**. Orig. naut. (16 cent.) and written indifferently *ham-*, *hom-*, later *hum-*, and also *hommaco*, as though Sp. App. cogn. with *hump*; cf. LG. *hümmel*, *hümpel*, Norw. *humpe*, hillock, etc.

**hummaum.** See *hammam*.

**humor-.** See *humour*.

**humour.** F. *humeur*, L. (*h*)*umor-em*, moisture. In ancient and mediæval physiology, one of the four fluids, "cardinal humours," which determined the individual temperament.

**hump.** First in *hump-backed* (17 cent.), for earlier *crump-backed* (see *crumplet*) and *hunch-backed* (see *hunch*); cf. LG. *humpel*, *hümpel*, hillock, knob, hump of camel. *Hump*, despondency, may be suggested by the attitude of a distrustful animal.

**humph.** Grunt of disapproval. Better represented by *mph*.

**Humphrey, dine with Duke.** Orig. to spend dinner-hour near supposed tomb of *Humphrey of Gloucester* in Old Saint Paul's.

**humpty-dumpty.** Small "dumpy" person (18 cent.). App. redupl. on *dumpty*<sup>2</sup> (q.v.). But the antiquity of nursery-rimes suggests that it may orig. have been a proper name, from *Humphrey*.

**humus.** L. *humus*, ground, mould, cogn. with G. *χθών* (for \**χθώμ*).

**Hun.** AS. *Hūne*, *Hūnas*; cf. ON. *Hūnar*, Ger. *Hunen*, MedL. *Hunni*, *Chunni*, app. from native name of race, which overran Europe in 4-5 cents., known to Chin. as *Hiong-nu* or *Hun-nu*.

**hunch.** First in *hunch-backed*, for more usual *bunch-backed*. Cotgrave has *hulch-backed*; and *huck-backed*, *huckle-backed*, *hutch-backed*, also occur in 17 cent. Cf. also *hump-backed*. With *hunch* (of bread) and 19 cent. *hunk* cf. WFlem. *hunke*, in same sense. The relation of this series of words is quite obscure.

**hundred.** AS. *hundred*, from *hund*, the Aryan name (cf. OSax. *hund*, OHG. *hunt*, Goth. *hund*, L. *centum*, G. *ἐκατόν*, Welsh *cant*, Sanskrit *śatam*), with suffix *-red*, reckoning, as in Du. *hondert*, Ger. *hundert*, ON. *hundrath*; cf. Goth. *rathjan*, to reckon, *rathjo*, number, an early loan from L. *ratio*.

**hunger.** AS. *hungor*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *honger*, Ger. *hunger*, ON. *hungr*; also Goth. *huggjan*, to hunger.

**hunk.** From c. 1800. See *hunch*.

**hunker.** Orig. Sc. App. connected with Du. *hūken*, Ger. *hocken*, ON. *hūka*, to squat on one's hams or "hunkers," also ON. *hokra*, to crouch. ? Nasalized under influence of *haunch*.

**hunks.** Dan. *hundsk*, stingy, lit. dog-gish. For metath. of consonants cf. *Manx*, *munx*. Du. *hondsch*, Ger. *hündisch* occur in same sense.

**hunt.** AS. *hentan*, cogn. with *hound* and perh. also with Goth. *hentan*, to seize.

**Hunterian.** Of *William* (†1783) or *John Hunter* (†1793), brothers, anatomists.

**hurdle.** AS. *hyrdel*, dim., cogn. with Du. *horde*, Ger. *hurde*; cf. ON. *hurth*, Goth. *haurds*, door; cogn. with L. *cratis*, hurdle, G. *kupria*, wicker-work.

**hurdy-gurdy.** Imit. of sound. Cf. earlier *hirdy-girdy*, uproar, and *hurly-burly*.

**hurl.** Cf. LG. *hurreln*, to hurl, push, etc. Prob. connected with *hurr*, imit. of vibration, "whirring," and influenced also by *hurtle* and *whirl*, as in obs. *hurlpool*, *hurlwind*. There is also an OF. *houler*, to hurl, with which cf. E. dial. to *hull* (a stone). Hence *hurley*, Ir. name for hockey, hockey-stick, and perh. *hurlyburly*; cf. Ger. *hurliburl*, precipitately.

**hurrah.** Cf. Norw. Sw. Dan. *hurra*, Ger. *hurrah*, Russ. *ura*, etc.; orig. Ger., perh. from *hurren*, to move quickly.

**hurricane.** Sp. *huracán*, from Carib. From Sp. come F. *ouragan*, Ger. *orkan*.

**hurry.** Cogn. with *hurl* (q.v.), with some earlier meanings of which it coincides. *Hurry-scurry* is a redupl. suggested by *scurry* (q.v.).

**hurst** [dial.]. Hillock, also grove. AS. *hyrst*; cf. obs. Du. *horst*, thicket, Ger. *horst*, esp. in *adlerhorst*, eagle's aery, ON. *hrjöst*, rough, barren place.

**hurt.** OF. *hurter* (Mod. *heurter*), to collide, dash against; cf. Prov. *urtar*, It. *uriare*. Origin unknown.

**hurtle.** Frequent. of *hurt*. Orig. to strike against. Later senses associated with *hurl* (q.v.), with which it sometimes varies in early MSS.

**hurtleberry.** Now usu. *whortleberry*. App. from AS. *heorotberge*, hartberry, used of the buckthorn (cf. Ger. *himbeere*, raspberry, lit. hindberry). See also *whortleberry* (for alternative etym.), *huckleberry*.

**husband.** AS. *hūsbonða*, master of the house, from ON. *bōndi*, peasant, freeholder (see *bond*<sup>2</sup>). Senses of tiller of soil (replaced by *husbandman*), spouse, are later.

**hush.** Earliest is *husht*, adj. (c. 1400), which appears to be ident. with

interj. *hust* (Chauc.). Instinctive, cf. *whist*, *hust*. Verb and noun *hush* are back-formations from *hush*. Cf. also Dan. *hysse*, to silence, from interj. *hys*. For *hushaby* cf. LG. *hussen*, to lull.

**husk.** Late ME. App. a dim. of *house*, perh. via. Du.; cf. early sense of Du. *husken*, "siliqua, gluma, calyx, theca seminis" (Kil). Hence *husky*, dry-throated, as though choked with husks (cf. *bur*).

**husky.** Eskimo dog. ? Corrupt. of *Eskimo*.

**hussar.** Hung. *huszar*, freebooter, Russ *gusar*, Yugo-Slav. *huzar*, Late G. *κουρσάριος*, Late L. *cursorius*, whence also *corsair* (q.v.).

**hussif.** *Housewife* (q.v.), in sense of needlecase, etc. Cf. *hussy*.

**Hussite** [*hust*]. Follower of John Hus, Bohemian reformer (†1415).

**hussy.** For *housewife* (cf. *goody* for *goodwife*). For mod. depreciation of sense, due to association with adjs. such as *light*, *saucy*, etc., cf. hist. of *wench*, *quean*.

**husting(s).** AS *hūsting*, ON. *hūsting*, house thing, orig. an assembly of the immediate followers of a king or noble; cf. the London *Court of Hustings*, held on a platform in the Guildhall, whence election *hustings*. See *storting*, *thing*.

**hustle.** Orig. to shake up coins (lots) in a hat for gambling. Du. *hutselen*, frequent. of *hutsen*, to shake (see *hodge-podge*). The sense of jostling, ill-treating, is E. only, which points to confusion with ME. *huspulen*, F. *houspiller*, "to shake, or towse" (Cotg.), OF. *houssepigner*, lit. to comb (*pergner*) one's jacket (see *housing*).

**hut.** F. *hutte*, Ger. *hütte*, cogn. with *hide*<sup>3</sup>.

**hutch.** Orig. chest, coffer. F. *huche*; cf. MedL. *hutica*. Perh. from Ger. *hut*, keeping (see *heed*).

**Huttonian** [geol.]. Plutonic theory of rocks. From James Hutton (†1796).

**hutti** [Anglo-Ind.]. Elephant Hind. *hāthī*, Sanskrit *hastī*, from *hasta*, hand, elephant's trunk.

**huzoor.** Eastern formula of respectful address. Arab. *huzūr*, presence.

**huzza.** Orig. sailors' shout, so perh. for hauling-cry *hussa*, from F. *hisser*, to hoist (q.v.). But cf. Ger. *hussa*.

**hyacinth.** G. *δάκνωθος*, flower fabled to have sprung from the blood of *Hyacinthus*, youth beloved by Apollo.

**Hyades** [astron.]. G. *ῥάδες*, popularly connected with *ῥεω*, to rain, but perh. from *ῥς*, swine, L. name being *suculae*, little pigs. Cf. *hyena*.

**hyaena.** See *hyena*.

**hyaloid.** From G. *ὑαλος*, glass

**hybrid.** L. *hybrida*, *hibrida*, thought to be derived from G. *ὑβρις*, wanton violence, but the connection of sense is not clear.

**hydra.** G. *ῥύδρα*, water-snake. See *otter*.

**hydrangea.** From G. *ῥύδωρ*, water, *ἄγγος*, vessel, in allusion to form of seed-capsule.

**hydrant.** Irreg. formation from G. *ῥύδωρ*, water.

**hydraulic.** G. *ὑδραυλικός*, from *ῥύδωρ*, water, *αἰλός*, pipe.

**hydro.** Short for *hydropathic establishment*.

**hydrogen.** F. *hydrogène*, from G. *ῥύδωρ*, water, and *γεν-*, to produce Cf. *hydrography*, study of water distribution; *hydrōmel*, mead, G. *μέλι*, honey; *hydropathy*, water cure (cf. *homoeopathy*); *hydrophobia*, G. *φόβος*, fear, because human sufferers show aversion to water; *hydroplane*, coined on *aeroplane*; *hydropsy*, learned form of *dropsey* (q.v.); *hydrostatic*, etc.

**hyena.** L. *hyaena*, G. *ῥάωα*, swine (fem.), from *ῥς*, *ῥ*, pig.

**hyeto-.** From G. *ὑετός*, rain.

**hygiene.** F. *hygiène*, G. *ὑγιεινή* (sc. *τέχνη*), from *ὑγιής*, healthy, whence also *Hygeia*, goddess of health.

**hygrometer.** From G. *ὑγρός*, wet, fluid.

**hylic.** Material. G. *ὑλικός*, from *ῥλη*, wood, timber, used by Aristotle for matter.

**Hymen.** G. *ἡμὴν*, god of marriage, ? ident. with *ὑμήν*, membrane (cf. Sanskrit *syūman*, suture), whence *hymenoptera*, insects with membranous wings, ? or a G. marriage-shout, whence also *ὑμνος* (v.i.).

**hymn.** G. *ῥμνος*, song of praise.

**hyoid** [anat.]. Shape of G. letter *v*. See *-oid*.

**hyoscine.** From G., *ὕοσκίναμος*, pig's bean.

**hypaethral.** Open to the sky. From G. *ὑπό*, under, *αἰθήρ*, air.

**hypallage** [gram.]. Change of natural order in figure of speech. G., exchange, from *ὑπό*, under, *ἀλλάσσειν*, to exchange.

**hyperbaton** [gram.]. Inversion of natural order. G., from *ὑπέρ*, over (cogn.

with L. *super*), βαίνειν, to step. Cf. *hyperbola*, *hyperbole*, G. βάλλειν, to throw; *hyperborean*, G. βορέας, north (wind); *hypersthene* (min), from G. σθένος, strength, because harder than hornblende; *hypertrophy*, G. τροφή, nourishment (cf. *atrophy*).

**hyphen**. G. ὑφέν (adv.), together, from ὑπό, under, ἓν, one.

**hypnotism**. From *hypnotic* (17 cent.), from G. ὕπνος, sleep.

**hypocaust**. Heating-chamber of Roman house or bath. G. ὑπόκαυστον, from ὑπό, under (cogn. with L. *sub*), καίειν, to burn. Cf. *hypochondria*, orig. soft part of body, and organs, below costal cartilages, from G. χόνδρος, gristle, hence, in E., melancholy (supposed to be situated in liver or spleen); *hypocoristic*, of pet-names, G. κόρος, child; *hypocrite*, G. ὑποκριτής, actor, lit. one who answers back, ult. from κρίνειν, to judge, decide; *hypodermic*, G. δέρμα, skin; *hypostasis*, essence, personality, G. ἱστάειν, to set; *hypotenuse*, G. ὑποτείνουσα, pres. part. fem., from τείνειν, to stretch, because "subtending" the right-angle; *hypothesis*, putting under, "supposition", from G. τιθέναι, to place (cf. *hypothesize*, to mortgage, via F.)

**hypo-**. From G. ὑψος, height.

**hyrax**. The "cony" of the Bible. G. ὑραξ, shrew-mouse

**hyson**. Cantonese form of Chin. *heich'ün*, bright spring.

**hyssop**. G. ὕσσωπος, of Oriental origin; cf. Heb. *ēzōb*.

**hysteric**. G. ὑστερικός, from ὑστέρα, womb. Cf. archaic *mother* (Lear, II. 4).

**hysteron-proteron** [gram]. Inversion. G. ὑστερον, latter, πρότερον, former. Cf. *preposterous*.

**hythe**. See *hithē*.

**I**. AS. *ic*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *ik*, Ger. *ich*, ON. *ek*, Goth. *ik*, cogn. with L. *ego*, G. *ἐγώ*, Sanskrit *aham*.

**iambic**. G. ἱαμβικός, from ἱαμβος, ? from ἰάπτειν, to assail, because trad. first used, by Archilochus (7 cent. B.C.), in invective verse, ? or from root of λέναι, to go, with suffix as in διθύραμβος, θρίαμβος.

**iatric**. From G. ἰατρός, healer, physician.

**ib., ibid.** For L. *ibidem*, in the same place.

**Iberian** [hng]. Prehistoric race in

Western Europe, esp. in Spain. From G. Ἰβήρες, people of Spain (and Portugal).

**ibex**. L., kind of goat.

**ibid.** See *ib.*

**ibis**. G. ἰβίς, prob. of Egypt origin.

**ibsenity**. Of *Ibsen*, Norw. author (†1914) Jocular (*Punch*).

**Icarian**. Of *Icarus*, son of Daedalus. The earliest airman.

**ice**. AS. *īs* Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *ijs*, Ger. *eis*, ON. *iss*. *Iceberg*, ice mountain, may be Du. *ijsberg* or Dan. *isbjerg*; *ice-blink* (see *blink*) may be Du. *ijsblink* or Dan. *isblink*.

**Ichabod**, to write. See I Sam. iv. 21.

**ichneumon**. G. ἰχνεύμων, from ἰχνεύειν, to track, from ἴχνος, footprint, because it finds and destroys the eggs of the crocodile. See *cockatrice*.

**ichnography** [arch.]. Ground-plan. From G. ἰχνεύειν, to trace (v.s.).

**ichor**. G. ἰχώρ, fluid replacing blood in veins of the gods.

**ichthyosaurus**. Fossil monster. From G. ἰχθύς, fish, σαῦρος, lizard. Cf. *ichthyology*, *ichthyophagy*, etc.

**icicle**. For *ice ickle*. From AS. *gicel*, icicle, cogn. with ON. *jökull*, icicle. *Ickle* is still used in dial.

**icon**. Image, esp. picture, etc., of saint as object of veneration in Eastern Church. G. εἰκών, likeness.

**iconoclast**. Late G. εἰκονοκλάστης, from εἰκών (v s.), κλᾶν, to break.

**icosahedron**. From G. εἰκοσι, twenty, ἔδρα, seat, base.

**-ics**. Adopted from L. *-ica*, G. neut. pl. -ικά of adjs. in -ικός.

**icteric**. Jaundiced, yellow. From G. ἰκτερος, jaundice.

**ictus**. L., stroke, p p. of archaic *icere*, to strike, used as p p. of *ferre*.

**id** [biol.]. Unit of germ-plasm. Coined from *idioplasm* (see *idiom*, *plasm*).

**idea**. G. ἰδέα, look, semblance, from ἰδεῖν, to see.

**identity**. F. *identité*, Late L. *identitas*, -tat-, from *idem*, same.

**ideology**. Science of ideas (q.v.).

**ides**. F. *ides*, L. *idus* (pl.).

**idiom**. F. *idiome*, language, dialect, G. ἰδίωμα, peculiarity, from ἴδιος, own, peculiar.

**idiosyncrasy**. G. ἰδιοσυγκρασία, from ἴδιος (v.s.), σύγκρασις, mixture, from σύν, together (see *crasis*).

**idiot**. G. ἰδιώτης, private person, "layman," from ἴδιος (v s.).

**idle**. AS. *idel*, empty, useless. WGer.; cf. Du. *ijdel*, worthless, Ger. *eitel*, vain.



**ido.** Artificial language, simplified (1907) from *esperanto*. Esperantist suffix *-ido*, son, offspring of.

**idol.** F. *idole*, G. *εἰδωλον*, image, likeness, from *εἶδος*, form, cogn. with *ιδεῖν*, to see. In *idolater*, *idolatry* (whence *marigolater*, *babyolatry*, etc.), second element is from *λατρεύω*, to serve.

**idyll.** G. *εἰδύλλιον*, dim. of *εἶδος*, form, picture.

**i.e.** For L. *id est*, that is.

**ier.** F. agent. suffix, L. *-arius*.

**if.** AS. *gif*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *of* (earlier *iof*), Ger. *ob* (OHG. *oba*, *ibu*), ON. *ef*, Goth. *ivar*. Supposed to be oblique case of a Teut. noun meaning doubt.

**igloo, igloo.** Eskimo, house.

**igneous.** From L. *igneus*, from *ignis*, fire.

**ignis fatuus.** MedL., foolish fire; cf. F. *feu follet*, will o' the wisp.

**ignominy.** F. *ignominie*, L. *ignominia*, from *in-*, neg., \**gnomen* (nomen), name. Cf. *ignoble*.

**ignoramus.** L., we do not know. Orig. used by grand jury in rejecting bill for lack of evidence.

**ignore.** Orig. not to know. L. *ignovare*, from *in-*, neg., \**gnovare*, to know (cf. L. *ignarus*).

**iguana.** Sp., from Carib. Hence *iguanoodon*, fossil dinosaur, coined from G. *ἰδούς*, *ἰδούρ*, tooth.

**IHS.** G. *ΙΗΣ*, abbrev. of *ΙΗΣΟΥΣ*, Jesus, wrongly transliterated into L. characters.

**il-** For *in-* before *l-*.

**ilex.** L., holm-oak, evergreen oak.

**iliac.** Of the lions. F. *ilaque*, Late L. *ihacus*, from *ilha*, loins, entrails.

**Iliad.** From G. *Ἰλιάς* (sc. *πολέως*), poem of *Ἰλιον*, Troy.

**ilk** [Sc.]. Same. AS. *ilca*, from pronoun stem (cf. L. *is*) and suffix *-lic* (see *like*). Of that *ilk* implies coincidence of name with estate. Not ident. with *ilk* in *ihla lassie* (*ilk a lassie*), which is northern form of each (cf. Sc. *whilk*, for *which*).

**ill.** ON. *illr*, replacing in ME. some senses of unrelated *evil*.

**illaqueate.** To snare. From L. *illaqueare*, from *laqueus*, noose, snare. See *lace*.

**illative.** Inferential. From L. *inferre*, *illat-*.

**illth.** Coined by Ruskin on *wealth*. Cf. *coolth*.

**illuminate.** From L. *illuminare*, to throw into light, *lumen*, *lumin-*. See *lumn*.

**illusion.** L. *illusio-n-*, from *illudere*, to mock, deceive, from *ludere*, *lus-*, to play.

**illustrate.** From L. *illustrare*, to throw into lustre (q.v.) *Illustrious* is for earlier *illustre*, F. *illustre*, L. *illustis*.

**im-** For *in-* before labial. Sometimes restored from F. *em-*.

**image.** F. *image*, L. *imago*, *imagin-*, cogn. with *imitate*. Cf. *imagine*.

**imam, imaum.** Mohammedan priest. Arab. *imām*, leader.

**imbecile.** F. *imbécile*, L. *imbecillus*, weak in body or mind, for \**imbacillus*, "quasi sine baculo," i.e. tottering for lack of support.

**imbibe.** L. *imbibere*, to drink in.

**imbricate** [bot.]. Overlapping like tiles. From L. *imbricare*, from *imbrex*, *imbric-*, gutter-tile, from *imber*, *imbr-*, rain.

**imbroglio.** It, confusion, tangle, from *broglho*. See *broil*.

**imbrue.** OF. *embrouer*, *embruer*, to bedaub, from the same root as *broih* (q.v.); cf. It. *imbrodolare*, "to fowle with broth or dish-wash" (Flor.).

**imbue.** L. *imbuere*, to cause to drink in.

**imburse** [archaic]. F. *embourser*, from *en* and *bourse*, purse (q.v.). Hence *reimburse*.

**imitate.** From L. *imitari*, cogn. with *image*.

**immaculate.** L. *immaculatus*, unspotted, from *macula*, spot.

**immanent.** From pres. part. of L. *immanere*, from *manere*, to dwell.

**immediate.** MedL. *immediatus*, without anything between; cf. *medium*, *intermediate*.

**immemorial.** See *memory*.

**immense.** F. *immense*, L. *immensus*, unmeasured, from *metiri*, *mens-*, to measure.

**immerse.** From L. *immergere*, *immers-*, to plunge into. Cf. *emerge*.

**immigrant.** From L. *immigrare* (see *migrate*).

**imminent.** From pres. part. of L. *imminere*, to overhang, from *minere*, to jut out.

**immission.** L. *immissio-n-*, from *immittere*, to send in.

**immolate.** From L. *immolare*, orig. to sprinkle with sacrificial meal, *mola*.

**immortelle.** F. (sc. *fleur*).

**immunity.** F. *immunité*, L. *immunitas* *-tat-*, exemption from public service, etc., from *mumus*, service, duty.

**immure.** F. *emmurer*, to wall in, from *en* and *mur*.

**imp.** AS. *impa*, shoot, graft, from *impian*, to graft. Like F. *entier*, Ger. *impfen*, an early loan from a L. verb which may belong to *putare*, to cut (\**imputare*), or to G. *ἐμψυτος*, implanted, grafted. The noun acquired the sense of human offshoot, child (cf. *scion*), and then, from common use in *imp* of *Satan* (*hell*, *wickedness*, etc.), reached its current meaning.

**impact.** From L. *impingere*, *impact*-, to impinge, dash against.

**impair.** OF. *empeirier* (Mod. *empirer*), to make worse, VL. \**impejorare*, from *pejor*, worse; or of F formation from *pire*, L. *pejor*.

**impale.** F. *empaler*, from *pal*, stake, L. *pālus*

**impart.** OF. *empartir*, L. *impartire*, *impartire*, to give a share of, from *pars*, *part*-, part.

**impassé.** F., from *in*-, neg. and *passer*, to pass.

**impassible.** F. *impassible*, Church L. *impassibilis*, incapable of suffering, from *patis*, *pass*-, to suffer; cf. *impassive*, not suffering.

**impassion.** It. *impassionare*. See *passion*.

**impasto.** It., thick laying-on of colour. See *paste*.

**impeach.** Orig. to hinder F. *empêcher*, to prevent, Late L. *impedicare*, from *pedica*, fetter, from *pes*, *ped*-, foot. Current E sense represents rather OF. *empacher*, to accuse, for which see *dispatch*.

**impeccable.** F. *impeccable*, L. *impeccabilis*, from *peccare*, to sin.

**impecunious.** From L. *in*-, neg. and *pecuniosus*, rich, from *pecunia*, money

**impede.** L. *impedire*, lit. to shackle, from *pes*, *ped*-, foot.

**impel.** L. *impellere*, from *pellere*, *puls*-, to drive, force. Cf. *impulse*.

**impend.** L. *impendere*, to hang over, from *pendere*, to hang.

**imperative.** L. *imperativus*, from *imperare*, to command, from *parare*, to make ready.

**imperator.** See *emperor*.

**imperial.** F. *impérial*, L. *imperialis*, from *imperium*, rule, empire.

**imperscriptible.** Unrecorded, without written authority. From L. *in*-, neg. and *perscribere*, to write down.

**impertinent.** Orig. not to the point. See *pertinent*.

**impetrate** [theol.]. To obtain by request. From L. *impetrare*, to wangle, from *patrare*, to bring to pass.

**impetuous.** F. *impétueux*, L. *impetuosus*, from *impetus*, attack, from *impetere*, to assail, from *petere*, to seek, strive towards.

**impi.** Zulu army. Native word for company of people.

**impinge.** L. *impingere*, from *in* and *pangere*, to fix, drive in.

**implead** [leg.]. To sue. OF. *emplaidier*. See *plea*.

**implement.** Orig. household goods in gen. Late L. *implementum*, from *implere*, to fill up. Cf. *implement*, fulfilment (in Sc. law).

**implicate.** From L. *implicare*, to entangle, involve, from *plicare*, to fold, twist. Cf. *imply*, with which it is often synon., e.g. in *by implication*. Cf. *implied*, implied

**implore.** F. *implorer*, L. *implorare*, from *plorare*, to weep, wail

**impluvium** [arch.]. Basin for rain-water in Roman atrium. L., from *pluere*, to rain.

**imply.** OF. *emplier*, L. *implicare* (see *implicate*) Hence also *employ*, representing the tonic stem (OF. *emplier*, *emplier*) of same verb. Cf. F. *plier* or *ployer*, to bend

**import.** L. *importare*, to bring in, from *portare*, to carry (see *port*<sup>3</sup>). Secondary sense from MedL. *importare*, to carry (consequences, etc.) within it.

**importunate.** For earlier *importune*, F. *importun*, L. *importunus*, unfit, inconvenient, opposite of *opportunus*, cogn. with L. *portus*, harbour, with idea of accessibility or the reverse. Cf. L. *Portunus*, god of harbours.

**impose.** F. *imposer*. See *pose*. Cf. *imposition*, something put upon one, *impost*, OF. *impost* (Mod. *impôt*), tax, *impostor*, which belong more directly to L. *imponere*, *impos*-, to lay on.

**impostume.** Abscess. Altered from earlier *apostume*, for *aposteme*, G. ἀπόστημα, lit. separation, from ἵστημι, I stand.

**impound.** Now usu. of documents. See *pound*<sup>2</sup>.

**impoverish.** OF. *empourvir*, *empourriss* (replaced by *appauvrir*), from *en* and *povre* (Mod. *pauvre*). See *poor*.

**imprecation.** L. *imprecatio*-n, from *imprecari*, to invoke by prayer, from *precari*, to pray.

**impregnable.** F. *imprenable*, from *prendre*, *pren*-, to take, L. *prehendere* For intrusive -g- cf. *delight*, *sovereign*, etc.

**impregnate.** Orig. adj. Late L. *impraegnatus*. See *pregnant*<sup>1</sup>.  
**impresario.** It, operatic manager, from *impresa*, undertaking, "emprise."  
**imprescriptible.** Inalienable, not subject to prescription. See *prescribe*.  
**impress**<sup>1</sup>. To press into. From L. *imprimere*, *impress-*, from *in* and *primere*, *press-*, to press. See *press*<sup>1</sup>, *print*.  
**impress**<sup>2</sup>. To force to serve, commandeer. See *press*<sup>2</sup>.  
**imprest.** Advance of money. For earlier *prest* See *press*<sup>2</sup>. Cf. It. *impresto*, OF. *emprest*.  
**imprimatur.** L., let it be printed, from *imprimere*, to impress.  
**imprimis.** L., for *in primis*, among the first (things).  
**imprint.** Older form of *print* (q.v.).  
**impromptu.** F. *impromptu*, L. *in promptu*, from *promptus*, readiness (see *prompt*).  
**impropriate** [eccl.]. To annex profits of benefice to corporation or individual; esp. of tithes. From MedL. *impropriare*. Cf. *appropriate*, *expropriate*, and see *proper*.  
**improve.** Earlier *impro*, AF. *emprouer*, to turn to profit, from *en* and OF. *prou*, profit, for which see *prowess*.  
**improvise.** F. *improviser*, It. *improvvisare*, "to say or sing extempore" (Flor.), from *improviso*, unprepared, unprovided.  
**impudent.** From L. *impudens*, *impudent-*, neg. of *prudens*, pres. part. of *prudere*, to be ashamed.  
**impugn.** F. *impugner*, L. *impugnare*, to assail, from *pugnare*, to fight.  
**impulse.** See *impel*.  
**impunity.** F. *impunité*, L. *impunitas*, -*tat*-, from *impunis*, unpunished. See *punish*.  
**impute.** F. *imputer*, L. *imputare*, from *in* and *putare*, to reckon.  
**in.** AS *in*. Com Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *in*, ON. *í*, Goth. *in*; cogn. with L. *in*, G. *én*, Welsh *yn*, etc. As adv. it is AS *inne* (cf. Ger. *innen*), whence compar. *inner*. *Inmost* is a double superl. (see *foremost*, -*most*), and *innermost* is a further corrupt. (cf. *utmost*, *uttermost*). Hence also verb to *in*, esp. of reclaiming land, AS. *innan*, *gerinnan*.  
**in**<sup>1</sup>-. L. *in-*, neg., cogn. with Teut. *un-*, G. *av-*, *ä-*.  
**in**<sup>2</sup>-. L. *in*, *in*, into. Often restored from earlier *en-*, from F.

**inadvertent.** From obs. *advertent*. See *advert*.  
**inamorato, -ta.** It., p.p. of *in(n)amovare*, "to enamour, to fall in love" (Flor.).  
**inane.** L. *inanis*, empty.  
**inaugurate.** See *augur*.  
**inca.** Peruv., lord, king.  
**incandescent.** From pres. part. of L. *incandescere*, from *in* and *candescere*, incept. of *candere*, to glow.  
**incantation.** L. *incantatio-n-*, from *incantare*, to sing spells, "enchant."  
**incarcerate.** From L. *in* and *carcerare*, from *carcer*, prison.  
**incarnadine.** Orig. flesh-coloured (cf. *carnation*). F. *incarnadin*, It. *incarnadino*, var. of *incarnatino*, from *incarnato*, incarnate.  
**incarnate.** From L. *incarnare*, to make flesh, *caro*, *carn-*.  
**incendiary.** L. *incendiarius*, from *incendium*, conflagration (v.i.).  
**incense**<sup>1</sup>. Noun. L. *incensus*, p.p. of *incendere*, to set on fire, cogn. with *candere*, to glow (see *incandescent*).  
**incense**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. OF. *incenser*, from L. *incendere*, *incens-*, as above.  
**incentive.** L. *incentivus*, setting the tune, from *incinere*, \**incin-*-, to strike up, from *canere*, to sing.  
**inception.** L. *inceptio-n-*, beginning, from *incipere*, *incept-*, from *capere*, to take.  
**incessant.** F. *incessant*, Late L. *incessans*, *incessant-*, from *cessare*, to cease (q.v.).  
**incest.** L. *incestus*, impure, from *castus*, chaste.  
**inch**<sup>1</sup>. Measure. AS. *ynce*, L. *uncia*, inch, ounce.  
**inch**<sup>2</sup>. Small island (*Macb.* i. 2). Gael. *innis*; cf. Ir. *inis*, Welsh *ynys*, Corn. *enys*.  
**inchoate.** From L. *inchoare*, for *incohare*, to begin.  
**incident.** F. *incident*, from pres. part. of L. *incidere*, to fall in, from *cadere*, to fall.  
**incinerate.** From MedL. *incinerare*, to reduce to ashes. See *cinerary*.  
**incipient.** From pres. part. of L. *incipere*, to begin, from *capere*, to take. Cf. *incipit*, (here) begins.  
**incision.** L. *incisio-n-*, from *incidere*, *incis-*, to cut into, from *cadere*, to cut.  
**incite.** F. *inciter*, L. *incitare*. See *cite*.  
**incline.** F. *incliner*, as *decline* (q.v.).  
**include.** L. *includere*, to shut in, from *claudere*, to close.

**incognito.** It. *incognito*, L. *incognitus*, unknown.

**incongruous.** See *congruent*.

**incorporate.** From L. *incorporare*, from *corpus*, *corpor-*, body.

**incorrigible.** F. *incorrigible*, L. *incorrigibilis*, from *corrigere*, to correct (q.v.).

**incrassate** [biol.]. Thickened. From L. *incrassare*. See *crass*.

**increase.** AF. *encresser*, OF. *encreistre*, *encress-*, later *encroistre* (replaced by *accroître*), L. *increscere*, from *crescere*, to grow. Cf. *crescent*.

**increment.** L. *incrementum*, from *increscere* (v.s.).

**incriminate.** From MedL. *incriminare*, from *crimen*, *crimin-*, crime

**incubate.** From L. *incubare*, to sit on eggs. See *covey*, *cubicle*.

**incubus.** Late L., for *incubo*, nightmare, from *incubare* (v.s.). Cf. *sucubus*.

**inculcate.** From L. *inculcare*, to stamp in, from *calcare*, to tread, from *calx*, *calc-*, heel.

**inculcate.** From Late L. *inculpare*, from *culpa*, fault.

**incumbent.** From pres. part. of L. *incumbere*, to lie upon, apply oneself to, cogn. with *incubate*

**incunabula.** L., pl., swaddling-clothes, from *cunae*, cradle. Fig. infancy; hence, books produced during infancy of printing (before 1500)

**incur.** L. *incurrere*, to run into, from *currere*, to run.

**indeed.** Orig. two words. Cf. *in fact* and Ger. *in der tat*.

**indefatigable.** OF. *indefatigable*, L. *indefatigabilis*, from *defatigare*, to tire out.

**indefeasible.** See *defeasance*.

**indeleble.** Earlier *indeleble*, L. *indelebilis*, from *delere*, to wipe out.

**indemnity.** F. *indemnité*, Late L. *indemnitās*, -*itat-*, from *indemnis*, unharmed, from *damnum*, harm, damage.

**indent.** MedL. *indentare*, to give a serrated edge to, from L. *dens*, *dent-*, tooth. Esp. to separate two halves of document in such a way that their genuineness may be verified by juxtaposition (cf. *tally*, *charter-party*). Hence *indenture*, agreement. This verb has absorbed earlier native *indent* (the opposite of *emboss*), from *dent*, *dint*.

**index.** L., fore-finger, anything that points out, "indicates."

**India.** G. *Ἰνδία*, from *Ἰνδός*, the

Indus, Pers. *hind*, Sanskrit *sindhu*, river. Also poet. *Ind*, F. *Inde*, and ME. *Indie*, still in pl. *Indies*. Vaguely used for East, e.g. *India paper*, *Indrian ink* both come from China. The early explorers thought America the back-door of India; hence *West Indies*, *Red Indian*, *Indian corn*, *india-rubber*, etc.

**indie-** [chem.]. From *indigo* (q.v.).

**indicate.** From L. *indicare*, from *dicare*, to make known.

**indict.** ME. *enditen*, OF. *enditer*, from L. *in* and *dicare*, to proclaim. For latinized spelling cf. *interdict*, *verdict*.

**Indies.** See *India*.

**indigenous.** From L. *indigena*, from a prefix cogn. with G. *ἐνδον*, within, and *gignere*, gen-, to beget. Cf. *industry*.

**indigent.** From pres. part. of L. *indigere*, to lack, from *egere*, to want, with prefix as above.

**indign** [archaic]. F. *indigne*, L. *indignus*, unworthy.

**indignation.** L. *indignatio-n-*, anger at what is regarded as unworthy (v.s.), from *indignari*, to be angry.

**indigo.** Earlier (16 cent) *indico*, Sp. *indico*, L. *Indicum*, of India

**indite.** ME. *enditen* (see *indict*).

**individual.** MedL. *individuahts*, from L. *individuus*, from *in-*, neg, *dividere*, to divide. Cf. *atom*.

**indolent.** F. *indolent*, Late L. *indolens*, *indolent-*, from *dolere*, to grieve, trouble.

**indomitable.** After F. *indomptable*, from L. *domitare*, frequent. of *domare*, to tame.

**Indonesian** [geog.]. From Indo- and G. *νησος*, island. Cf. *melanesian*.

**indubitable.** L. *indubitabilis*, from *dubitare*, to doubt (q.v.).

**induce.** L. *inducere*, to lead in. Cf. *induct*, to lead in formally, introduce; L. *induct-*; also *induction*, opposed in logic to *deduction*.

**indulge.** L. *indulgere*, to be courteous, complaisant.

**induna.** Zulu or Matabele chief. Zulu.

**indurate.** From L. *indurare*, from *durus*, hard.

**indusium** [bot.]. L., tunic, from *indue*, to put on.

**industry.** F. *industrie*, L. *industria*, ? for *\*indu-struua*, from *struere*, to build, with prefix as in *indigenous*.

**inebriate.** From L. *inebriare*, from *ebrius*, drunk.

**ineffable.** L. *ineffabilis*, unutterable, from *effari*, from *ex* and *fari*, to speak.  
**ineluctable.** That cannot be escaped from L. *ineluctabilis*, from *eluctari*, to struggle out, from *ex* and *luctari*, to struggle. Cf. *reluctant*.  
**inept.** L. *ineptus*, from *aptus*. See *apt*.  
**inert.** F. *inertie*, L. *iners*, *inert-*, sluggish, orig. unskilled, from *in-*, neg. and *ars*, *art-*, art.  
**inevitable.** L. *inevitabilis*, from *evitare*, to avoid, from *ex* and *vitare*, to shun.  
**inexorable.** L. *inexorabilis*, from *exorare*, to entreat, from *orare*, to pray.  
**inexpugnable.** L. *inexpugnabilis*, from *expugnare*, to take by attack, from *pugnare*, to fight.  
**infant.** L. *infans*, *infant-*, unable to speak, *fari*. Cf. It. Sp. *infante*, child, youth, whence It. *infanteria*, infantry, force composed of those too inexperienced or low in rank for cavalry service, whence (through F.) E. *infantry*. Also Sp. *infanta*, princess, spec. eldest daughter who is not heir to the throne.  
**infatuate.** From L. *infatuare*, from *fatuus*, foolish.  
**infect.** From L. *inficere*, *infect-*, to dip in, impregnate, from *facere*, to make.  
**infer.** L. *inferre*, to bring in.  
**inferior.** L., compar. of *inferus*, from *infra*, below.  
**infernal.** L. *infernalis*, from *infernus*, lower (v.s.). Cf. It *inferno*, hell.  
**infest.** F. *infester*, L. *infestare*, from *infestus*, unsafe, hostile.  
**inficete.** L. *inficetus*, opposite of *face-tus*. See *facehous*.  
**infidel.** L. *infidelis*, from *fides*, faith.  
**infiltration.** See *filter*.  
**infinite.** L. *infinitus*, unbounded, etc. See *finish*. *Infinitesimal* is mod. coinage after *centesimal*, etc.  
**infirm.** L. *infirmus*. See *firm*.  
**inflammable.** F. *inflammable*, from L. *inflammare*, to set on fire, inflame.  
**inflate.** From L. *inflare*, *inflat-*, from *flare*, to blow.  
**inflect.** L. *inflectere*, from *flectere*, *flex-*, to bend; cf. *inflexion*.  
**inflict.** From L. *infligere*, *inflict-*. See *afflict*.  
**influence.** F. *influence*, Late L. *influentia*, flowing in, from *fluere*, to flow. Orig. *astrol*.  
**influenza.** It., influence (v.s.), but also applied to epidemic outbreak.  
**influx.** Late L. *influxus*, from *fluere*, to flow.

**inform.** L. *informare*, lit. to give form to.  
**infraction.** See *infringe*.  
**infra dig.** L. *infra dignitatem*, beneath dignity.  
**infrangible.** F. *infrangible*, unbreakable, from L. *frangere*, to break.  
**infringe.** L. *infringere*, *infract-*, from *frangere*, to break.  
**infuriate.** Suggested by It. *infuriare*. See *fury*.  
**infuse.** See *fuse*<sup>1</sup>. Hence *infusoria*, ModL. (sc. *animalcula*).  
**ingeminate.** From L. *ingeminare*, to repeat, from *geminus*, twin.  
**ingenio.** Sugar-mill. Sp. *ingenio*, L. *ingenium*. Cf. *engine*.  
**ingenious.** F. *ingéneux*, L. *ingeniosus*, from *ingenium*, natural ability (v.i).  
**ingénue.** F., artless girl (v.i), esp. on stage.  
**ingenuous.** From L. *ingenuus*, inborn, freeborn, frank, etc., whence F. *ingénu*, artless. Constantly confused in 17 cent. with *ingenious*, the noun *ingenuity*, which belongs to *ingenuous*, being used as expressing both qualities, and now definitely assigned to *ingenious*.  
**ingle.** Sc., fire burning on hearth. Gael. *aingéal*, fire, light, cogn. with L. *ignis*.  
**ingot.** App. from AS. *gēotan*, to pour; cf. Ger. *einguss*, in-pouring, ingot, from cogn. *gessen*, to pour. F. *lingot* is from E., with agglutination of def. art. as in *herre*, ivy (OF. *l'ierre*).  
**ingrained.** Lit. dyed in grain, i.e. in cochineal (q.v.).  
**ingrate.** F. *ingrat*, L. *ingratus*. See *grateful*.  
**ingratiolate.** Coined from It. *ingraziare* (earlier *ingratiare*), from phrase *in gratia* (*grazia*), L. *in gratiam*, into favour, grace.  
**ingredient.** From pres. part. of L. *ingredi*, to step in. Cf. *grade*.  
**ingress.** L. *ingressus* (v.s.); cf. *egress*.  
**inguinal** [anat.]. L. *inguinalis*, from *inguen*, *inguin-*, groin.  
**ingurgitate.** From L. *ingurgitare*, from *gurgus*, *gurgit-*, whirlpool, gulf.  
**inhabit.** L. *inhabitare*, to dwell in, from *habitare*, to dwell.  
**inhale.** L. *inhalare*. Cf. *exhale*.  
**inhere.** L. *inhaerere*. Cf. *adhere*.  
**inherit.** OF. *enheriter*, to put in possession as heir, Late L. *inhereditare*, from *heres*, *hered-*, heir. Orig. sense in *disinherit*.  
**inhibit.** From L. *inhibere*, *inhibit-*, to hold in, from *habere*, to hold.

**inhume.** See *exhume*.

**inimical.** Late L. *mimicālis*, from *mimicus*, enemy, not friend, *amicus*.

**iniquity.** F. *iniquité*, L. *iniquitas*, -*itas*-, from *iniquus*, from *aequus*, fair, even, etc.

**initial.** L. *initialis*, from *initium*, beginning, lit. going in, from *ire*, *it-*, to go.

**inject.** From L. *inocere*, *inject-*, from *jacere*, to throw.

**injunction.** Late L. *inunctio-n-*. See *enjoin*.

**injury.** AF. *injurie*, L. *injuria*, from *injurius*, wrongful, from *in-*, neg. and *ius*, *iur-*, right, law.

**ink.** ME. *enke*, OF. *enque* (Mod. *encre*), Late L. *encaustum*, from G. *ἐγκαυστος*, burnt in (see *encaustic*). Orig. purple ink used in signatures by Roman emperors.

**inkle.** Narrow tape. Perh. Du. *enkel* (earlier *inckel*), single.

**inkling.** From ME. *inhlen*, to whisper, communicate (the truth), of unknown origin.

**inlet.** Creek. From *in* and *let*<sup>1</sup>, but prob. representing also *ynlet*, a common place-name in Thames estuary, AS. *gēan-*, *gegn-*, against, and *lād*, way, "lode."

**inmate.** From *in* and *mate*<sup>2</sup> (q.v.).

**inmost.** See *in* and *-most*.

**inn.** AS. *inn*, from adv. *inn*, *inne*, within. See *in*.

**innate.** L. *innatus*, inborn, from *nasci*, *nat-*, to be born.

**inner.** Compar. of *in*.

**innermost.** See *in* and *-most*.

**innings.** Recorded only in pl. form. For formation, from *in*, cf. *outing*.

**innocent.** F. *innocent*, L. *innocens*, *innocent-*, from *nocēre*, to harm.

**innocuous.** From L. *innocuus*, from *nocēre* (v.s.).

**innovate.** From L. *innovare*, from *novus*, new.

**innuendo.** L., by nodding to, abl. gerund of *innuere*, from *nuere*, to nod.

**inoculate.** Orig. to bud, graft, from L. *inoculare*, from *oculus*, eye, bud.

**inordinate.** L. *inordinatus*, unordered. See *order*.

**inquest.** OF. *enquête* (Mod. *enquête*), inquiry, VL. *\*inquesta* (for *inquisita*), from *\*inquerere* (for *inquirere*), from *quaerere*, to seek.

**inquiline** [zool.]. L. *inquilinus*, dwelling in, from *incolere*, to inhabit, from *colere*, to cultivate.

**inquinare.** To pollute. From L. *inquinare*, from *caenum*, mud.

**inquire.** L. *inquirere*, from *quaerere*, to seek.

**inquisition.** L., *inquisitio-n-*, from *inquirere*, *inquisit-* (v.s.). Cf. *inquisitive*.

**inroad.** Preserves etym. sense of *road*, riding. Cf. *raid*, *incursion*.

**insane.** L. *insanus*, mad, from *sanus*, healthy, sane.

**inscribe.** L. *inscribere*. Cf. *describe*.

**inscrutable.** Late L. *inscrutabilis*. See *scrutiny*.

**insect.** L. *insectum* (sc *animal*), from *insecare*, to cut into, from *secare*, *sect-*, to cut, translating synon. G. *ἐντομον* (see *entomology*). From sectional aspect of body and limbs.

**insensate.** Late L. *insensatus*, from *sensatus*, gifted with sense.

**insert.** From L. *inserere*, *insert-*, from *serere*, to join. Cf. *series*.

**insectores** [ornith.]. Perching birds. From L. *insidere*, *inse-*, to sit on, from *sedere*, to sit.

**insidious.** F. *insidieux*, L. *insidiosus*, from *insidiare*, ambush, from *insidere*, to lie in wait (v.s.).

**insignia.** L., neut. pl. of *insignis*, distinguished, from *signum*, sign. Cf. *ensign*.

**insinuate.** From L. *insinuare*, to introduce tortuously, from *sinuare*, to wind, bend, from *sinus*, curve.

**insipid.** L. *insipidus*, from *sapidus*, tasty.

**insist.** L. *insistere*, from *sistere*, to stand.

**insolation.** Exposure to sun, sunstroke. L. *insolatio-n-*, from *insolare*, from *sol*, sun.

**insolent.** F. *insolent*, L. *insolens*, *insolent-*, orig. unaccustomed, from *solere*, to be accustomed.

**insomnia.** L., from *insomnis*, sleepless, from *somnus*, sleep.

**insouciant.** F. *insouciant*, from *se soucier*, to care, L. *solicitare*, to agitate.

**inspan** [SAfr.]. Du. *inspannen*, to yoke oxen, from *spannen*, to stretch, span.

**inspect.** From L. *inspicere*, *inspect-*, to look into.

**inspeximus** [hist.]. L., we have inspected (v.s.). Used of charters confirmed after examination. Cf. *visa*.

**inspire.** F. *inspirer*, L. *inspirare*, from *spirare*, to breathe; cf. *spirit*.

**inspissate.** To thicken. From L. *inspissare*, from *spissus*, dense.

- install.** F. *installer*, to put in a stall<sup>1</sup> (q.v.).
- instalment.** Altered from earlier *estallment*, from OF. *estaler*, to fix, from OHG. *stal*, stall<sup>1</sup> (q.v.).
- instance.** Orig. urgency, as in *at the instance of*. F. *instance*, L. *instanteria*, from *instare*, to be present, urge one's case. Cf. *instant*, orig. urgent, also used of point of present time (*the 5th instant*). *Instantaneous* is coined on *simultaneous*.
- instauration.** L. *instauratio-n-*, from *instaurare*, to restore (q.v.). Chiefly allusive to Bacon's *Instauratio Magna* (1620).
- instead.** Orig. two words, as still in *in his stead* (q.v.).
- instep.** App. from *in* and *step*, though this hardly makes sense. In 17 cent. also *instop*, *instup*. ? Rather from *stoop*<sup>1</sup>, bend.
- instigate.** From L. *instigare*, cogn. with G. *stiġew*, to prick. Cf. *stigma*.
- instil.** L. *instillare*, from *stillare*, to drop. Cf. *distill*, *still*<sup>2</sup>.
- instinct.** L. *instinctus*, from *instinguere*, to urge, incite, cogn. with *instigate*.
- institute.** First as verb. L. *instituire*, *institut-*, to set up, from *statuere* (see *statute*).
- instruct.** From L. *instruere*, *instruct-*, to build. See *structure*.
- instrument.** L. *instrumentum*, from *instruere* (v.s.).
- insufflation.** L. *insufflatio-n-*, from *insufflare*, to blow into, from *sufflare*, from *sub* and *flare*, to blow. Esp. in rite of exorcism.
- insular.** L. *insularis*, from *insula*, island.
- insulin.** Cure for diabetes. Named (Toronto, 1923) from "insulated" structure of gland employed.
- insult.** L. *insultare*, to jump at, assail, frequent of *insilire*, *insult-*, from *salire*, salt-, to leap.
- insuperable.** L. *insuperabilis*, from *superare*, to overcome, from *super*, over, above.
- insure.** Comm. spelling of *ensure* (q.v.).
- insurrection.** L. *insurrectio-n-*, from *insurgere*, from *surgere*, *surrect-*, to rise. Cf. *insurgent*.
- intact.** L. *intactus*, from *in-*, neg. and *tangere*, tact-, to touch.
- intaglio.** It., from *intagliare*, from *tagliare*, to cut. See *tally*.
- integer.** L., untouched, "intact,"

- from *in-*, neg. and root of *tangere*, to touch. Hence *integral*, *integrity*.
- integument.** L. *integumentum*, from *legere*, to cover.
- intellect.** L. *intellectus*, from *intelligere*, *intellect-*, to understand, from *inter*, between, *legere*, to pick, choose. Cf. *intelligence*.
- intend.** L. *intendere*, *intens-*, *intenti-*, to bend the mind on, from *tendere*, to stretch. Cf. *intendant*, administrator; *intense*, *intent*; the latter, as noun, is F. *entente*, in obs. sense of intention, purpose.
- inter.** F. *enterrer*, from *terre*, earth, L. *terra*.
- inter-.** L., between, cogn. with *under*. In some words represents obs. *entre-*, from F.
- intercalate.** From L. *intercalare*, to proclaim insertion (of day) in calendar, from *calare*, to proclaim. Cf. *calends*.
- intercede.** L. *intercedere*, to go between, from *cedere*, *cess-*, to go.
- intercept.** From L. *intercipere*, *intercept-*, to take between, from *capere*, to take.
- intercession.** See *intercede*.
- intercourse.** OF. *entrecours*, from *entrecourre*, to run between, from L. *currere*, to run.
- interdict.** OF. *entredit* (Mod. *interdit*), L. *interdictum*, from *interdicere*, to decree, from *dicere*, *dict-*, to proclaim, order. For restored spelling cf. *indict*, *verdict*.
- interest.** ME. & AF. *interesse*, L. *interesse*, to be a concern to, used as noun; cf. It. *interesse*, Sp. *interés*, Ger. *interesse*. Altered under influence of OF. *interest* (Mod. *intérêt*), L. *interest*, it concerns, used as noun.
- interfere.** OF. *entreferrir*, from *ferrir*, to strike, L. *ferrere*. Orig. of horse knocking feet together in trotting.
- interim.** L. adv., meanwhile. From *inter*, between, with adv. suffix *-im*.
- interior.** L. compar. of *interus*, from *intra*, within.
- interjection.** L. *interjectio-n-*, from *intercere*, *interject-*, to throw between, from *jacere*, to throw.
- interlard.** Orig. to mix fat with lean. F. *entrelarder*. See *lard*.
- interlocution.** L. *interlocutio-n-*, from *interloqui*, to converse, from *loqui*, to speak.
- interloper.** Orig. unauthorized trader (by sea) trespassing on privileges and monopolies of chartered company. Cf. *landloper*, vagabond, and see *elope*.

**interlude.** MedL. *interludrum*, from *ludus*, play.  
**intermediate.** MedL. *intermediatus*, from *intermedius*. Cf. *immediate*.  
**intermezzo.** It. *intermezzo*, from *mezzo*, middle, L. *medius*.  
**intermit.** L. *intermittere*, to leave off, lit. put between, from *mittere*, to send.  
**intern.** F. *interner*, from *interne*, resident within, L. *internus*, from *intra*, within. Cf. *internal*.  
**internecine.** L. *internecinus*, deadly, from *necare*, to kill, *inter-* having intens. force.  
**interpellation.** L. *interpellatio-n-*, from *interpellare*, to interrupt, lit. drive between, from *pellere*, to drive.  
**interpolate.** From L. *interpolare*, to furnish up, from *polare*, to polish.  
**interpose.** See *pose*.  
**interpret.** F. *interpréter*, L. *interpretari*, from *interpres*, *interpret-*, agent, translator, ? orig. helper in bargaining, with second element cogn. with *pretium*, price.  
**interregnum.** L., between reign.  
**interrogate.** From L. *interrogare*, from *rogare*, to ask.  
**interrupt.** From L. *interrumpere*, from *rumpere*, *rupt-*, to break.  
**intersect.** From L. *intersecare*, from *secare*, *sect-*, to cut.  
**intersperse.** From L. *interspergere*, *interspers-*, from *spargere*, *spars-*, to scatter.  
**interstice.** F. *interstice*, L. *interstitium*, from *intervisitare*, to stand between.  
**interval.** L. *intervallum*, orig. space between ramparts (*vallum*).  
**intervene.** L. *intervenire*, from *venire*, to come.  
**interview.** F. *entrevue*, p p. fem. of *entrevouir*, from *entre*, L. *inter*, and *vouir*, to see, L. *videre*.  
**intestate.** L. *intestatus*, from *testatus*, p p. of *testari*, to make will.  
**intestine.** L. *intestinus*, from *intus*, within.  
**intimate.** L. *intimatus*, p p. of *intimare*, from *intimus* (from *intus*, within), used as superl. of *interior*. From the same verb, with sense of driving in, comes verb to *intimate*.  
**intimidation.** Cigar Sp., friendship (v.s.)  
**intimidate.** From Late L. *intimidare*, from *timidus*, timid.  
**intitule.** F. *intituler*, Late L. *intitulare*, from *titulus*, title (q.v.).  
**into.** For *in to*.  
**intone.** Church L. *intonare*, from *tonus*, tone (q.v.).

**intoxicate.** MedL. *intoxicare*, from L. *toxicare*, from *toxicum*, poison, G. *τοξικόν*, poison for arrows, from *τόξον*, a bow.  
**intra-** L., within.  
**intrados.** Inner curve of arch. As *extrados* (q.v.).  
**intransigent.** F. *intransigeant*, adapted from Sp. *los intransigentes*, extreme republican party, from L. *transigere*, to come to an understanding, compromise. See *transaction*.  
**intrepid.** L. *intrepidus*, from *trepidus*, alarmed.  
**intricate.** L. *intricatus*, from *intricare*, to entangle, from *tricae* (pl.), tricks, etc., ? cogn. with *torquere*, to twist. Cf. *extricate*.  
**intrigue.** F. *intriguer*, It. *intrigare*, "to intrigue, entrap" (Flor), L. *intricare* (v.s.).  
**intrinsic.** F. *intrinsèque*, MedL. adj. *intrinsecus*, from L. adv. *intrinsecus*, inwardly. Cf. *extrinsic* (q.v.).  
**intro-** L., within; cf. *intra-*.  
**introduce.** L. *introducere*, from *ducere*, to lead.  
**introit** [eccl.] F. *introit*, L. *introitus*, entry, from *ire*, *it-*, to go.  
**intromit.** To interfere, etc. L. *intromittere*, from *mittere*, to send, put.  
**introspect.** From L. *introspicere*, *introspect-*, to look within, from *specere*, to look.  
**introsusception.** Absorption, etc. From L. *susceptio-n-*, taking, from *suscipere*, *suscept-*, from *sub* and *capere*, to take.  
**intrude.** L. *intrudere*, from *trudere*, *trus-*, to thrust.  
**intuition.** MedL. *intuitio-n-*, from *intueri*, to look upon, from *tuere*, to behold.  
**intumescent.** From pres. part. of L. *intumescere*, inceptive verb from *tumere*, to swell.  
**intussusception.** From L. *intus*, within. Cf. synon. *introsusception*.  
**inul-** [bot]. From L. *inula*, elecampane.  
**inundate.** From L. *inundare*, from *unda*, wave.  
**inure, enure.** From *in-*, *en-*, into, and obs. *ure*, work, OF. *uevre* (Mod. *œuvre*), L. *opera*, work. Cf. *manure*. For formation of verb from adv. phrase cf. *endeavour*.  
**invade.** L. *invadere*, from *vadere*, *vas-*, to go.  
**invalid.** Infirm, sick. Spec. use (with F. stress) of *invalidus*, L. *invalidus*, from *validus*, strong, valid, from *valere*, to be strong.



**invecked, invected** [her.]. Jagged. From L. *invehere, invect-*, to bring in.

**invective**. Late L. *invectivus*, from *invehere, invect-* (v.i.).

**inveigh**. Earlier *invey, invehe*. From pass. of L. *invehere*, from *vehere*, to bring. The sense is to be borne on, carried away (in words) against (v.s.).

**inveigle**. Earlier *envegle*, AF. *enveogler*, for F. *aveugler*, from *aveugle*, blind, VL. \**aboculus*, for \**alboculus*, white eye. *Albus oculus*, blind, occurs in the *Cassel Glossary* (8 cent.). But the older etym., \**aboculus*, is also possible, as *ab oculus*, modelled on G. *am' ὀμμάτω*, is recorded in Late L.

**invent**. From L. *invenire*, to come upon, discover, from *venire, vent-*, to come. Etym. sense survives in *inventory*, MedL. *inventorium*, orig. list of chattels "found" in person's possession at his death.

**inverness**. For *Inverness cape*. Cf. *ulster*.

**inverse**. L. *inversus* (v.i.).

**invert**. L. *invertere*, lit. to turn in, from *vertere*, to turn.

**invest**. L. *investire*, to clothe, from *vestis*, garment. In ref. to money via It. *investire*, "to laie out or emploie ones money upon anie bargain for advantage" (Flor.).

**investigate**. From L. *investigare*, from *vestigare*, to track; cf. *vestigium*, footprint, vestige.

**inveterate**. From L. *inveterare*, to make old, from *vetus, veter-*, old.

**invidious**. From L. *invidiosus*, from *invidia*, envy (q.v.).

**invigilate**. From L. *invigilare*, from *vigil* (q.v.).

**invincible**. L. *invincibilis*, from *vincere*, to conquer.

**invite**. L. *invitare*, to invite, allure.

**invocation**. See *invoke*.

**invoice**. Pl. of obs. *envoy*, F. *envoi*, sending, as in *lettre d'envoi*, invoice. Cf. *bodice*. For F. *envoyer* see *envoy*.

**invoke**. F. *invoyer*, L. *invocare*, from *vocare*, to call.

**involve**. L. *involvere*, to envelope, entangle, from *volvere*, to roll.

**inward**. AS. *innanweard*, from adv. *innan*; see *ward*.

**iodine**. From F. *iode*, from G. *ἰώδης*, violet coloured, from *ἰω*, the violet, because of colour of its vapour.

**Ionian, Ionic** [ling. & arch.]. Of *Ionia*, G. *Ἰωνία*. Cf. *Attic, Doric*.

**ionic** [phys.]. From *ion* (electr.), G. *ἰόν*, pres. part. (neut.) of *ἵεναι*, to go.

**iota**. G. *ἰῶτα*, name of letter *ι*, corresponding to Heb. *jod, yod*. Cf. *jot*.

**I.O.U.** Now understood as *I owe you*, but perh. orig. for *I owe unto*, followed by name of creditor.

**ipecaacuanha**. Port., for Brazil. *ipeka-guaña*, lit. small plant causing vomit.

**ipomoea**. Creeping plant. From G. *ἵψ, ἵπ-*, worm, *ῥομος*, like.

**ipse dixit**. L, he (the master) himself said it, translating G. *αὐτὸς ἔφα*, used by the disciples of Pythagoras.

**ir-**. For *in-*, before *r-*.

**iracund**. L. *iracundus*, from *ira*, wrath.

**irade**. Written decree of Sultan of Turkey. Turk. *irādah*, will, desire, from Arab.

**Iranian** [ling.]. From Pers. *īrān*, Persia.

**ire**. Archaic F. *ire*, L. *ira*; cf. *was-cible, wrate*, from *irasci, irat-*, to get angry.

**irenicon**. See *eirenicon*.

**iridescent**. Coined from L. *iris, irid-* (v.i.).

**iridium** [chem.]. From *iris* (v.i.).

**iris**. G. *ἶψ*, rainbow, also personified as messenger of the gods.

**Irish**. From stem *Ir-* of AS. *Iras* (pl.), cogn. with *Erse*, cf. ON. *Írar* (noun), *Írskr* (adj.).

**irk**. Now chiefly in *irksome*. ME. *irken*, to weary, disgust, still used impersonally, is prob. from adj. *irk*, weary, troubled; app. cogn. with AS. *earg*, inert, cowardly; cf. cogn. Ger. *arg, ärgern*, with same sense-development.

**iron**. AS. *isen, isern, iren* Cf. Du. *ijzer*, Ger. *eisen* (OHG. *isarn*), ON. *isarn* (later *earn, jarn*, whence Sw. *jarn*, Dan. *jern*), Goth. *eisarn*. With the *-r-* forms cf. Ir. *iarann*, Gael. *iarunn*, Welsh *haearn*, Corn. *hoern*, etc. Perh. borrowed by Teut. from Celt., the Celts having known the use of iron earlier than the Teutons.

**iron-mould**. For earlier *iron-mole*, from *mole*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.); cf. Du. *ijzermal*.

**irony**. F. *ironie*, L. *ironia*, G. *εἰρωνεία*, dissimulation, affected ignorance, esp. that of Socrates.

**irredentist** [hist.]. It. *irredentista*, one aiming at the liberation of *Italia irredenta*, unredeemed Italy, the Italian-speaking provinces of Austria.

**irrefragable**. Late L. *irrefragabilis*, from *refragari*, to oppose, contest.

**irrigate**. From L. *irrigare*, from *rigare*, to moisten.

**irrision.** Mockery. L. *irrisio-n*. See *deride*.

**irritate.** From L. *irritare*

**irruption.** L. *irruptio-n*, from *in* and *rumpere*, *rupt*, to break.

**Irvingite.** Sect founded (1829) by Edward Irving, a minister of the Church of Scotland.

**is.** See *be*.

**isabel, isabella.** Colour (pale buff). From the female name. The trad. explanation from the colour of under-linen of the archduchess *Isabella*, daughter of Philip II of Spain, who vowed not to change her more intimate garments till Ostend fell (1604), is disproved by chronology. Hence *isabelline* bear.

**isagogic.** Introductory G. *εισαγωγικός*, from *eis*, into, *agein*, to lead.

**ischiatric.** Pertaining to the hip, L. *ischium*, G. *ισχίον*.

**-ise.** See *-ize*.

**-ish<sup>1</sup>.** Adj. suffix. AS. *-isc*, as in *Englisc*; cf. Du. Ger. *-isch*.

**-ish<sup>2</sup>.** In verbs Represents *-iss-* of F. verbs derived from L. inceptives, e.g. *finish*, F. *finiss-*.

**Ishmaelite.** From Arab claim to be descended from *Ishmael*, outcast son of Abraham (Gen. xvi. 12).

**Isiac** [myth.]. Cf. Egypt. deity *Isis*.

**Isidorian.** Of *Isidore*, archbishop of Seville (7 cent.).

**isinglass.** Perverted from obs. Du. *huysenblas*, *huysblas*, "ichthyocolla, gluten piscium" (Kil.), now *huisblad*, lit. sturgeon bladder; cf. Ger. *hausen*, sturgeon, OHG. *hūso*, of unknown origin.

**Islam.** Arab. *islām*, resignation, from *aslama*, to surrender oneself (to God) Cogn. with *salaam*, Moslem, *Mussulman*.

**island.** Mod. spelling (due to unrelated *isle*) of *iland*, AS. *iegland*, pleon. for *ieg*, island, orig. watery land, cogn. with Ger. *aue*, wet land, etc., and L. *aqua*; cf. Du. Ger. *eiland* (from Fris.), ON. *eyland*, and E. *ey* in *Anglesey*, *Bardsey*, *Ely*, etc. See *art*.

**isle.** OF. *isle* (Mod. *île*), L. *insula*.

**-ism.** L. *-ismus*, G. *-ismus*.

**isobar.** From G. *isos*, equal, *βάρος*, weight (see *barometer*). Cf. *isothermal*.

**isolate.** First in p.p. *isolated*, It. *isolato*, detached, from *isola*, island, L. *insula*.

**isonomy.** G. *ισονομία*, from *isos*, equal, *νόμος*, law.

**isosceles.** G. *ισοσκελής*, from *σκέλος*, leg (v.s.).

**isothermal.** See *isobar*, *thermometer*.

**Israel.** Heb. *yisra'el*, he that striveth with God (Gen. xxxii. 28).

**issue.** F., p.p. fem. (VL. \**exuita* for *exuita*) of OF. *essur*, *issur*, to go out, L. *exire*.

**-ist.** F. *-iste*, G. *-ist*, used to form agent. nouns from verbs in *-izēn*.

**isthmus.** G. *ισθμός*, neck of land, spec. Isthmus of Corinth, where the *Isthmian games* were celebrated.

**it.** AS. *hit*, neut. of same demonstr. stem as *he* (q.v.). Cf. Du. *het*, Goth. *hita*, this. Goth. *ita*, Ger. *es*, represent the parallel *i*-stem.

**italic.** L. *Italicus*, G. *Ἰταλικός*, from *Ἰταλία*, Italy. Type introduced (c. 1500) by Aldus Manutius of Venice (see *aldine*).

**itch.** Earlier *yeke*, *yitch*, etc. AS. *giccan*; cf. Du. *jeuken*, Ger. *zucken*, Goth. *juhjan*.

**item.** L. adv., in like manner, from stem of *is* and adv. suffix *-tem*. Used in inventories as introductory word.

**iterate.** From L. *iterare*, from *iterum*, again, orig. compar. formation from same stem as *item*.

**ithyphallic.** From G. *θύς*, straight, *φάλλος*, phallus (see *phallic*). Esp. of Bacchic hymns.

**itinerant.** From pres. part. of Late L. *itinerari*, to journey, from *iter*, *itiner*, way, journey, from *ire*, *it*, to go.

**-itis** [med.]. G. *-itis*, forming fem. of adjs. in *-itis*, and qualifying *νόσος*, disease, expressed or understood.

**ivory.** OF. *ivoire* (Mod. *ivoire*), L. adj. *eboreus*, from *ebur*, *ebor*, ivory; cf. Sanskrit *ibha*, elephant.

**ivy.** AS. *īfig*, cogn. with Ger. *epheu*, OHG. *eba-hewi*. The same first element appears in Du. *elooft*, ivy leaf. Origin unknown.

**iwis, ywis** [archaic]. AS. *gewis*, certain, of which neut. was used as adv. in ME. (usu. misunderstood by mod. poets as *I wis*, I know); cf. Du. *gewis*, Ger. *gewiss*. See also *wit*, *wot*, *wist*.

**ixia.** Plant. G. *ixia*.

**izard.** Pyrenean chamomais. F. *isard*, from Gascon; perh. of Iberian origin.

**-ize, -ise.** F. *-iser*, Late L. *-izare*, G. *-izēn*.

**izzard, izard** [archaic]. Letter *z*. Earlier *ezod*; Prov. *izedo*, *izeto* (whence OF. *ézed*), from G. *ζῆτα*.

**jab.** Sc. form of *job*<sup>1</sup> (q v).  
**jabber.** Imit. Cf. *gabble*, *gubber*, etc.  
**jabberwock.** Weird monster. Coined by Lewis Carroll (*Through the Looking-glass*).  
**jabbers, by** [Ir.]. ? Arbitrary alteration of *Jasus*, Jesus.  
**jabiru.** SAm. bird. Brazil.  
**jabot.** Shirt-frill, etc. F., orig. wattle of turkey. Origin unknown.  
**jacana.** SAm. bird. Port. *jaçana*, Brazil *jasana*.  
**jacinth.** F. *jacinthe*, L. *hyacinthus* (see *hyacinth*).  
**jack**<sup>1</sup>. Personal name used in E. as pet-form of *John*, via dim. *Jankin*, *Jackin*, but also representing F. *Jacques*, L. *Jacobus* (see *Jacob*). Used in an infinite number of transferred senses, (1) as comprehensive, usu. contemptuous, name for man, e.g. *Jack and Jill*, *every man jack*, *jack of all trades*, *cheap-jack*, etc., (2) applied to contrivances replacing servant, e.g. *bootjack* (cf. Ger. *stiefelknecht*, boot knave), *roasting-jack*, (3) in familiar names of animals, indicating male sex, e.g. *jackass*, or smallness, e.g. *jack-smipe*. *Jack Keitch* was a 17 cent. executioner. With *Jack Pudding*, quack's clown, cf. F. *Jean Potage*, Ger. *Hanswurst*, Du. *Hansop*. Also applied to many animals and plants, usu. with implication of smallness, inferiority. *Jacked up*, exhausted, is an obscure fig. use of the same phrase meaning hoisted by mech. contrivance called a *jack*.  
**jack**<sup>2</sup> [hist.]. Leather jerkin, coat of mail, leather drinking vessel. F. *jacque*, OF. also *jacques*, from name *Jacques*. Cf. It. *giacco*, Ger. *jache*, in same senses.  
**jack**<sup>3</sup> [naut.]. Orig. small flag at bow. From *jack*<sup>1</sup>, used in naut. phrases to indicate smaller size.  
**jack**<sup>4</sup>. Fruit. Port. *jaca*, Malayalam *chakkā*.  
**jackal.** Turk. *chakāl*, Pers. *shagāl*, cogn. with Sanskrit *śṛgāla*, *jackal*; cf. E. gipsy *juhel*, dog.  
**jackanapes.** First recorded as nickname of William de la Pole, Duke of Suffolk, murdered at sea (1450), whose badge was a clog and chain such as were worn by tame apes. But the word must obviously have existed earlier. Perh. orig. for *Jack of Napes*, name for monkey brought from Italy (cf. *fustian-a-napes* for Naples fustian), associated naturally

with *ape*. A song of 1432 mentions among imports from Italy "Apes and japes, and marmusettes taylede."  
**jackaroo** [Austral]. Green hand, new chum. From *jack*<sup>1</sup>, after *kangaroo*.  
**jackboot.** Perh. connected with *jack*<sup>2</sup>, the boot suggesting the vessel.  
**jackdaw.** See *daw* and *jack*<sup>1</sup>. Cf. *magpie*.  
**jackd up** [slang]. See *jack*<sup>1</sup>.  
**jacket.** F. *jaquette*, dim. of OF. *jacque*. See *jack*<sup>2</sup>.  
**Jack Johnson** [hist.]. Large Ger. shell (1914). From contemp. negro pugilist.  
**jack-knife.** Orig. US. Perh. for obs. *jackleg*, corrupt. of Sc. *jockteleg*, large clasp-knife, said (1776) to be for *Jacques de Liège*, a cutler.  
**jacko.** See *jocko*.  
**Jacobean.** Of James (king, apostle, etc.); cf. *jacobus*, gold coin of James I.  
**jacobin.** Dominican friar. From church of *Saint-Jacques* (Paris), near which the order built its first convent. The *jacobin* pigeon is named from neck feathers resembling a cowl. The Revolutionary *Jacobins*, extremists, were so called because they took up their quarters (1789) in the old convent of the friars.  
**jacobite.** Partisan of James II after his deposition (1688).  
**Jack's ladder.** Allusion to Gen. xxviii. 12.  
**jaconet.** Fabric. From *Jagganāth* in Cutch (India).  
**jacquard** [techn.]. Loom for lace. From inventor, *Jacquard*, of Lyons (c. 1800).  
**jacquerie** [hist.]. F. peasant revolt, esp. that of 1357-8. From *Jacques Bonhomme*, nickname of F. peasant.  
**jactation.** L. *jactatio*-n-, from *jactare*, to throw about, reflex. to brag, frequent. of *jacere*, *jact*-, to throw. Cf. *jactitation* (med.), restlessness, MedL. *jactitatio*-n-.  
**jade**<sup>1</sup>. Sorry nag (whence verb to *jade*). ? Cf. Sc. *yaud*, ON *jalda*, mare.  
**jade**<sup>2</sup>. Stone. F. *le jade*, for OF. *l'ejade*, Sp. *ijada*, in *pieдра de yjada*, colic stone, from *yjada*, from L. *iha*, flanks. It was supposed to cure pain in side, etc. Cf. its other name *nephrite* (see *nephritis*). But some derive it from L. *jaspis*, *jaspid*-, *jasper*.  
**jaeger.** Underclothing. Name of inventor (19 cent.).

- jag.** Orig. of "jagged" or "dagged" edge of garment. Origin unknown.
- jager** [mil.]. Ger., hunter, also rifleman.
- jaggery.** Coarse brown sugar. Indo-Port *jagara*, from Canarese *sharkare*, Sanskrit *śarkarā*. See *saccharine*, *sugar*.
- jaguar.** Brazil. *yaguara*, *jaguara*, class-name for carnivorous beasts.
- jah.** Heb., shortened form of *Jehovah*.
- jail.** See *gaol*.
- jain.** East Indian sect. Hind. *jaina*, from Sanskrit *jina*, a Buddha, saint, lit. overcomer.
- jalap.** F. *jalap*, Sp. *jalapa*, for *purga de Jalapa*, from *Jalapa*, Mexico, formerly *Xalapa*, Aztec *Xalapan*.
- jalousie.** F., lit. jealousy; cf. It. *gelosia*, Sp. *celosia*, in same sense. See *jealous*.
- jamb.** Orig. (18 cent.) verb (naut.), to squeeze, block, tighten, etc. Hence perh. sense of squeezed fruit. ? From *jamb* (q.v.) with idea of being caught in door.
- jamb.** Indian prince. Perh. cogn. with *jamadar*, *jemadar* (q.v.).
- jamb.** F. *jambe*, leg, formerly used for jamb of door (Mod. *jambage*), Late L. *gamba*. See *gammon*?
- jambo.** Indian fruit, rose-apple. Sanskrit *jambū*.
- jamboree** [US.]. Spree. Origin unknown. ? Cf. obs. *boree*, dance, F. *bourrée*.
- james** [slang]. Burglar's implement. See *jimmy*.
- jangle.** OF. *jangler*, to babble harshly, dispute, etc. In later senses associated with *jingle*. Origin unknown.
- janissary, janizary.** Turk. *yenü cheri*, new soldiery. E. form is F. *janissaire* or It. *giannizzero*.
- janitor.** L., doorkeeper, from *janua*, door. See *Janus*.
- jannock** [dial.]. Fair, genuine. ? Ident. with northern dial. *jannock*, flat loaf of oaten bread; ? both from ON. *jafn*, even, flat.
- Jansenist** [theol.]. Follower of *Cornelius Jansen*, bishop of Ypres (†1638).
- January.** L. *januarius* (sc. *mensis*), month of *Janus* (q.v.).
- Janus.** Ancient Roman deity, presiding over doors (see *janitor*), and represented with face back and front, whose temple was only closed in times of peace.
- japan.** Varnish, lacquer, from *Japan*.
- jape.** As noun and verb from 14 cent. Origin unknown.

- Japhetic.** From third son of Noah. Sometimes used (ling. & ethn.) for *Aryan*. Cf. *Hamitic*, *Semitic*.
- japonica.** ModL. *pyrus japonica*, Jap. pear-tree.
- jar.** To grate, sound discordantly. App. imit.; cf. obs. vars. *charre*, *gerre*, *chirr*, etc.
- jar.** Vessel. F. *jarre*, Sp. *jarro*, *jarra*, Arab. *jarrah*, earthen vessel.
- jar.** See *ajar*.
- jardinière.** F., lit. gardener's wife.
- jargon.** F., orig., as in E., of the warbling or chatter of birds. App. from same imit. root as *gargle*; cf. obs. *jargle*, to warble, etc., OF. *jargouiller*.
- jargonelle.** Pear. F., orig. applied to an inferior and gritty variety. From *jargon*, kind of stone (v.i.).
- jargoon** [min.]. F. *jargon*, Port. *zarcão*, Pers. *zargūn*, gold colour.
- jarl** [hist.]. ON., earl (q.v.).
- jarrah** [Austral.]. Mahogany gum-tree. From native *jerrhyll* (West Austral.).
- jarvey, jarvie** [slang]. Coachman. From name *Jarvis*, perh. in allusion to *St Gervase*, whose attribute is a whip or scourge.
- jasey, jazy** [archaic]. Wig made of worsted. Said to be a corrupt. of *Jersey*, because made of Jersey wool.
- jasmine, jessamine.** F. *jasmin*, OF. also *jessemmin*, with forms in most Europ. langs., all from Arab. *yās(a)-mīn*, Pers. *yāsmīn*, *yāsmān*.
- jasper.** OF. *jaspre* (Mod. *jaspe*), L. *jaspis*, *jaspid-*, G. *iaspis*, an Oriental word; cf. Heb. *yashpeh*, Pers. & Arab. *yashp*.
- jaundice.** With intrusive -d- from ME. *jaunes*, F. *jaunisse*, from *jaune*, yellow, OF. *jalne*, L. *galbinus*, from *galbus*, ult. cogn. with *yellow*.
- jaunt.** Orig. to exercise a horse, make him prance, take fatiguing exercise. ? OF. *jambeter*, to kick the legs about, from *jambe*, leg. Sylvester uses it of the prancing of a horse in a passage in which *faire la jambette* occurs in the F. text.
- jaunty.** Earlier *genty*, *jentee*, *janty*, etc., adapted from F. *gentil* (see *genteel*).
- javelin.** F. *javeline*, for more usual *javelot*, AS. *gafeluc*, Welsh *gaflach*, fork, dart. Perh. connected with the gen. Celt. word for fork (Gael. *gobhal*, Ir. *gabhal*, Welsh *gaf*).
- jaw.** ME. *jowe*, F. *joue*, cheek, VL.

*gabata*, bowl (used in L. slang for cheek). Change of sense in E. is perh. due to *chaw* or *jowl*.

**jay**<sup>1</sup>. *Bird*. F. *gar*, cf. ONF. *gar*, Prov. *gar*, Sp. *gayo*. Origin unknown. The analogy of *robin*, *jackdaw*, etc., suggests that it may be L. *Ganus*, a name which was used very much as *Jack* is in E. to designate persons familiarly. In F. the *jay* is also called *jacques*, *richard*, *cola* (*Nicolas*), and in Du *wouter* (*Walter*).

**jay**<sup>2</sup> [*slang*]. Fool. Orig. US., from *jay*<sup>1</sup>, but associated in E. c. 1890 with *J* for *Juggins*.

**jazz**. ? From negro jargon.

**jealous**. OF. *jealous* (Mod. *jaloux*), Prov. *gelos*, L. *zelosus* (see *zeal*).

**James**. Footman. From Thackeray's *James de la Pluche* (1846), representing a mincing pronunc. of *James*.

**jean**. Fabric. Earlier also *jenes*, *geanes*, etc., F. *Gènes*, Genoa, place of origin. In US. *jeans*.

**Jeddart justice** [*hist.*]. Hanging first and trying afterwards. From *Jedburgh* (Roxburghshire), also called *Jedworth*, *Jedwood*, *Jeddart*.

**jeer**<sup>1</sup>. To deride. Perh. corrupt. of Du. *scheren*, in *den gek* (fool) *scheeren*, "to make a fool of one, to fool one, to jeer, jest" (Sewel), whence the ModDu. compd. *gekscheren*, in same sense. This is prob. not Du. *scheren*, to shear, but obs. *scheeren*, "to gibe or to jest" (Hexham), cogn. with OHG. *skerōn*, to jest, and Ger. *scherzen*, in same sense.

**jeer**<sup>2</sup> [*naut.*]. Hoisting tackle. Origin unknown.

**jeihad, jihad**. Mohammedan holy war. Arab. *jihād*, contest.

**Jehannum**. Arab. form of *Gehenna* (q.v.).

**Jehovah**. Heb. *Jahveh* or *Yahveh*, the "ineffable" name, written without vowels and read as *ddōnār* (see *Adonis*), the vowels of which were later inserted in it. With *Jehovist*, *Jahvist*, cf. *Elohst*.

**Jehu**. Driver (2 *Kings* ix. 20).

**jeune**. L. *jejunus*, fasting, transferred to unsatisfying pabulum.

**jelly**. F. *gelée*, p.p. fem. of *geler*, to freeze, L. *gelare*, from *gelu*, frost.

**jemadar** [*Anglo-Ind.*]. Native officer. Urdu *jama'dār*, from Arab. *jam'ryah*, body of men, with Pers. suffix *-dar* as in *svrdar*, etc.

**jemimas** [*slang*]. Side-spring boots

**jimmy**. In various slang senses (cf. *jack*), now esp. of burglar's imple-

ment; cf. synonym. Ger. *peterchen*, *klaus*, *diétrich*.

**jennet** [*archaic*]. Orig. small Spanish horse. F. *genet*, Sp. *gnete*, short-stirruped rider, ? from a Berber tribe called *Zenetes*.

**jenneting**. Early apple. Connected with F. *pomme de Saint-Jean*, dial. *pomme de Jeannet*, because ripe about St John's day (June 24); cf. Ger. *Johannisapfel*.

**jenny**. From *Jane*, fem. of *John*. Applied to animals, e.g. *jenny-ass*, *jenny wren*, plants, e.g. *creeping jenny*; mech. devices, e.g. *spanning jenny*, and to a stroke at billiards. Cf. *jack*<sup>1</sup>.

**jeopardy**. F. *jeu parti*, divided or even game (result of which cannot be foreseen); cf. MedL *jocus paritius*.

**jerboa**. Jumping rodent. Arab. *yarbū'*, loin muscle, from its jumping powers.

**jeered**. Eastern javelin of wood used in exercises. Arab. *jarid*, middle-rib of palm-leaf. Also *djeered*, *tzirid*, etc.

**jeremiad**. F. *jérémade*, lamentation like that of the prophet *Jeremiah*.

**jerfalcon**. See *gerfalcon*.

**jerk**. Orig. to whip, lash, in which sense it varies with archaic *yerk*. For current meaning cf. to *whip a thing away*. Origin unknown.

**jerked beef**. From *Samer*. Sp. *charquear*, from Peruv. *eharquu*, meat dried in long strips. First as *jerkin beef*, ? suggested by leather *jerkin*.

**jerkin**. Cf. EFris. *jurk*, *jurken*; also Ger. dial. *jurken*, jacket, app. from *Jürg*, popular form of *Georg* (cf. *jacket*).

**jeroboam**. Large wine-bottle. Prob. suggested by earlier *jack*<sup>2</sup>, *jordan*. Cf. *forum*.

**jerry**. Familiar form of *Jeremiah*. In various slang applications. For sense of chamber-pot cf. *jordan* (q.v.). I conjecture that *jerry-built* may be for *jury-built*, the naut. *jury*, as in *jury-mast*, being used of all sorts of makeshifts and inferior objects, e.g. *jury-leg*, wooden leg, *jury-rigged*, *jury meal*, etc. Its early connection with Liverpool, where *jerry-building* is recorded in a local paper for 1861, makes naut. origin likely.

**Jerry** [*hist.*]. Army slang for *German*. **jerry-mander**. See *gerry-mander*.

**jersey**. Orig. knitted at *Jersey*. Cf. *guernsey*.

**Jerusalem artichoke**. Folk-etym. for *It. girasole*, sunflower, lit. turn sun.

**jess.** Of hawk ME. *ges*, OF. *gez*, *jez*, pl. of *jet*, cast, from *jeter*, abnormally from L. *jactare*, frequent. of *jacere*, *jact-*, to throw.

**jessamine, jessamy.** See *jasmine*.

**Jesse window** [*arch.*] Adorned with the *Jesse tree*, genealogical tree showing descent of Christ from *Jesse* (Is. xi. 1).

**jest.** F. *geste*, as in *chanson de geste*, song of exploits, L. *gesta*, neut. pl., from *gerere*, *gest-*, to perform, carry out. Sense of epic narrative developed into that of mocking tale, joke, etc.

**Jesuit.** Member of *Society of Jesus* (v.i.), founded (1533) by Ignatius Loyola

**Jesus.** L., G. *Ἰησοῦς*, Aramaic *Jeshua*, *Joshua*, Jah is salvation See also *IHS*. *Jesu* is the OF. obj. case.

**jet<sup>1</sup>.** Black substance. OF. *jaret* (Mod. *jars*), G. *γάρυρς*, from river Gages, in Lycia

**jet<sup>2</sup>.** Of water, etc. F., from *jeter*, to throw (see *jess*).

**jetsam.** Earlier *jetison*, now usu. as verb, OF. *jetaison*, from *jeter*, to throw (see *jess*).

**jettison.** See *jetsam*.

**jetty.** F. *jetée*, p.p. fem. of *jeter*, to throw (see *jess*).

**jeu.** F. *jeu*, L. *jocus*, game.

**Jew.** OF. *juen*, *giu* (Mod. *juif*), L. *judaicus*, G. *Ἰουδαίος*, from Heb. *y'hudah*, Judah.

**jewel.** AF. *juel*, OF. *joel*, *jovel* (Mod. *joyau*), VL. *\*jocellus*, from *jocus*, game, etc. The regular MedL. is *jocale*, *jocalia*, and the etym. of *fuel* (q.v.) furnishes a parallel.

**jezail.** Afghan musket. As *gingall* (q.v.).

**jezebel.** Harridan, esp. with painted face. The wife of Ahab (2 *Kings* ix.).

**jheel** [*Anglo-Ind.*]. Pool left by flood. Hind. *jhil*.

**jib<sup>1</sup>.** Sail. Perh. from *jib<sup>2</sup>*, it being a sail which fills from side to side according to wind.

**jib<sup>2</sup>.** To swing (yard, sail) from side to side. Var. of *gybe* (q.v.). The jibbing of a horse is a naut. metaphor.

**jibbah, jubbah.** Eastern mantle. Arab. *jubbah*, whence also F. *jupe*, *jupon*, ME. *gipoun*. See *jump<sup>2</sup>*.

**jibe.** Var. of *gybe*, *gybe* (q.v.).

**jiffy** [*slang*]. From 18 cent. Origin unknown.

**jig.** Dance Cf. OF. *gigue*, fiddle, It. *giga*, fiddle. Of Teut. origin; cf. Ger. *geige*, fiddle, ON. *gigja*, prob.

cogn. with *gig<sup>1</sup>* (q.v.). Hence *jigger*, of many small mech. devices, in some cases, e.g. at billiards and golf, app. equivalent to *thingumbob*, *thingamjig* (cf. obs. *jigamaree*).

**jigger<sup>1</sup>.** Implement. See *jig*. Cf. *jig-saw*.

**jigger<sup>2</sup>.** Corrupt. of *chigoe* (q.v.). Hence perh *I'm jiggered*. But this may be a fantastic euph. perversion of an uglier word.

**jiggery-pokery, jackery-pokery.** Sc. *joukery-paukry*, redupl. on *jouk*, trick. Cf. *hanky-panky*, *hocus-pocus*, etc.

**jig-saw** [US]. From verb *jig*, in sense of rapid varying motion.

**jihad.** See *jehad*.

**Jill.** Companion of Jack. ME. *Gille*, short for *Gillian*, popular form of *Juhana*, a favourite ME. name, which became practically equivalent to girl, woman.

**jilt.** Earlier *gillet*, *jillet*, dim. of *jill* (v.s.). Also *jill-flirt*, *gillian-flirt*, etc. The sense has become softened like that of *flirt*.

**Jim-crow** [US]. Negro. From popular negro song with refrain "Jump, Jim-crow."

**jiminy.** Disguised oath. Cf. Ger. *jemine*, Du. *jemenie*, prob. for *Jesu Domine*, as Ger. *ach je* is for *ach Jesu*. See *gemini*, *criminy*.

**jim-jams** [*slang*]. Delirium tremens. Arbitrary formation.

**jimmy.** From *James*. In many slang senses; cf. *jemmy*.

**jingle.** Imit.; cf. *tinkle*, *chink<sup>2</sup>*, etc.

**jingo.** From 17 cent. Perh. Basque *Jinko*, *Jamko*, God. Prob. picked up from Basque sailors, who were always employed as harpooners by the early whalers. Pol. sense (1878) is from music-hall song "We don't want to fight, but, by Jingo, if we do," etc. Cf. F. *chauvin*.

**jinks, high.** Perh. from name *Jinks*; cf. mod. *up Jenkins!*

**jinn.** Arab, pl. of *jinnī*, whence *jinn-nee* and the *genie* (q.v.) of the *Arabian Nights*.

**jenny.** Var. of *jenny*.

**jinricksha.** Jap. *jin-riki-sha*, man-strength-vehicle. Now usu. *rickshaw*.

**jirgah** [*Anglo-Ind.*]. Council of elders. Afghan, from Pers., circle of men.

**jiu-jitsu.** See *ju-jitsu*.

**jo** [Sc.]. Darling. Sc. form of *joy*.

**job<sup>1</sup>.** Verb. To peck, etc. Now usu. *jab*. "Expressing the sound or effect of an abruptly arrested stab" (*NED.*).

**job**<sup>2</sup>. Piece of work. Orig. contrasted with what is continuous. Perh. ident. with obs. *job*, lump, cart-load (cf. *job lot*), which may be ult. related to *gob* (q.v.), *gobbet*.

**jobation** [slang]. Lecture like those addressed to *Job* by his "comforters."

**jobbernowl** [archaic]. Blockhead. From ME. *jobard*, fool, and *noll*, head. *Jobard* is F., from OF. *jobe*, patient fool, prob. for *Job*.

**Jock**. Highland soldier. Sc. form of *Jack*.

**jockey**. Dim. of *Jock*, northern form of *Jack* (v.s.).

**jocko, jacko**. Chimpanzee. Made by Buffon from native WAfr. *ncheke*, *nschego*.

**jockteleg** [Sc]. See *jack-knife*.

**jocose, jocular**. L. *jocosus*, *jocularis*, from *jocus*, game.

**jocund**. Late L. *jocundus*, altered (on *jocus*) from *jucundus*, pleasant, from *juvare*, to please, help.

**jodel**. See *yodel*.

**joe** [archaic]. Port. coin. From *Johannes* V (†1750).

**Joe Manton**. Gun by gunsmith of that name (†1835).

**Joe Miller**. Stale jest, chestnut. From *Joe Miller's jests, or the Wit's Vademecum* (1739), named after, but not compiled by, *Joseph Miller*, actor and wit (†1738).

**joey**<sup>1</sup>. Orig. fourpenny-piece. From *Joe*, for *Joseph*.

**joey**<sup>2</sup> [Austral]. Young kangaroo. Native *joë*.

**jog**. App. imit. of movement, but partly suggested by earlier *shog*, which is cogn. with OHG. *scoc*, swing, oscillation.

**Johannine**. Of *John* (apostle or Baptist).

**johannisberger**. Wine from *Johannisberg*, vineyard near Wiesbaden.

**John**. L. *Joannes*, *Johannes*, G. Ἰωάννης, Heb. *yōchānān*. The fem. is *Joan*, or, through F., *Jane*. Used, with *Johnny*, in many stock epithets (cf. *Jack*), e.g. *John barleycorn*, *John Chinaman*, *johnny raw*, silly *johnny*, etc. With *John Doe* and *Richard Roe*, fictitious plaintiff and defendant in ejection action, cf. *John a' Nokes* and *John a' Stiles*, i.e. John of the oaks and John of the stiles, also fictitious leg parties. *John Bull* appears first (1712) in Arbuthnot's satire. *John Company* is from Du. *Jan Kompane*, name by which the

Du. East India Company and government are known in the East to natives, who cannot conceive an impersonal body. *John dory*, fish, for earlier *dory*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.), was perh. suggested by the name of a famous privateer.

**Johnian**. Of *St John's College*, Camb.

**John o' Groats**. Supposed site of house on Duncansby Head.

**johnny**. See *John*.

**join**. F. *joindre*, *joign-*, L. *jungere*, cogn. with *jugum*, yoke. Joint is the p.p., L. *junctus*. Cf. *jointure*, orig. holding of property for joint use of married couple.

**joist**. Earlier *jst*, OF. *giste* (Mod. *glie*), from *gisir*, to lie, L. *jacere*.

**joke**. Prob. It. *gioco*, L. *jocus*; cf. Du. *jok*. It can hardly have been taken straight from L.

**jokul, jokull** [geog.]. Snow-mountain in Iceland. See *icicle*.

**jolly**. F. *joli*, OF. *jolif*, VL. *\*diabolivus*, from *diabolus*, devil (q.v.). For phonetics cf. *journal*, *parole*.

**jolly-boat**. Prob. naut. corrupt. of earlier *jolywat* (15 cent.), *gellywat*, which may be Port. *galeota*, galliot, dim. of *galley*.

**jolt**. App. corrupt. of earlier *jot*, *jut*, an imit. word, like *jog*. Where Palsg. has *jotte*, Cotg. has *joult*.

**jolterhead** [archaic]. Earlier *jolthead*, app. connected with *jowl*.

**Jonah**. Bringer of ill-luck (*Jonah* i. 7).

**jongleur**. F. *jongleur*, minstrel, juggler. Nasalized from OF. *jogleor*, acc. of *joglere*, L. *joculator*, jester, from *jocus*, jest.

**jonquil**. F. *jonquille*, Sp. *junquillo*, dim. of *juncos*, L. *juncus*, rush. From its rush-like leaves.

**jordan** [slang]. Chamber-pot; in ME. alchemist's vessel. Prob. an application of the baptismal name *Jordan*, very common in ME. (hence surnames *Jordan*, *Judd*, *Judkins*, etc.), and also in F. (*Jourdain*), It. (*Gior-dano*), and other langs. Cf. *jack*<sup>2</sup>, *jug*<sup>1</sup>, *jerry*, *orum*.

**Jordan almond**. Folk-etym. for ME. *jardyne almaunde* (*Prompt. Parv.*), from F. *jardin*, garden.

**orum**. Large drinking-bowl, esp. bowl of punch. From name *orum* (2 Sam. viii. 10). *Jeroboam* (q.v.) is used in similar sense. Both prob. suggested by *jack*<sup>2</sup>, *Jordan*, *jug*<sup>1</sup>, etc.

**joseph** [archaic]. Ladies' 18 cent.

riding-cloak. From name *Joseph*, perh. with obscure allusion to *Gen.* xxxix. 12. Cf. *benjamin*.

**joskin** [*dial*]. Bumpkin, yokel. ? Dim. of *Joseph* (cf. *Hodge*), ? or playful variation on *bumpkin* suggested by dial. *joss*, to "bump." Hence perh. slang *josser*, fellow.

**joss**. Chinese god, etc. Javanese *jos*, Port. *deos*, god, taken to East by sailors.

**josser**. See *joskin*.

**jostle, jostle**. Frequent of *joust* (q.v.).

**jot**. L. *iota* (read as *jota*), G. *iōta*, name of smallest letter (i). Hence verb to *jot down*, with small abbrevs. See *iota*.

**jounce** [*archaic*]. To bump, jolt, etc. Var. of obs *jaunce*, app. from *jaunt*.

**journal**. F. *journal* (sc. *livre, registre*, etc.), L. *diurnalis*, from *diurnus*, from *diēs*, day.

**journey**. F. *journée*, day, esp. day's happenings (work, march, etc.), VL. \**diurnata* (v.s.). Etym. sense survives in *journeyman*.

**joust**. OF. *jouster* (Mod. *jouter*), VL. \**juxtiare*, from *juxta*, against, close to.

**jovial**. L. *jovialis*, born under the planet Jove, from OL. *Jovis*, *Diovīs*, Jupiter.

**jowl**. Jaw. Of obscure origin. In gen. sense equivalent to ME. *chawel*, AS. *ceaft*, jaw, cogn. with Ger. *kiefer*. In sense of fat pendulous throat it appears to be ME. *cheole*, *chel*, throat, cogn. with Ger. *kehle* (cf. *jollop*, dewlap, in her).

**joy**. F. *joie*, L. *gaudīa*, neut. pl. taken as fem. sing., from *gaudēre*, to rejoice.

**jubbah**. See *jubbah*.

**jubilation**. L. *jubilatio-n-*, from *jubilare*, to shout, as in *jubilare Deo*, init. words of Ps. c.

**jubilee**. F. *jubilé*, Late L. *jubilaeus* (sc. *annus*), G. *ἑβδομηκονταίος*, from *ἑβδομήκοντος*, jubilee, Heb. *jōbēl*, orig. ram, hence, ram's horn used as trumpet. The form, *ju-* for *jo-*, is due to early association with L. *jubilare* (v.s.).

**Judaism**. L. *Judaismus*, G. *ioudaismós*. See *Jew*.

**Judas**. L. *Judas*, G. *Ἰούδας*, Heb. *y'hūdāh*, Judah, a common name among the Jews. Now usu. reserved for the traitor. Hence *Judas*, small grating through which one can watch without being seen.

**judge**. F. *juge*, L. *iudex*, *iudic-*, from *jus*, law, *dicare*, to proclaim.

**judicature**. F. *judicature*, MedL. *iudi-*

*catura*, from *iudicare*, to judge (v.s.). Cf. *iudicial*, *iudicary*, *iudicious*.

**Judy**. Pet-form of *Judith*.

**jug<sup>1</sup>**. Vessel. Pet-form of *Joan*, also of *Judith*. Cf. *jack<sup>2</sup>*, *goblet*, etc. So also ME *jobbe*, *jubbe*, used by Chauc. for a drinking vessel, is prob. from *Job*, often *Jubbe*, *Juppe* in ME.

**jug<sup>2</sup>** [*slang*]. Prison. From *jug<sup>1</sup>*, perh. orig. owing to shape of turret cell.

**jug<sup>3</sup>**. Note of nightingale. Imit.; cf. *bulbul*. It was also used for the bird, perh. by association with female name (see *jug<sup>1</sup>*).

**jugate**. L. *jugatus*, from *jugare*, to yoke, link.

**juggernaut**. Hind. *Jagganāth*, Sanskrit *jagan-nātha*, from *jagat*, world, *nātha*, lord, title of Krishna, eighth avatar of Vishnu, and esp. his idol at Puri (Orissa), annually dragged in procession in enormous car.

**juggins** [*slang*]. Either surname *Juggins*, from *jug*, *Joan* (see *jug<sup>1</sup>*), felt as suitable for a simpleton (cf. *Lushington*), or a playful variation on *muggins* (q.v.).

**juggler**. OF. *jogleere* (nom.), *jogleor* (acc.). See *jongleur*.

**Jugo-Slav**. Also *Yugo-* (q.v.).

**jugular** [*anat.*]. MedL. *jugularis*, from *jugulum*, collar-bone, dim. of *jugum*, yoke.

**juice**. F. *jus*, L. *jus*, broth, etc.

**ju-ju**. WAfr. magic, fetish. Perh. F. *joujou*, toy, infantile redupl. on *jouet*, from *jouer*, to play, L. *jocare*. Cf. hist. of *fetish*, *joss*.

**jubube**. Fruit. F. *jubube*, MedL. *jububa*, neut. pl., from *zizyphum*, G. *ζίζυφον*, of Pers. origin.

**ju-jutsu**. Jap. compd. from Chin. *jou-shu*, lit. "soft craft" or "gentle art."

**julep**. F. *julep*, MedL. *julaprum*, Arab. *julāb*, Pers. *gul-āb*, rose-water (see *attar*).

**Julian**. Of *Julius Caesar*, esp. in ref. to his reformed calendar (B.C. 46).

**Julienne**. Soup. Invented by the cook of M. de *Julienne*, Watteau's patron.

**July**. AF. *Julie*, L. *Julius*, from *Julius Caesar*, whose birth-month it was.

**jumble<sup>1</sup>**. To confuse. Orig. intrans., to move confusedly. Prob. imit. (cf. *fumble*, *stumble*, etc.) with reminiscence of *jump<sup>1</sup>*. There is a ME. *jompren*, of somewhat similar meaning.



**jumble**<sup>2</sup>. Cake, formerly made in rings. Prob. OF. *jumel* (Mod. *jumeau*), twin. See *gumbal*.

**jumbo**. Big, clumsy person. Cf. *mumbo-jumbo*. Chiefly in allusion to famous elephant at Zoo (†1885).

**jump**<sup>1</sup>. Verb. Of It origin; cf. NIt. *tzumpa*, Neapolitan *dzumba*, Sardinian *jumpai*, all dial. words; imit. of sound of two feet coming down together. Cf. *bump*, *dump*<sup>2</sup>, *plump*<sup>2</sup>.

**jump**<sup>2</sup> [archaic]. Short coat. Prob. nasalized from earlier *jup*, F. *jupe*, skirt, of Arab. origin, whence also Ger. *juppe*, *joppe*, "a jacket or jump" (Ludw.). See *jubbah*. Hence naut. *jumper*, jacket.

**jumper**<sup>1</sup>. Garment. See *jump*<sup>2</sup>.

**junction**. L. *junctio*-n-, from *jungere*, *junct-*, to join.

**juncture**. L. *junctura* (v.s.) Current sense (at *this juncture*) is astrol (cf. *conjunction*).

**June**. L. *junius*, gens from which the month was named.

**jungle**. Hind. *jangal*, Sanskrit *jañ-gala*, dry, desert.

**junior**. L., compar. of *juvenis*, young (q.v.).

**juniper**. L. *juniperus*. See *geneva*, *gin*<sup>2</sup>.

**junk**<sup>1</sup> [naut.]. Orig. (15 cent.) old or inferior cable. Origin unknown.

**junk**<sup>2</sup>. Vessel. Port. *junco*, Javanese *djong* or Malay *adjong*. Perh. really Port. *junco*, reed, from which the sails were made. Not orig. applied to Chinese ship.

**junker**. Ger., young lord, MHG. *junc-herre* (see *Herr*).

**junket**. Orig. rush-basket, from L. *juncus*, rush. Later, preparation of cream, etc., served in rush-basket. Sense of feast, picnic party, etc., seems to be due to association with obs. *junkery*, perh. from F. *joncher*, to spread, orig. to strew rushes.

**junta**. Sp. *junta*, assembly, council, L. *juncta*, p p. fem. of *jungere*, to join.

**jupe** [Sc. & north]. See *jubbah*, *jump*<sup>2</sup>.

**Jupiter**. L., orig. voc., Father Jove; cf. G. *Zeū páter*.

**jurassic** [geol.]. Of oolitic limestone as *Jura* mountains.

**jurat**. Official in Cinque Ports and Channel Islands OF *jurat*, MedL. *juratus* (see *jury*).

**juridical**. From L. *juridicus*. Cf. *judge*, *jurisdiction*.

**jurisdiction**. L. *jurisdictio*-n-, lit. de-

claration of law, *jus*, *jur-*. See *judge*. Cf. *jurisprudence*, science of law; *jurisconsult*, learned in law; *jurist*, law practitioner.

**jury**. OF. *jurée*, p p. fem. of *jurere*, to swear, L. *jurare*, from *jus*, *jur-*, right, law.

**jury-mast**. An obscure naut. witticism (16 cent.). Cf. synonym. F. *mât de fortune*.

**jusquauboutiste**. F., die-hard, neol. coined from *jusqu'au bout*, up to the end.

**jussive** [gram.]. From L. *jubere*, *juss-*, to order.

**just**. F. *juste*, L. *justus*, from *jus*, right, law. Adv. sense, precisely, exactly, springs from adj.

**justice**. F. *justice*, L. *justitia*, from *justus* (v s).

**justify**. F. *justifier*, Church L. *justificare*, to make just.

**juttle**. See *jostle*.

**jut**. Corrupt of archaic *jet*, to project (see *jetty*). Cf. vulg. *yus* for *yes*.

**Jute** [hist.]. Late L. *Juti*, *Jutae* (Bede), inhabitants of *Jutland*.

**jute**. Bengali *jhōto*, *jhuto*.

**juvenile**. L. *juvenilis*, from *juvenis*, young (q.v.).

**juxtaposition**. From L. *juxta*, beside, and *positio*n.

**k-**. Many words, esp. of foreign origin, are spelt both with *k-* and *c-*, and some not included here may be found under the latter initial.

**kaama**. Hottentot name for *harte-beest*.

**Kabyle**. F. *Kabyle*, Arab. *qabāil*, pl. of *qabīlah*, tribe.

**Kafir**. Arab. *kāfir*, infidel.

**kail**. See *kale*.

**kaimakam**. Turk. official. Arab. *qā'im maqām*, standing (in the) station.

**kainite** [min.]. From G. *kaivós*, new, in ref. to its recent formation.

**kaiser** [hist.]. Ger. *kaisar* (OHG. *keisar*); cf. AS. *cāsere*, ON. *keisari*, Goth. *kaisar*. L. *Caesar*, cognomen of Gaius Julius, adopted as title by Teut. langs. (see also *czar*, *tsar*), as *imperator* was by Rom. langs. It is the earliest L. loan-word in Teut. (temp. Augustus).

**kaka**. New Zeal. parrot. Maori name. Cf. *kakapo*, owl-parrot, from Maori *kaka*, parrot, *po*, night.

**kakemono**. Wall-picture. Jap. *kake-mono*, hang-thing.

**kale, kail.** Northern form of *cole* (q.v.).  
**kaleidoscope.** From G. *kalós*, beautiful, *eidós*, shape.

**kali.** See *alkali*.

**kalmia.** Amer. shrub From *Kalm*, pupil of Linnaeus.

**kamerad** [*hist.*]. Ger. *kamerad*, comrade (q.v.).

**kampong.** See *compound*<sup>2</sup>.

**kamptulicon.** Obs. name for floor-cloth. Trade-name coined from G. *καμπτός*, flexible, *ὄλος*, thick.

**kamsin.** See *kamsin*.

**Kanaka.** South Sea islander hired as plantation hand. Hawaiian, for Samoan (also Tongan, Maori) *tangata*, man.

**kangaroo.** Ascribed by Capt. Cook (1770) to natives of Queensland, but not known now in any Austral. lang. (cf. *boomerang*).

**kanoon.** Kind of harp. Pers. or Arab. *qānūn*, G. *κανών* (see *canon*<sup>1</sup>).

**kaolin.** China clay. F. *kaolin*, Chin. *kao-ling*, high hill, name of mountain whence orig. obtained.

**kapok.** Cotton-wool for stuffing cushions. Malay *kāpog*.

**kaput.** Ger. *kaput*, done for, F. *capot* (q.v.).

**karait.** See *krat*.

**Karaite.** Jewish sect (8 cent.) which rejects Rabbinical tradition. From Heb. *qārā*, to read (cf. *Koran*).

**karma.** Fate (theosophy). Sanskrit *karma*, action, fate.

**kaross.** SAfr. skin mantle. Perh. corrupt. of Du. *kuras* or Port. *couraça*, cuirass (q.v.). It is described as a corrupt Du. word in 1673.

**karri.** Tree and timber. WAustral. native name.

**karroo.** Barren plateau of SAfr. Hot-tentot.

**kartel, cartle** [SAfr.]. Bed in ox-wagon. SAfrDu. *kartel*, Port. *catel*, "a sort of bed in Malabar" (Vieyra), Tamil *kattal*, bedstead.

**katydid** [ŪS]. Insect. From sound suggesting *Katy did*. Cf. *bobolink*, *whippoorwill*.

**kauri.** New Zeal. tree. Maori name.

**kava.** Intoxicating drink (Polynesia). From native name of plant from root of which it is made.

**kavass.** Armed servant, etc. Arab. *qawwās*, bowmaker, from *qaus*, bow.

**kayak.** Eskimo, man's boat; cf. *oomak*.

**kea.** New Zeal. parrot. Maori, from cry.

**keckle.** Imit. cf. *cackle*.

**kecksy.** See *hex*.

**kedje** [*naut*]. Earlier *cadging-cable*, *cagger* (15 cent.), point to ME. *caggen*, to fasten, secure, app. var. of *catch*.

**kedgerree.** Orig. vegetable curry. Hind. *khichri*, Sanskrit *kṛisara*, dish of rice and sesamum.

**keel**<sup>1</sup>. Of ship. ON. *kjöl* (whence Norw. Dan. *kjøl*, Sw. *köl*) Du. & Ger. *kiel* are prob. from E. Hence *keelson*, *kelson*, inside timber bolted to keel; cf. Du. *kolsem* (for *holzwinj*), Ger. *kielschwern*, Sw. *kölsom*, in which second element is *swine*, the use of animal names being common in naut. lang.

**keel**<sup>2</sup>. Flat-bottomed lighter, esp. on Tyne and Wear. Archaic Du. *kiel*, cogn. with AS. *cēol*, OHG. *kiol*, ON. *kjöll*, all meaning ship. Authorities are agreed that the resemblance to *heel*<sup>1</sup> is accidental, and that, in spite of the parallel double meaning of L. *carina*, there can be no connection between ON *kjöl* and *kjöll*.

**keelson** [*naut.*]. See *heel*<sup>1</sup>.

**keen**<sup>1</sup>. Adj. AS. *cēne*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *koen*, Ger. *kühn*, ON. *kœnn*, prob. cogn. with *can*<sup>1</sup>, *ken*<sup>1</sup>.

**keen**<sup>2</sup>. Irish lament. Ir. *caoine*, from *caonim*, I cry.

**keep.** Late AS. *cēpan*; cogn. with *gecōp*, fit, suitable. With *keep* of a castle cf. It. *tenazza*, "a little hold or keepe" (Flor.), from *tenere*, to hold, keep.

**kef, kief.** Somnolence induced by bhang; also, hemp for smoking. Arab. *kaif*, well-being, enjoyment.

**keg.** ME. *cagge*, ON. *kagga*, cask.

**kelp.** Seaweed. ME. *culp*, *culp*, later *kulp*. Origin unknown.

**kelpie** [Sc.]. Fabulous water-horse. ? Gael. *colpach*, heifer, steer, colt, prob. from ON. *kālf*, calf.

**kelson.** See *heel*<sup>1</sup>.

**ken**<sup>1</sup>. Verb. AS. *cennan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *kennen*, Ger. *kennen*, *können*, ON. *kenna*, Goth. *kannjan*. Orig. causal of *can*. Noun *ken*, view, is a naut. abbrev. of earlier *kenning*.

**ken**<sup>2</sup> [*thieves' slang*]. ? Short for *ken-nel*<sup>1</sup>.

**kennedya.** Austral. plant. From *Kennedy*, Hammersmith gardener (c. 1800).

**kennel**<sup>1</sup>. For dogs. Northern form of F. *chenil*, Late L. *canile*, from *canis*, dog.

**kenneled**<sup>2</sup> [*archaic*]. Gutter. Earlier *can-nel*, AF. *canel*, ONF. form of *channel*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.).

**kenosis** [*theol.*]. Renunciation by Christ of Divine character. G., emptying, from *kenós*, empty.

**kenspeck-le** [*dial.*]. Recognizable. From ON. *kennspeki*, power of recognizing, from *kenni*, mark (cf. *ken*<sup>1</sup>), *speki*, wisdom.

**kentledge** [*naut.*]. Pig-iron ballast. Earlier (17 cent.) *kniledge*. ? From *quintal*, with -age as in *dunnage*.

**kepi**. F. *képi*, Ger.-Swiss *käppi*, dim. of *kappe*, cap.

**ker-**. In US. slang words such as *kerchunk*, *kerflop*, *kerwhallop*, etc. ? Influence of Ger. or Du. *ge-* of p.p.

**keratitis** [*med.*]. Form of ophthalmia. From G. *képas*, *kepar-*, horn.

**kerb**. Mod. spelling of *curb* (q.v.) in spec. sense.

**kerchief**. F. *couvre-chef*, cover head ; cf. *curfew*. See *chief*.

**kermes**. Cochineal insect. Arab. & Pers. *qirmiz*, Sanskrit *krimis*, worm, whence also *carmine*, *crimson*.

**kermis**. Fair<sup>2</sup>. Du., earlier *kerc-misse*, kirk mass.

**kern** [*hist.*]. Orig. (14 cent.) light-armed Irish soldier. Ir. *ceithearn*, orig. band of soldiers. Cf. *cateran*.

**kernel**. AS. *cyrnel*, dim. of *corn*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.).

**kerosene**. From G. *κηρός*, wax.

**kersey**. Fabric. Earlier also *carsey*, etc. ? From *Kersey* (Suffolk) ; cf. *worsted*. But OF *cresee* suggests *croisé*, and the E. word may be a corrupt., like *kerseymere*.

**kerseymere**. Corrupt. of *cassimere*, *cashmere* (q.v.), due to association with *kersey* (v.s.).

**kestrel**. Corrupt. of F. *crécerelle*, dim. of *crécelle*, both used for kestrel. Orig. a noisy bell or leper's clicket, VL. \**crepcella*, from *crepare*, to resound, from the old belief (Columella) that the kestrel's voice frightened away other hawks. Cf. L. *innunculus*, kestrel, from *innire*, to jingle, re-echo.

**ketch**. Earlier also *catch* (15 cent.), which may be from verb to *catch*, ONF. *cachier*, to hunt (cf. *yacht*). But the oldest form is *hegge*.

**Ketch, Jack**. Executioner (†1686).

**ketchup**. Malay *kěchap*, ? Chin. *ketsiap*, brine of pickled fish. Incorr. *catsup*.

**kettle**. ON. *ketill*. Com. Teut. ; cf. AS. *cetel*, Du. *ketel*, Ger. *Kessel*, Goth. *hatis* ; all from L. *catinus*, vessel for food (for form cf. *easel*).

**keuper** [*geol.*]. Ger. miners' name for kind of sandstone ; cf. Bavarian *kiefer*, sand, gravel.

**kevel** [*naut.*]. Peg, cleat. ONF. *keville* (F. *cheville*, peg, ankle), L. *clavícula*, dim. of *clavis*, key, with first -l- lost by dissim.

**kex** [*dial.*]. Hollow dry stem, hemlock. Cf. *hecksy* (*Hen. V.*, v. 2), back-formation from pl. *hexes* ? Cogn. with L. *cicuta*, hemlock, whence F. *cigue*. Welsh *cecsy* is from E.

**key**<sup>1</sup>. For lock. AS. *cæg*, with no cognate exc in OFris. In mus. sense translates L. *clavis*, so used in MedL.

**key**<sup>2</sup>. Wind islet. Earlier *cay*, Sp. *caio*, barrier reef, etc., OF. *cai*, sand-bank, ident. with *quay* (q.v.).

**khaki**. Urdu, Pers. *khākī*, dusty, from *khāk*, dust.

**khalfā**. See *caliph*.

**kham-sin**, **kamsin**. Hot wind from desert in Egypt. Colloq. Arab. *kham-sin*, orig. oblique case of *kham-sūn*, fifty, because blowing for about fifty days.

**khan**<sup>1</sup>. Potentate. Earlier also *cham*. Turki *khān*, lord, prince, from Tatar.

**khan**<sup>2</sup>. Caravanserai. Arab. *khān*, inn.

**khanjar**. Also *handjar*, *cangiar*. Eastern dagger. Pers. *khānjar*, also in Urdu, Turk., Arab.

**kheda**, **keddah**. Corral for wild elephants. Hind. *khēdā*.

**khedive**. F. *khédive*, Turk., Pers. *khāiv*, prince.

**khidmutgar**, **kitmudhgar** [*Anglo-Ind.*]. Attendant at table. Urdu, Pers. *khidmatgār*, from *khidmat*, service, and agent. suffix -gār.

**khorr**. Watercourse, nullah. Arab. *khurr*, *khorr*.

**khud**. Chasm, ravine. Hind. *khud*.

**khus-khus**. See *cus-cus*.

**kibble**. Small coal. ? Thinned form of *cobble*, ? or from *kibble*, bucket (mining), Ger. *kübel*, tub.

**kibe** [*archaic*]. Welsh *cibwst*, chilblains, esp. on heel, from *gwst*, pain.

**kibitka**. Tartar tent, Russ. tilt-cart. Russ, from Tatar *kibits* ; cf. Arab. *qubbat*, tent of skins.

**kiblah**. Also *kebla*. Point to which Moslems turn to pray ; hence, temple at Mecca. Arab. *qiblah*, from *qabala*, to be opposite.

**kibob**. Incorr. for *cabob* (q.v.).

**kibosh**. Orig. in to *put the kibosh on*, dispose of, settle. Perh. Yiddish. Later meaning nonsense, by association with *bosh*.

**kick<sup>1</sup>.** Of foot. ME. *kiken*, *kyken*. Origin unknown. It occurs first in *kicking against (the spur, etc.)*, and, if orig. used of a convulsive movement (cf. *alive and kicking*), may be connected with *kink* (q.v.).

**kick<sup>2</sup>.** Indentation in bottom of bottle. ? Cf. *kink*.

**kickshaw.** False sing. from *kickshaws*, *quelkchose*, etc., F. *quelque chose*, something.

**kid<sup>1</sup>.** Young of goat. ON. *kith*, whence Norw. Dan. *kid*, cogn. with Ger. *hitze*. Tirolese *hittelle* points to an unrecorded Goth. cognate. Slang sense of child, whence verb to *kid* (cf. to *coax*, *fool*, *gull*), and *kidnap* (q.v.), is partly due to Ger. Du. *kind*, child (see *kin*).

**kid<sup>2</sup>** [*naut.*]. Tub. ? Var. of *kit<sup>1</sup>*.

**kidnap.** From *kid<sup>1</sup>*, child, and obs. *naf*, to nab.

**kidney.** Earliest (c. 1325) *kidenei*, perh. a compd. of ME. *ei*, egg, AS. *æg*. Later ME. *kidnere* shows assimilation to ME. *nere*, kidney, ON. *nýra*, cogn. with Ger. *mere*, but is prob. back-formation from pl *kidneiren*, *even* being ME. pl. of *ei*. First element is of unknown origin.

**kief.** See *kief*.

**kie-kie.** New Zeal. climbing plant. Maori name.

**kilderkin.** Obs. Du. *kindeken*, *kinneken*, fourth part of tun (now *kinnetje*, firkin), dim. from Ger. dial. *kindel*, quintal (q.v.). The early Du. & Ger. forms are associated by folk-etym. with *kind*, child.

**Kilkenny cats.** Reported to have fought till only their tails were left. App. originated in a Munchausen story of Curran's.

**kill.** ME. usu. *cullen*, *cuillen*, also *kellen*. Earliest sense app. to strike. Of obscure origin, but prob. cogn. with *quell*.

**killick** [*naut.*]. Stone used as anchor. I conjecture an orig.\* *keel-lock*. Spelling is assimilated to Sussex name *Killick*.

**kiln.** AS. *cylen*, L. *culina*, kitchen.

**kilo-.** From G. *χίλοι*, thousand.

**kilt.** Orig. verb, to tuck up. Dan. *kilte*, also *kilte op*, perh. cogn. with ON. *kilting*, skirt.

**kimono.** Jap. Peter Mundy (1637) speaks of "*kimaones*, or Japan coats."

**kin.** AS. *cynn*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *kinne*, OHG. *chunni*, ON. *kyn*, Goth.

*kuni*, cogn. with Ger. *kind*, child, L. *genus*, G. *gévos*. Cf. *kind<sup>1</sup>*, *kindred*.

**-kin.** Obs. Du. dim. suffix, cogn. with Ger. *-chen*, and now replaced in Du. by *-je*, *-ke*, (see *kilderken*, *schipperke*).

**kinchin** [*slang*]. Small child. Ger. *kindchen* or obs. Du. *kindeken*. See *kin*, *kid<sup>1</sup>*.

**kincob.** Fabric. Urdu, Pers. *kimkhāb*. **kind<sup>1</sup>.** Noun. AS. *gecynd*, birth, origin, nature, cogn. with *kin*.

**kind<sup>2</sup>.** Adj. AS. *gecynde*, from *kind<sup>1</sup>*. Orig. native, natural, etc., as still in *kindly fruits of the earth* (*Litany*).

**kindergarten.** Ger., children's garden. Coined (1840) by Friedrich Froebel.

**kindle.** Frequent. from ON. *kynda*, to set on fire.

**kindred.** With intrusive *-d-* for *kinred*; second element as in *hatred* (q.v.).

**kine.** Double pl., from *kye*, AS. *cý*, pl. of *cū*, cow.

**kinematic, kinetic.** From G. *κινῆν*, to move.

**king.** AS. *cýning*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *koning*, Ger. *könig*, ON. *konungr*. Orig. the head of a "*kin*," or tribe; cf. AS. *dryhten*, lord, from *dryht*, army, people, ON. *fylk*, king, from *folk*, Goth. *thrudans*, king, from *thruða*, nation.

**kink.** Orig. naut. From Du. or Fris., but prob. of Scand origin, cf. ON. *kika*, to bend at the knee; also Norw. dial. *kank*, kink in string.

**kinkajou.** Raccoon-like animal. F. *quincajou*, from NAm. Ind. name for carcajou (q.v.), wrongly applied.

**kin.** Medicinal gum WAfr name.

**kiosk.** F. *kiosque*, Turk. *kióshk*, pavilion, Pers. *kúshk*, palace, portico.

**kip<sup>1</sup>.** Hide of small animal; also (earlier) bundle of hides. Obs. Du. *kip*, *kyp*, bundle, esp. of hides.

**kip<sup>2</sup>** [*slang*]. Common lodging-house. Dan. *kippe*, mean hut, alehouse.

**kipper.** For *kippered herring*, cured in special way, from verb to *kipper*, earlier used of curing salmon, app. from *kipper*, male salmon during spawning season, AS. *cypera*, exact meaning and origin being doubtful.

**kirk.** Northern form of *church* (q.v.). Cf. ON. *kirkja*.

**kirschwasser.** Ger., cherry water.

**kirtle** [*archaic*]. AS *cyrtel*; cf. ON. *kyrtill*, tunic. An early loan from L. *curtus*, short.

**kismet.** Arab. *qismet*, portion, destiny, from *qasama*, to divide.

**kiss.** Verb. AS. *cyssan*. Com. Teut.

exc. Goth. (*krukjan*); cf. Du. *kussen*, Ger. *kussen*, ON. *kyssa*. The noun, AS. *cooss*, has been assimilated to the verb.

**kistvaen** [*antiq.*]. Welsh *cist*, chest, *faen*, mutated form of *maen*, stone.

**kit**<sup>1</sup>. Orig. tub. Cf. obs. Du. *kitte*, *keet*, Du. *kit*, tankard, perh. cogn. with *kettle*. In sense of outfit from 18 cent.

**kit**<sup>2</sup>. Small fiddle (*Bleak House*, ch. xiv). Short for obs. *gittern* (see *guitar*), of which Norm. dial. form is *quiterne*.

**kit-cat**. Portrait less than half-length. From portraits of *Kit Cat Club*, said to have been painted this size to fit dining-room of club at Barn Elms. *Christopher Cat* kept a pie-house near Temple Bar where club orig. met temp. James II.

**kitchen**. AS. *cycene*, VL. *coquina*, from *coquere*, to cook.

**kite**. AS. *cȳta*, with no known cognates. The toy is named from the bird.

**kith**. AS. *cȳthihu*, cogn. with *cūth*, known, p.p. of *cunnan*, to know (see *uncouth*), cf. OHG. *chundida*, acquaintance.

**kitmudhgar**. See *khidmutgar*.

**kitten**. AF. var. of F. *chaton*, dim. of *chat*, cat (q.v.), with vowel app. affected by synon. and cogn. *killing*, ON. *keitingr*, dim. of *kottir*, cat.

**kittiwake**. Gull. From cry. Cf. *bobo-link*, *katydid*, etc.

**kittle**. Chiefly in *kittle cattle*. Orig. Sc., from obs. *kitile*, to tickle, AS. *citelian*, cogn. with Du. *kittelen*, Ger. *kitzeln*, and ult. ident. with *tickle*.

**kiwi**. Apteryx. Maori name, from cry.

**klepht** [*hist*]. Greek partisan fighter, brigand. ModG. *κλέφτης*, thief (v.i.).

**kleptomania**. From G. *κλέπτης*, thief (v.s.).

**klipspringer**. SAfr. antelope. Du., cliff springer.

**kloof** [*geog.*]. Ravine. Du. *kloof*, cleft, cogn. with *cleave*, *clove*<sup>1</sup>.

**knack**. Trick. Perh. ident. with imit. *knack*, a short sharp blow, less than a *knock*. Later sense of gawgaw, trifle (*Shrew*, iv. 3), now usu. in redupl. *knick-knack*.

**knacker**. App. ident. with 16 cent. *knacker*, harness-maker, who may have been named from *knack* in the sense of contrivance.

**knag**. Peg, knot in wood. Cf. Norw. *knag*, Sw. *knagg*, LG. *knagge*.

**knap**<sup>1</sup> [*drat.*]. Hill. AS. *cnæpp*, mountain-top; cogn. with *knob*.

**knap**<sup>2</sup>. To break (*Ps.* xli. 9, *PB.*). Imit.; cf. Du. Ger. *knappen*.

**knapsack**. Du. *knapszak*, from *knappen* (v.s.) in sense of crunch, eat.

**knapweed**. Earlier *knopweed*, from knob-like head.

**knar**. Knot in wood. Also *gnar* (cf. *gnarled*); cogn. with Ger. *knorren*, MHG. also *knure*. See *knur*.

**knave**. Orig. male-child, boy. AS. *cnafa*; cf. Ger. *knabe*, boy, *knappe*, youth, squire; with latter cf. AS. *cnapa*, ON. *knapi*.

**knead**. AS. *cnedan*; cf. Du. *knedden*, Ger. *kneten*; cogn. with ON. *knótha*.

**knee**. AS. *cnēow*. Com. Teut., cf. Du. Ger. *knie*, ON. *knē*, Goth. *knīu*, cogn. with L. *genu*, G. *γόνυ*, Sanskrit *jānu*. With *kneel*, AS. *cnēowlian*, cf. Du. *knien*.

**knell**. AS. *cnyll*, also verb *cnyllan*, to ring, orig. to strike; cf. archaic to *knoll*. Prob. imit.; cf. MHG. *erknellen*, to resound, Ger. *knall*, report of gun, crack of whip.

**knickerbocker**. From Cruikshank's illustrations to *Diedrich Knickerbocker's* (i.e. Washington Irving's) *History of New York*. The Du. surname *Knickerbocker* is found in New York State c. 1700 and app. means a baker of "knickers," clay marbles.

**knick-knack**. See *knack*.

**knife**. Late AS. *cnīf*, perh. from ON. *knīfr*; cf. Du. *knijf*, cogn. with Ger. *knēip*, shoemaker's knife. F. *canif* is from Teut.

**knight**. AS. *cnicht*, youth, servant. WGer.; cf. Du. Ger. *knecht*.

**knit**. AS. *cnyttan*, cogn. with *knot*<sup>1</sup>.

**knob**. Cf. Ger. *knobbe*, *knubbe*, and see *knop*. In SAfr. *knobkerie*, bludgeon, first element is Du. and second is from Hottentot or Bushman lang.

**knock**. AS. *cnucian*, *cnocian*; cf. ON. *knoka*. Prob. imit.

**knoll**<sup>1</sup>. Hill. AS. *cnoll*, hill-top, etc.; cf. Du. *knol*, clod, ball, Ger. *knollen*, lump, etc.

**knoll**<sup>2</sup>. See *knell*.

**knop**. Cogn. with *knap*, *knob*; cf. Ger. *knopf*, button, ON. *knappir*, knob, button.

**knot**<sup>1</sup>. In string. AS. *cnotta*, cogn. with Du. *knot*, Ger. *knöten*, ON. *knútr*, knot, *knótr*, ball. Naut. *knot* is from practice of attaching knotted string to log-line to indicate naut. mile. A *porter's knot* was a double shoulder-pad.

**knot**<sup>2</sup>. Bird. Trad. from *Cnut* or *Canute*, king of Denmark, but this is a myth.

**knout.** Russ. *knut*, perh. from Sw. *knut*, knot (q.v.).

**know.** AS. *cñāwan*, chiefly in compds. Aryan, though lost in other Teut. langs.; cf. OHG. *-chnāan*, ON *knā* (pres. tense), L. *gno-scere*, G. *γν-γνώσκειν*, Sanskrit *ñā*, OIr *gnāth*, known, Russ. *znať* to know, etc.

**knowledge.** Orig. acknowledgement, confession, from ME. *cnaulechen* (c. 1220), to acknowledge. The second element is unexplained.

**knub, knubble.** Cf. *nub*, *nubble*; cogn. with *knob*.

**knuckle.** ME. *knokel*, not recorded in AS.; cogn. with Du. *kneukel*, knuckle, Ger. *knöchel*, ankle, lit. little bone (Ger. *knochen*, bone).

**knur.** Knot. ME. *knorre*, *knurre*; cf. *knar*, *gnari*. Hence wooden ball used in game of *knur* and *spell*.

**knurl.** Projection, ridge. Dim. of *knur*. **knut** [slang]. See *nut*.

**kobold.** Ger., "a familiar spirit in mines and houses" (Ludw.). Spec. application of the personal name *Kobold*. See *cobalt*, *goblin*.

**kodak.** Trade-name coined arbitrarily (c. 1890).

**koel.** Indian cuckoo. Hind *koīl*, Sanskrit *kokila*, cogn. with *cuckoo* (q.v.).

**koepenick** [neol.]. Military impostor. The "Captain of Koepenick," a Berlin cobbler named Voight, succeeded (1906), with the help of a second-hand uniform, in persuading the local military to help him raid the bank.

**koh-i-noor.** Pers. *kuh-i-nūr*, mountain of light.

**kohl.** Powdered antimony for darkening eyelids. Arab. *kuhl*. See *alcohol*.

**kohl-rabi.** Turnip-cabbage. Ger. *kohl-rabi*, It. *cauoli rape*, pl. of *cauolo rapa*, cole rape. Cf. F. *chou-rave* and see *cole*, *rape*<sup>1</sup>.

**kola.** See *cola*.

**koodoo, kudu.** S Afr. antelope. Native (Kaffir) name.

**kookri.** See *kukri*.

**kopje** [geog.]. Du. *kopje*, dim. of *kop*, head. Du. *kop*, Ger. *kopf* represent L. *cupa*, *cuppa*, bowl, "cup."

**koran.** Arab. *qur'an*, reading.

**kosher.** Food prepared according to Jewish law. Heb. *kāshēr*, right.

**kotow, kow-tow.** Chin. *ko'-t'ou*, knock head (as sign of submission).

**koumiss.** Fermented liquor from mares' milk. Tatar *kumiz*.

**kourbash, courbash.** Arab. *qurbāsh*,

Turk. *qurbāsh*, whip. Hence ult F. *cravache*, riding-whip.

**kow-tow.** See *kotow*.

**kraal.** S Afr Du. *kraal*, Port. *curral*, cf. Sp. *corral* (q.v.).

**krait, karait.** Snake. Hind. *karait*.

**kraken.** Myth. sea-monster. Norw., first in Pontoppidan's *Naturlige Historie* (1752).

**krantz** [S Afr.]. Over-hanging rock-wall, etc. Du. *krans*, garland, coronet.

**Kremlin.** At Moscow Spec. application of Russ *kreml'*, citadel, of Tatar origin.

**kreutzer.** Ger. *kreuzer*, from *kreuz*, cross.

**kriegspiel.** Ger., war game, second element cogn. with AS. *spilian*, to play.

**kris.** See *crease*<sup>2</sup>.

**krona.** Coin. Scand and Ger., crown.

**Kroo, Kru.** W Afr. name for negro race skilled as sailors.

**krypton** [chem.]. G *κρυπτόν*, hidden.

**kudos.** G. *κῶδος*, praise, renown.

**Ku-klux-klan** [U.S.]. Secret society. ? From G. *kύκλος*, circle, and *clan*.

**kukri, kookri.** Goorkha knife. Hind. *kukri*.

**kultur.** Ger., see *culture*. The *Kultur-kampf* was the struggle of Bismarck against the Papacy.

**kumiss.** See *koumiss*.

**kümmel.** Ger., from L., as *cumin* (q.v.).

**kunkur.** Also *conk*-. Indian limestone. Hind. *kanhar*, Prakrit *kakkaram*, Sanskrit *karkaram*.

**kuphar.** Coracle on Euphrates. Arab. *quffah*, circular basket. Cf. *goufa*.

**kursaal.** Ger., cure hall. See *cure*<sup>1</sup>, *saloon*.

**kvass.** Fermented drink. Russ. *kvasha*, leaven.

**kyanize.** To impregnate timber with preservative. Process patented by J. H. Kyan (19 cent.).

**kyle** [geog.]. Narrow strait in W. of Scotland. Gael. *caoile*, from *caol*, narrow.

**kylin.** Porcelain monster. Chin. *ch'v-ün*, male-female.

**kyloe.** Small cattle. ? From Sc. *kyle*.

**kym**-. From G. *κύμα*, wave.

**kyrie eleison.** G. *Κύριε ἐλέησον*, Lord, have mercy. See *alms*, *church*.

**L.** Fifty. From Roman symbol resembling, but not ident. with, letter L.

**la**<sup>1</sup>. Interj. See *law*<sup>2</sup>.

**la<sup>2</sup>** [*mus.*]. See *gamut*.

**laager**. SAfrDu. *lager*, camp, Du. *leger*; cf. *leaguer*.

**lab**. For *laboratory*.

**labarum** [*hist.*]. Imperial standard of Constantine the Great (†337 A.D.). L. *labarum*, G. *λάβραρον*, of unknown origin.

**labdanum**. MedL. form of L. *ladanum*, resinous gum, G. *λάδανον*, from *λῆδον*, mastic, Pers. *lādan*.

**labefaction**. From L. *labefacere*, to cause to totter, *labare*.

**label**. OF. *label* (cf. F. *lambeau*, shred), narrow strip, fillet (her), ? dim. from OHG. *lappa*, shred, rag; cf. *lappet*.

**labial**. MedL. *labialis*, from *labium*, lip.

**labile**. Easily displaced. L. *labilis*, from *labi*, to slip. Cf. *lapse*.

**laboratory**. MedL. *laboratorium*, from *laborare*, to work.

**labour**. F. *labeur*, L. *labor-em*, toil, distress, ? cogn. with *labare*, to sink, totter. To *labour* a point, *laboured* style, are aphet. for obs. *elabour*, F. *élaborer*.

**labret**. Savage ornament for lip. Dim. from L. *labrum*.

**laburnum**. L., cogn. with *labrusca*, wild vine.

**labyrinth**. G. *λαβύρινθος*, spec. the Cretan labyrinth, palace of the *λάβρυς*, double-headed axe.

**lac<sup>1</sup>**. Resin. Hind. *lākḥ*, Prakrit *lakḥḥa*, Sanskrit *lākṣhā*. Cf. *shellac*, *lake<sup>2</sup>*, *lacquer*.

**lac<sup>2</sup>, lakh** [*Anglo-Ind.*]. One hundred thousand. Hind. *lākḥ*, Sanskrit *lakṣha*.

**lace**. OF. *laz* (Mod. *lacs*), L. *laqueus*, noose. Cf. *lasso*, *latchet*, *lash<sup>1,2</sup>*.

**lacerate**. From L. *lacerare*, to tear, from *lacer*, torn, G. *λακερός*, from *λακίς*, a rent.

**lacertian, lacertine**. Of the lizard, L. *lacerta*.

**laches** [*leg.*]. Negligence. F. *lâchesse*, from *lâche*, lax, L. *laxus*. Cf. *riches*.

**lachryma Christi**. Wine. L., for It. *lacrima di Cristo*, tear of Christ. Cf. *lacrymatory* shell, causing partial blindness. L. *lacrima*, *lacruma*, is a Sabine form for OL. *dacruma*, cogn. with G. *δάκρυ* and E. *tear<sup>1</sup>*.

**laciniata** [*bot. & zool.*]. Jagged. From L. *lacinta*, lappet, etc.

**lack<sup>1</sup>**. Need. Cf. obs. Du. *laken*, to be wanting, with LG. cognates, also ON. *lakk*, inferior; ? ult. cogn. with *slack*.

**lack<sup>2</sup>**. Interj. Only in archaic *good lack!* Perh. for *alack* (q.v.); but cf. *lawks*.

**lackadaisical**. See *alack*.

**lacker**. See *lacquer*.

**lackey, lacquey**. F. *laquais*, perh. orig. adj., as in *valet laquais* (15 cent.); cf. Sp. Port. *lacayo*; also OF. *alacays* (whence obs. Sc. *allakey*), Catalonian *alacayo*. Origin unknown.

**laconic**. Of Spartan brevity. G. *Λακωνικός*, of *Laconia* or *Lacedaemonia*.

**lacquer**. Earlier *lacker*, OF. *lacre*, Port. *lacre*, sealing-wax, var. of *laca*, *lac<sup>1</sup>*.

**lacrosse**. F. *jeu de la crosse*, the crook (see *crosier*).

**lacrym-**. See *lachrym-*.

**lacteal**. From L. *lac*, *lact-*, milk.

**lacuna**. L., pit, hole, from *lacus*, lake.

**lacustrine**. Irreg. formation from L. *lacus*, lake.

**lad**. ME. *laddē*, servant, varlet. AS. *ladda* occurs, like *boy* (q.v.), as a name earlier than as a common noun. Origin unknown.

**ladanum**. See *labdanum*.

**ladder**. AS. *hlǣd(d)er*; cf. Du. *ladder*, *leer* (dial. *leder*), Ger. *leiter*, cogn. with *lean* and ult. with G. *κλίμαξ*, *ladder*.

**lade<sup>1</sup>** [*north*]. Mill-race, watercourse. AS. *lād*, way, course, cogn. with *lead<sup>2</sup>*, *leat*, *lode*.

**lade<sup>2</sup>**. To load. AS. *hladan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *laden*, ON. *hlatha*, Goth. *hlathan* (in compds.). See also *last<sup>2</sup>*.

**la-di-da, lardy-dardy**. ? Imit. of affected type of speech (c. 1870).

**Ladin** [*ling.*]. Rom. lang. of the Engadine. It. *Ladino*, L. *Latinus*. Cf. *Romansh*.

**ladle**. AS. *hlǣdel*, from *lade<sup>2</sup>*, in obs. sense of baling.

**lady**. ME. *leveȝy*, AS. *hlǣfdige*, from *hlāf*, loaf, and an obs. verb, to knead, cogn. with *dough* (q.v.). Cf. *lord*, *dairy*. Applied already in AS. to the Holy Virgin; hence *Lady Day*, *lady-bird* (cf. Ger. *Marienhäfer*, lit. Mary's chafer), and many plant-names.

**laevo-**. From L. *laevus*, left.

**lag**. Of obscure origin. It may be a childish perversion of *last<sup>3</sup>* (cf. *fog*, *seg*, . . . *lag*, first, second, . . . *last*, in game counting). In sense of convict under sentence of transportation it comes from an obs. *lag*, to carry off, steal (Tusser.).

**lagan** [*hist.*]. Goods or wreckage lying on bed of sea. OF. *lagan*, MedL. *laganum*, prob. cogn. with *lie<sup>1</sup>*. Cf. *flotsam*, *jetsam*.

**lageni-**. From *L. lagena*, flagon.  
**lager-beer**. Ger. *lager-bier*, brewed for keeping, from *lager*, store, ident. in origin with *laager*, *lavr*, *leaguer*.  
**lagoon**. *F. lagune*, *It. laguna*, *L. lacuna*, from *lacus*, lake.  
**laic**. Late *L. laicus*. See *lay*<sup>3</sup>.  
**laidly** [archaic]. Northern var. of *loathly*.  
**lair**. AS. *leger*, couch, burial-place, cogn. with *lae*<sup>1</sup>. Cf. *leaguer*.  
**laird**. Sc. form of *lord*.  
**laissez-aller, laissez-faire**. *F.*, let go, let do.  
**laity**. AF. *laité*, from *lay*<sup>3</sup> (q.v.). Cf. *duty*.  
**lake**<sup>1</sup>. Of water. *F. lac*, *L. lacus*, *G. λάκκος*, pit, pond.  
**lake**<sup>2</sup>. Pigment. Var. of *lac*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.).  
**lakh**. See *lac*<sup>2</sup>.  
**lallation** [phon]. Confusion between *l* and *r*. From *L. lallare*, to sing "lalla." Imit. (cf. *lull*).  
**am**. Cf. AS. *lemian*, to lame, beat; but, the verb not being recorded in ME., *lam* is perh. of imit. origin (cf. *bang*, *slam*).  
**lama**. Buddhist priest. Tibetan. See also *Dalar-lama*.  
**lamantin** [zool]. *F.*, manatee (q.v.).  
**Lamarckian**. Of *Lamarck*, *F.* biologist (1789).  
**lamasery**. *F. lamaserie*, Buddhist monastery, irreg. from *lama*.  
**lamb**. AS. *lamb*. Com. Teut.; cf. *Du. lam*, Ger. *lamm*, ON. *Goth. lamb*.  
**lambdoid**. Shape of *G.* letter *lambda* (*λ*). Cf. *deltoid*.  
**lambent**. From pres. part. of *L. lambere*, to lick.  
**lambrequin** [archaic]. Scarf worn over helmet; scalloped drapery. *F. lambrequin*, obs. *Du. lamperkin*, dim. of same origin as *label*.  
**lame**. AS. *lama*. Com. Teut.; cf. *Du. lam*, Ger. *lahm*, ON. *lame*.  
**lamell-** [biol.]. From *L. lamella*, dim. of *lamina*, thin plate.  
**lament**. *F. lamenter* from *L. lamentari*, from *lamentum*, cry of mourning, from imit *la*<sup>1</sup>.  
**lamia**. *L. lamia*, witch sucking children's blood, *G. Λάμια*, vampire, etc.  
**lamin-**. From *L. lamina*, plate, layer.  
**Lammas** [archaic]. AS. *hlāfmæsse*, loaf mass (Aug. 1).  
**lammergeyer**. Ger. *lammmergeier*, lamb-vulture. Second element prob. belongs to Ger. *gier*, greed (see *gier eagle*).  
**lamp**. *F. lampe*, *G. λαμπάς*, *λαμπάδ*, from *λάμπειν*, to shine.

**lampad-**. See *lamp*.  
**lampas**<sup>1</sup> [vet.]. Mouth-disease of horses. *F.* (in OF. also meaning throat, as in *humecter le lampas*, to wet one's whistle). App connected with *lamper*, to guzzle, nasalized form of *laper*, to lap (q.v.).  
**lampas**<sup>2</sup>. Chinese flowered silk. Cf. *F. lampas*, in same sense. Origin obscure. It may be from *lampas*<sup>1</sup>, the pattern being compared to the swellings of the disease (cf. *frill*, *tripe*).  
**lampion**. *F. lampion*, *It. lampione*, from *lampa*, lamp.  
**lampon**. *F. lampon*, from *lampons*, let us guzzle (see *lampas*<sup>1</sup>), used as refrain of scurrilous songs.  
**lamprey**. *F. lamproie*, cf. *MedL. lampreda*, whence AS. *lamprēde*, limpet, OHG. *lampreta* (Mod. *lamprete*), lamprey. Earlier is *MedL. lampetra*, explained as lick-rock, *L. lambere* and *petra*, from lamprey's habit of clinging to stones by a sucker.  
**lance**. *F. lance*, *L. lancea*, ? of Celt. origin; cf. *It. lancia*, *Sp. lanza*, *Du. lans*, Ger. *lanze*, etc.  
**lanceol-**. From Late *L. lanceola*, small lance.  
**lancet**. *F. lancette*, dim. of *lance*.  
**lancinating**. Acute (of pain). From *L. lancinare*, to rend, pierce.  
**land**<sup>1</sup>. AS. *land*. Com. Teut.; cf. *Du. Ger. ON. Goth. land*; cogn. with Welsh *llann*, enclosure, church, Breton *lann*, heath, whence *F. lande*, moor.  
**land**<sup>2</sup> [slang]. To give (a blow). For earlier *lend*.  
**landamman** [hist.]. Swiss magistrate. Ger. *landamtman*. See *ambassador*.  
**landau**. First built at *Landau* (Bavaria).  
**landdrost**. SAfrDu, magistrate. *Du. drost*, steward, bailiff, etc., earlier *drossate*, cogn. with Ger. *truchsess*, usu. rendered in *MedL.* by *dapsifer*. The two elements are cogn. with *dree* and *sit*.  
**landgrave**. Ger. *landgraf*, land count.  
**landloper**. *Du. landlooper*, wastrel, adventurer, lit. land-runner. Cf. *elope*, *interlope*.  
**landrail**. Bird. See *rail*<sup>3</sup>.  
**landscape**. *Du. landschap*; cf. AS. *landscipe*, land, Ger. *landschaft*, landscape. See *-ship*.  
**landsturm**. Ger., land-storm, reserve next to *landwehr*.  
**landtag**. Legislative body of Ger. state. Cf. *reichstag*, *diet*<sup>2</sup>.  
**landwehr**. Ger., land-defence (see *wehr*).



**lane.** AS. *lane*, cogn. with Du. *laan*, ON. *lon*, Norw. *laan*.

**langrage, langridge** [archaic]. Kind of case-shot. For earlier *langrel*, chain-shot. Perh. ident. with Sc. *langrel*, long, lanky. Change of ending is due to *cartridge*.

**lang syne.** Sc., long since (q.v.).

**language.** F. *langage*, from *langue*, OF. *lengue*, L. *lingua*, tongue.

**langue d'oc** [ling]. Lang. of South of France, so called from *oc*, yes, L. *hoc*, this, the North using *oui* (Mod. *oui*), L. *hoc* and *ille*.

**languish.** F. *languir*, *languisse*, VL. \**languire*, for *languère*, with incept. *languescere*; cogn. with *laxus* and ult. with E. *slack*. Cf. *languid*, *languescant*, *languor*.

**laniard.** See *lanyard*.

**laniary.** Of teeth, canine. L. *lanarius*, from *lanus*, butcher, *lanare*, to tear.

**laniferous.** From L. *lanifer*, wool-bearing, from *lana*, wool.

**lank.** AS. *hlanc*, slender, flaccid.

**lanner** [archaic]. Hawk. F. *lanier*, perh. ident. with OF. *lanier*, slothful, as this hawk is called *tardarius* in MedL. OF. *lanier* meant orig. wool-weaver and became a term of reproach in Merovingian times. But the hawk's name may be L. *lanarius*, tearing (see *laniary*), from the bird tearing its prey. The male is *lanneret*, orig. a dim.

**lanolin** [chem.]. Fatty matter from wool. From L. *lana*, wool, *oleum*, oil.

**lansquenet** [archaic]. Mercenary soldier; card-game. F. *lansquenet*, Ger. *landsknecht*, soldier of the country, "land's knight," orig. contrasted with Swiss mercenaries.

**lantern.** F. *lanterne*, L. *lanterna*, *laterna*, from G. *λαμπτήρ*, from *λάμπειν*, to shine. *Lanthorn* is folk-etym., from material formerly used as transparent casing.

**lathanum** [chem.]. From G. *λανθάνειν*, to lurk, because hidden in certain rare minerals.

**lanthorn.** See *lantern*.

**lanuginous** [biol.]. From L. *lanugo*, *lanugin-*, down, from *lana*, wool.

**lanyard, laniard** [naut.]. For *lanier*, F. *lanière*, thong, OF. *lasmère*, of uncertain origin, but perh. metath. of OF. *nashere*, of Teut. origin; cf. Ger. *nestel*, strap, OHG. *nestila*, whence Walloon *nâle*, thong.

**Laodicean** [theol.]. Lukewarm (Rev. iii. 15-16).

**lap<sup>1</sup>.** Fold, pendent part of garment, as in dims. *lappet*, *lapel*. AS. *lappa*;

cf. Du. *lap*, Ger. *lappen*, ON. *leppr*, clout, rag. ? Hence (? or from ME. *wlappen*, to wrap) verb to *lap*, envelope, whence again noun *lap*, circuit (cf. *overlap*).

**lap<sup>2</sup>.** To drink with tongue. AS. *lapan*, with cognates in obs. Du. & OHG.; cf. Ger. *loffel* (OHG. *leffel*), spoon. Cogn. with L. *lambere*, to lick, G. *λάπτειν*.

**lapel.** See *lap<sup>1</sup>*.

**lapidary.** F. *lapidaire*, L. *lapidarius*, from *lapis*, *lapid-*, stone.

**lapilli.** Fragments of stone ejected by volcano. It., pl. of *lapillo*, little stone (v.s.).

**lapis lazuli.** MedL, stone of azure (q.v.).

**lappet.** Dim. of *lap<sup>1</sup>* (q.v.).

**lapse.** L. *lapsus*, from *labi*, *laps-*, to slip, glide. Cf. *lapsus linguae* (calami). Also *-lapsarian* in several Reformation compds.

**laputan.** Chimerical. From Swift's *Isle of Laputa* (in *Gulliver's Travels*), a satire on the Royal Society.

**lapwing.** ME. *lappewinke* (Gower), AS. *hleapewince*, leaper winker, where *wink* has the sense of tottering, wavering (cf. OHG. *winkan*, in same sense). From wavering flight.

**lar.** Usu. in pl. *lares* (q.v.).

**larboard** [archaic]. Altered (on *starboard*) from ME. *ladeborde*, *laiheborde*, app. from *laden*, to load.

**larceny.** From F. *larcin*, OF. *larecin*, L. *latrocinium*, from *latro*, thief.

**larch.** Ger. *lärche*, L. *larix*, *laric-*.

**lard.** F. *lard*, bacon, L. *lardum*, cogn. with G. adj. *lapwós*, fat. *Larder* is OF. *lardier* or *lardoir*, storehouse for bacon.

**lardy-dardy.** See *la-di-da*.

**lares** [antiq.]. Pl. of L. *lar*, tutelary deity of home.

**large.** F. *large*, wide, fem. of obs. *larc*, L. *largus*, abundant, copious. Earliest E. sense is bountiful (cf. *largesse*).

**largo** [mus.]. It., broad, majestic (v.s.).

**lariat.** Tethering rope. Sp. *la reata* (q.v.), with agglutination of art.

**larix.** Larch (q.v.).

**lark<sup>1</sup>.** Bird. Earlier *laverock*, AS. *lāwerce*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *leuwerik*, Ger. *lerche* (OHG. *lēyahha*), ON. *lǽvrikk*.

**lark<sup>2</sup>.** Spree. Altered (c. 1800) from northern dial. *lake*, sport, and further elaborated to *skylark*, which appears much later. *Lake* is ME. *lark*, ON. *leir*, play, cogn. with AS. *lāc*, contest, etc., OHG. *leich*, melody, dancing-song, Goth. *larks*, dance.

**larrikin.** Austral hooligan. ? Ident. with surname *Larkin* (from *Lawrence*). Cf. *hooligan*.

**larrup** [*diat.*]. To thrash. ? Suggested by *lather*, *leather*, and *wallop*.

**larum.** Poet. for *alarum* (q.v.).

**larva.** L., spectre, also mask. Hence, "disguised" insect.

**larynx.** G. *λάρυγξ*.

**lascar.** Shortened from Urdu *lashkarī*, military, from Pers. *lashkar*, army.

**lascivious.** From L. *lascivus*, sportive, wanton.

**lash<sup>1</sup>.** With whip. Earlier sense of verb, to move violently (cf. to *lash out*, *lasher* on Thames), is perh. partly imit. (cf. *dash*, *swish*, etc.). Analogy of dial. *lace*, to flog, suggests connection in some senses with OF. *laz*, thong (see *lace*).

**lash<sup>2</sup>** [*naut.*]. To bind, secure. OF. *lachie*, var. of *lacier*, to lace. *Lace* was earlier also in naut. use in same sense.

**lashings** [*Anglo-Ir.*]. Abundance. For *lavishings*.

**lashkar.** See *lascar*.

**lass.** Origin unknown (cf. *boy*, *girl*, *lad*).

**lassitude.** L. *lassitudo*, from *lassus*, weary.

**lasso.** Sp. *lazo*, as *lace* (q.v.).

**lassy me.** Archaic interj., *alas for me*.

**last<sup>1</sup>.** Shoemaker's. AS. *lāst*, footstep, *lāste*, last. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *leest*, Ger. *leiste*, last, ON. *leistr*, foot, Goth. *laists*, footstep; cogn. with L. *lira*, furrow.

**last<sup>2</sup>.** Fixed weight of various wares. AS. *hlæst*, load, from root of *lade*<sup>2</sup>. WGer.; cf. Du. Ger. *last*, burden. Cf. *ballast*.

**last<sup>3</sup>.** Superl. of *late* AS. *latost*, from *late*, with *-t* lost as in *best*; cf. Du. *laaist*, Ger. *letzt* (OHG. *lazzost*).

**last<sup>4</sup>.** Verb. AS. *lāstan*, to follow, accomplish, also intrans., to continue; cf. Ger. *leisten*, to perform, execute, Goth. *laistjan*, to follow. Perh. cogn. with *last<sup>1</sup>*, if that orig. meant track.

**latakia.** Tobacco from *Latakia* (Laodicea) in Syria.

**latch.** From dial. to *latch*, seize, catch, AS. *læccan*, ult. cogn. with L. *laqueus*, snare, and hence with *lace*, *latchet*. For sense cf. *catch* (of door).

**latchet.** OF. *latchet*, dial. form of *lacet*, dim. of OF. *laz*, thong, whence *lace* (q.v.).

**late.** AS. *læl*, tardy, sluggish. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *laat*, Ger. dial. *lass*,

ON. *latr*, Goth. *lats*; cogn. with L. *lassus*, weary. See *let<sup>2</sup>*.

**lateen** [*naut.*]. Sail. F. (voile) *latine*, Latin sail, It. *latina*, "the mizen saile of a ship" (Flor), a Mediterranean rig.

**latent.** From pres. part. of L. *latere*, to be hidden.

**lateral.** L. *lateralis*, from *latus*, *later-*, side.

**Lateran council.** Held at cathedral church of *St John Lateran*, at Rome, built on site of the palace of the *Plautii Laterani*, a Roman family.

**laterite** [*geol.*]. From L. *later*, brick.

**lath.** AS. *lætt*; cf. Du. *lat*, Ger. *latte*, whence F. *latte* (see *lattnce*). The *-th* may be due to cogn. Welsh *lath*. Agreement of AS & OHG. *-ti-* is abnormal and unexplained.

**lathe<sup>1</sup>** [*hist.*]. Administrative district of Kent. Late AS. *læth*, ON. *lāth*, landed possession.

**lathe<sup>2</sup>.** Implement ? Cf. Dan. *lād*, in *drevelad*, turning-lathe, and other compds. It may be a differentiated form of *lath*, as the primitive *lathe* was worked by a spring-lath.

**lather.** AS. *læthor*, washing-soda, foam; cf. ON *lavithr*, cogn. with L. *lavare*, *laui-*, *lot-*, G. *λουτρόν*, bath. In sense of thrashing prob. associated with *leather*.

**Latin.** L. *Latinus* or F. *latin*, from *Latium*, part of Italy which included Rome.

**latitat** [*leg.*]. L., he lies hidden.

**latitude.** L. *latitudo*, breadth, from *latus*, wide.

**latrine.** F. *latrine*, L. *latrina*, for *lavatrina*, lavatory.

**latten** [*archaic*]. Mixed metal resembling brass. F. *latten*; cf. It. *ottone* (with loss of *-t*), Sp. *latón*. Origin unknown. Oudin has *alaton morisco*, which suggests a possible Arab. corrupt. of *electrum*, commonly used in MedL. of a mixed metal.

**latter.** AS. *lætra*, compar. of *late*.

**lattice.** F. *latts*, from *latte*, *lath* (q.v.).

**Latvia** [*geog.*]. See *Lett*.

**laud.** OF. *laude*, L. *laus*, *laud-*, praise. **laudanum.** Var. of *labdanum*, *ladanum* (q.v.), used by Paracelsus of a quack elixir, perh. with a suggestion of *laud* (v.s.), and later applied to opiate.

**laugh.** AS. *hlæhhan* (Merc. *hlæhan*). Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *lachen*, ON. *hlæja*, Goth. *hlahjan*. Of imit. origin. *Laughter* (cf. Ger. *gelächter*) has the same rare suffix as *slaughter*.

- launce.** Sand-eel. ? From *lance*, in allusion to shape.
- launch**<sup>1</sup>. Verb. ONF. *lanchier* (F. *lancer*), to hurl, from *lance*.
- launch**<sup>2</sup>. Boat. Sp. *lanchar*, pinnace Cf. Port. *lanchara*, Malay *lancharan*, from *lanchar*, quick.
- laundress.** Fem. of *launder*, earlier *lavender*, F. *lavandrier*, Late L. *lavan-darius*, from *lavare*, to wash.
- laura** [antig.]. Set of detached cells for recluses. G. *laúra*, passage.
- laureate.** L. *laureatus*, crowned with laurel (q.v.).
- laurel.** By dissim. for ME. *lauver*, *lover*, OF. *lover* (Mod. *laurier*), from L. *laurus*.
- Laurentian** [geol.]. Of strata in neighbourhood of the river *St Lawrence* (Canada).
- laurustinus.** ModL., from *laurus* (v.s.) and *tinus*, a L. name for the same shrub.
- lava.** It., from *lavare*, to wash.
- lavabo** [eccl.]. L., I will wash (Ps. xxvi. 6).
- lavatory.** L. *lavatorium*, from *lavare*, to wash.
- lave.** F. *laver*, L. *lavare*.
- laveer** [archaic naut.]. Du. *laveeren*, earlier *loeveren*, F. *louvoyer*. See *luff*<sup>1</sup>.
- lavender.** F. *lavendre*, MedL. *laven-dula*. Earliest recorded form is MedL. *lvendula*, perh. connected with *lvrd* (q.v.).
- laver**<sup>1</sup>. Plant. L.
- laver**<sup>2</sup> [Bibl.]. F. *lavour*, as *lavatory* (q.v.).
- laverock.** See *lark*<sup>1</sup>.
- lavish.** Orig. noun, profusion, excessive abundance. OF. *lavasse*, deluge of rain, *lavis*, torrent of words, from *laver*, to wash.
- law**<sup>1</sup>. Late AS. *lagu*, of ON. origin (cf. ON. *lög*, law, pl. of *lag*, thing "laid" down).
- law**<sup>2</sup>, *la*. Interj. Partly of natural origin; cf. *la*, similarly used in AS. and in F. Also for *lor*, disguised form of *Lord*.
- law**<sup>3</sup> [Sc. & north]. Hill. AS. *hlāw*, whence southern *low*, mound.
- lawks** [archaic]. In *lawks-a-mussy*. Alteration of *Lord have mercy*, perh. associated with *alack*.
- lawn**<sup>1</sup>. Fabric. Prob. from *Laon* (Aisne), pronounced *lan*.
- lawn**<sup>2</sup>. Turf. For earlier *laund*, open treeless space, F. *lande*, moor, of Celt. origin and cogn. with *land* (q.v.).
- lax**<sup>1</sup>. Salmon. Norw. Sw. *lax*, from

- ON. Com. Teut.; cf. AS. *leax*, Du. *lax*, Ger. *lachs*.
- lax**<sup>2</sup>. Adj. L. *laxus*, slack, cogn. with *languère*. Cf. *laxative*.
- lay**<sup>1</sup>. Verb. Causal of *he*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.). AS. *leggan*. Com Teut.; cf. Du. *leggen*, Ger. *legen*, ON. *legja*, Goth. *lagjan*.
- lay**<sup>2</sup>. Song, poem. F. *lar*, AS *lāc*, sport, play (see *lark*<sup>2</sup>); cf. Ger. *leich*, song, melody, Goth. *laiks*, dance.
- lay**<sup>3</sup>. Adj. F. *lai*, Church L. *larcus*, G. *laikos*, of the people, *laós*.
- layer.** In active sense from *lay*<sup>1</sup>. In passive sense for earlier *lear*, *lare*, etc. (= *larr*), from *he*<sup>1</sup>.
- layette.** Baby's outfit. F. *layetie*, dim. of *lare*, box, Du. *lade*, drawer.
- lay-figure.** For earlier *layman*, Du. *leeman*, of which first element is *lād*, joint (earlier *lēd*), cogn. with AS. *lith*, limb, and Ger. *ghed*, limb (OHG. *gelhd*).
- laystall** [dial.]. Refuse heap. From *lay*<sup>1</sup> and *stall*<sup>1</sup>. But perh. altered from earlier *laystow*, from *stow*, place.
- lazar** [archaic]. Diseased person, esp. leper. From *Lazarus* (Luke xvi. 20). Cf. *lazaret*(to), It. *lazzaretto*, hospital, esp. for lepers, place of quarantine, *lazzarone*, Neapolitan loafer. But some regard It. *lazzaretto* as altered from *nazaretto*, from the hospital and quarantine station on the island of *Santa Maria di Nazaret*, near Venice.
- Lazarist.** Member of order established in *Collège Saint-Lazare*, Paris.
- lazy.** Earliest (1549) *laysia*. ? Back-formation from *laysia* (1536), leisurely, taken as *lazyly*. See *leisure*.
- lazzarone.** See *lazar*.
- lea.** Meadow-land AS. *lēah*, tract of ground, cogn. with OHG *lōh* (as in *Hohenlohe*), Flem. *loo* (as in *Waterloo*), and ult. with L. *lucus*, grove.
- lead**<sup>1</sup>. Metal. AS. *lēad*. WGer.; cf. Du. *lood*, Ger. *lot*, plummet; cogn. with OIr. *luade*.
- lead**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. AS. *lēdan*, causal of *lithan*, to travel. Com. Teut., cf. Du. *leiden*, Ger. *leiden*, ON. *leitha*; cogn. with *load*, *lode*.
- leaf.** AS. *lēaf*. Com Teut.; cf. Du. *loof*, Ger. *laub*, ON. *lauf*, Goth. *laufs*.
- league**<sup>1</sup>. Measure. OF. *legue* (replaced by *lieue*), Prov. *legua*, Late L. *leuca*, *leuga*, of Gaulish origin.
- league**<sup>2</sup>. Alliance. F. *ligue*, It. *igia*, var. of *lega*, from *legare*, to bind, L. *ligare*.
- leaguer** [hist.]. Camp. Du. *leger*; cf. *beleaguer*, *laager*, *lair*.

**leak.** AS. *hleac*, leaky, is a Com Teut. word; cf. Du. *lek*, Ger. *lech*, ON. *lekr*. But this is not recorded in ME., the existing word being borrowed from LG. or Du.

**leal.** Northern form of *loyal* (q.v.).

**lean<sup>1</sup>.** Adj. AS. *hlǣne*, with no certain cognates.

**lean<sup>2</sup>.** Verb. AS. *hlīnian*, *hleonian*, cf. Du. *leunen*, Ger. *lehnēn*, from a Teut. root cogn. with that of *inclīne*, *climax*.

**leap.** AS. *hlēapan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *loopen*, Ger. *laufen*, to run, ON. *hlaupa*, Goth. *hlaupan*.

**learn.** AS. *leornian*, cogn. with *lǣran*, to teach; cf. Ger. *lernen*, *lehren*. With AS. *lǣran* cf. Goth. *larsjan*, causal of a verb preserved only in Goth. *lars*, [I] know, ult. cogn. with Ger. *geleise*, track, L. *lira*, furrow.

**lease.** OF. *les*, *lars*, from *laisser*, to leave, let, VL. \**laxiare*, for *laxare*, from *laxus*, loose. Lessor, lessee preserve AF. form.

**leash.** F. *laisse*, from *laisser* (v.s.), cf. It. *lascia*, leash, from *lasciare*.

**leasing** [Bibl.]. Lying. AS. *lēasung*, from *lēasian*, to lie, from *lēas*, false, cogn. with *loose*.

**least.** AS. *lǣst*, *lǣst*, from same root as *less*, but unconnected with *little*.

**leat.** Water-course. AS. *gelǣt*, in *wæter-gelǣt*, aqueduct, cogn. with *let<sup>1</sup>*. Cf. *mlet*.

**leather.** AS. *lether*, in compds. only. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *leder*, *leer*, Ger. *leder*, ON. *lethr*.

**leave<sup>1</sup>.** Verb. AS. *lēfan*, to leave, bequeath, causal of (be)lǣfan, to remain, a Com. Teut. word; cf. Du. *blīven*, Ger. *bleiben*, Goth. *bilarban*. With the causal cf. ON. *leifa*, to leave, Goth. *bilarbjan*.

**leave<sup>2</sup>.** Noun. AS. *lēaf*, cogn. with *hief*, dear, *beheve*, love, orig. idea being approval resulting from pleasure. Cf. Ger. *erlauben*, to allow, *urlaub*, permission, furlough (q.v.).

**leaven.** F. *levain*, L. *levamen*, from *levare*, to raise.

**lecher** [archaic]. First as noun, debauchee, adulterer. OF. *lecheor*, from OHG. *leccōn* (Mod. *lecken*), to lick, whence F. *lécher*, It. *leccare*, to lick. Wider sense is preserved in *lickerish*.

**lectern.** From L. *legere*, *lect-*, to read; cf. ME. *letterone*, MedL. *lectrum*, whence OF. *letrin* (Mod. *lutrin*).

**lector.** L., reader (v.s.).

**lecture.** F. *lecture*, L. *lectura*, reading (v.s.).

**ledge.** ME. *legge*, cogn. with *lay<sup>1</sup>*, *lie<sup>1</sup>*; cf. MHG. *legge*, edge, layer

**ledger.** Earlier also *līdger*. Orig. (church) book lying permanently in one place. From ME. *luggen*, to lie, or *leggen*, to lay (v.s.). Also, a horizontal timber, flat slab, nether millstone, etc., and hyst. in *ledger* (permanently resident) *ambassador*. Hence also *ledger lines* (mus.), though the reason is not clear. Cf. obs. *coucher*, which has most of the same senses, and of which *ledger* was prob. a transl.

**lee<sup>1</sup>.** Shelter. AS. *hlēo*, cogn. with ON. *hly*, shelter, warmth, *hlē*, lee (naut.); cf. Ger. *lau*, lukewarm. The true E. form is *lew*, still in dial. and in *leeward*.

**lee<sup>2</sup>.** Sediment. Usu. in pl. F. *le*, Late L. *lia*, of Celt. origin.

**leech<sup>1</sup>** [archaic]. Physician. AS. *lǣce*. Com. Teut.; cf. OFris. *letza*, OHG. *lāhhi*, ON. *lǣknir*, Goth. *lēkers*; also Gael *leugh*, Ir. *leagh*. The blood-sucking worm is prob. the same word (the healer).

**leech<sup>2</sup>** [zool.]. See *leech<sup>1</sup>*.

**leech<sup>3</sup>** [naul.]. Edge of sail. Cf. ON. *līk*, whence Sw *līk*, Dan. *hē*, bolt-rope, Du. *lyk*, Ger. *liek* (from Du. or LG.). ? Ult. cogn. with L. *hgare*, to bind.

**leek.** AS. *lēac*. Com. Teut., cf. Du. *look*, Ger. *lauch*, ON. *laukr*. Cf. AS. *lēactūn*, vegetable garden.

**lee-metford.** Rife (1888), designed by W. E. Metford and J. P. Lee.

**leer.** App. from obs. *leer*, cheek, AS. *hlēor*, with Du. & ON. cognates.

**leery** [slang]. Wide-awake. ? From dial. *lear*, learning, cleverness, northern var. of *love* (q.v.), with sense influenced by obs. adj. *leer*, sidelong (v.s.).

**lees.** See *lee<sup>2</sup>*.

**leet<sup>1</sup>** [hist.]. As in *court-leet*. First in AF. *lete*, AL. *leta*. ? From *lathe<sup>1</sup>*.

**leet<sup>2</sup>.** Chiefly Sc., in *short leet*, selection of best qualified candidates. Earlier *lite*, F. *élite* (q.v.).

**left.** Kentish form of AS. *lyft*, weak, as in *lyftād*, paralysis; cogn. with LG. *lucht*.

**leg.** ON. *leggr*, replacing native *shank*.

**legacy.** OF. *legacre*, MedL. *legatia*, from L. *legare*, to bequeath, from *lex*, leg-, law.

**legal.** L. *legalis*, from *lex*, leg-, law. Cf. *loyal*.

**legate.** F. *légal*, L. *legatus*, from *legare*, to depute.

**legatee.** Irreg. formation from *legacy*.  
**legato** [mus.]. It., from *L. legare*, to bind.  
**legend.** F. *légende*, MedL. *legenda*, to be read, from *legere*, to read, also to collect, G. *λέγειν*.

**legerdemain.** F. *léger de main*, light of hand, app. a mistransl. of earlier *sleight of hand*, the noun *sleight* (q.v.) being understood as adj. *slight* and rendered by F. *léger*, VL. \**levarius*, from *levis*, light.

**leghorn.** Hat, fowl. Obs. It. *Legorno*, port in Tuscany, now *Livorno*. Cf. *Tuscan hat*.

**legible.** Late L. *legibilis*, from *legere*, to read.

**legion.** L. *legio-n-*, from *legere*, to choose, G. *λέγειν*.

**legislator.** L. *legis lator*, proposer of law. *Lator* is from *latum*, used as supine of *ferre*, to bear, etc. *Legislate* is back-formation. Cf. *legist*, F. *légitiste*, MedL. *legista*.

**legitimate.** MedL. *legitimus*, used for *legitimus*, from *lex*, leg-, law.

**legume** [bot.]. F. *légume*, vegetable, L. *legumen*, ? from *legere*, to gather.

**leio-.** From G. *λεῖος*, smooth.

**leisure.** ME. *leysir*, OF. *leisir* (Mod. *loisir*), L. *licēre*, to be lawful, allowed. For formation from infin. and change of suffix in E. cf. *pleasure*.

**leitmotif** [mus.]. Ger. *leitmotiv*, lead motive.

**leman** [archaic]. Early ME. *leofmon*, lief (i.e. dear) man, occurring as personal name in AS. Orig. of either sex and without disparagement.

**lemma** [math]. Assumed proposition. G. *λήμμα*, from *λαμβάνειν*, to take.

**lemming.** Arctic rodent. Dan. *lemming*, ON. \**lemjandi* (only in pl. *lemendri*), whence also Lapp *luomek*.

**lemnisc-.** From G. *λημνίσκος*, ribbon.

**lemon**<sup>1</sup>. F. *limon*, lime<sup>3</sup> (q.v.).

**lemon**<sup>2</sup>. Flat-fish, as in *lemon-sole*. F. *limande*, "a burt or bret-fish" (Cotg.); cf. OF. *limande*, flat board, cask-stave.

**lemur.** Nocturnal mammal (Madagascar). L. *lemur*, ghost (only in pl.), ? cogn. with *lamia*.

**lend.** For earlier *lene*, AS. *lēnan* (see *loan*); cf. Du. *leenen*, Ger. *leihen*, to enfeoff, ON. *lāna*. The -*d* is excrescent.

**length.** AS. *lengthu*, from *lang*, long.

**lenient.** From pres. part. of L. *lenire*, to soothe, from *lenis*, mild.

**leno.** Cotton gauze. F. *linon*, or It. *lino*. See *linen*.

**lens.** L., lentil, from shape.

**Lent.** For earlier *lenten*, AS. *lencten*, spring, Lent; cf. OHG. *lengizin*, ModGer. *lenz*, spring, Du. *lentie*. First element is prob. *long* and second an OTeut. word for day, with allusion to lengthening of days in spring.

**lenticular.** Shape of lens or lentil (q.v.).

**lentigo.** Freckly eruption. L., from *lens* (v.i.).

**lentil.** F. *lentille*, L. *lenticula*, dim. of *lens*, lent-, lentil.

**lentisk.** Tree. L. *lentiscus*, from *lentus*, pliable, clammy.

**lentitude.** L. *lentitudo*, from *lentus*, slow, etc. (v.s.).

**leonid** [astron.]. L. *leonides*, meteors appearing to radiate from constellation *Leo*, the lion.

**leonine.** L. *leoninus*, from *leo-n-*, lion. *Leonine city* is that part of Rome which includes the Vatican, walled in by *Leo IV* (9 cent.). *Leonine verse* is prob. from some medieval poet, perh. *Leo*, Canon of St Victor, Paris (12 cent.).

**leopard.** Late G. *λεόπαρδος*, because supposed to be hybrid of lion and pard (q.v.).

**leper.** Orig. leprosy. F. *lèpre*, G. *λέπρα*, fem. of *λεπρός*, scaly, from *λεπís*, scale.

**lepidoptera** [biol.]. From G. *λεπίς*, *λεπίδ-*, scale (v.s.), *πτερόν*, wing.

**leporine.** L. *leporinus*, from *lepus*, *lepor-*, hare.

**leprachaun** [Ir.]. Elusive fairy appearing as shoemaker. OIr. *luochorpán*, from *lu*, little, *corpán*, dim. of *corp*, body. Cf. Mod. *liobrachán*, sloven.

**leprosy.** See *leper*.

**lepto-** [biol.]. From G. *λεπτός*, thin.

**lese-majesty** [leg.]. Treason. F. *lèse-majesté*, L. *laesa majestas*, violated majesty (see *lesion*).

**lesion.** F. *lésion*, L. *laesio-n-*, from *laedere*, *laes-*, to hurt.

**less.** AS. *læssa*, adj., *læs*, adv., used as compar. of *litle*, but prob. not connected with it.

**-less.** AS. *-lēas*, devoid of, free from, cogn. with *lose*, *loose*; cf. Du. *-loos*, Ger. *-los*.

**lessee.** See *lease*.

**lesson.** F. *leçon*, L. *lectio-n-*, reading, from *legere*, *lect-*, to read.

**lessor.** See *lease*.

**lest.** ME. *les the*, short for AS. *thý lās the*, where *thý* is instrument. case of def. art. and *the* is its weakened form used as relative particle.

**let**<sup>1</sup>. To leave, allow. AS. *lētan*. Com.

Teut.; cf. Du. *laten*, Ger. *lassen*, ON. *lāta*, Goth. *lētan*; perh. cogn. with *late* (cf. sense-development of F. *lasser*, to let, from L. *laxus*, slack).

**let**<sup>2</sup> [archaic]. To hinder. AS. *lettan*, from *late* (cf. *hinder*). Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *letten*, Ger. *letzen* (*verletzen*, to harm), ON. *leiða*, Goth. *latjan*, to delay (intrans.). Now chiefly as noun (tennis).

**letch**. Craving. ? Connected with F. *allécher*, to allure, ult. from L. *allicere*.

**lethal**. L. *let(h)alis*, from *letum*, death.

**lethargy**. F. *léthargie*, G. *ληθαργία*, from *λήθαργος*, forgetful, from *λανθά-ναι*, to escape notice.

**lethe**. G. *λήθη*, oblivion (v.s.).

**Lett, Lettic, Lettish**. People and lang. in part of Russ. Baltic provinces. Ger. *Lette*, from native name *Latv*. The lang. is Aryan, akin to Lithuanian and extinct OPrussian.

**letter**. F. *lettre*, L. *littera*, letter of alphabet (in pl. epistle).

**lettuce**. ME. *letus(e)*, pl. of AF. *letue*, F. *laitue*, L. *lactuca*, from *lac*, lact-, milk. Cf. *boodice*, *quince*.

**leuco-**. From G. *λευκός*, white.

**Levant**. Orig. East in gen. F. *levant*, east, lit. rising, from L. *levare*.

**levant**. Verb. ? From Sp. *levantar*, to lift, raise (v.s.), as in *levantar el campo*, to strike camp, "decamp," perh. with suggestion of the *Levant* as goal of absconding swindler.

**levee**. F. *levé*, for *lever*, L. *levare*, to rise; orig. king's morning reception on rising from bed. *Levee*, embankment, pier (southern US.), is F. *levée*, p.p. fem.

**level**. OF. *hvel* (later, by dissim., *nivel*, now *niveau*), VL. \**libellum*, for *libella*, dim. of *libra*, balance.

**lever**. ME. *levour*, OF. *leveor* (replaced by *lever*), from *lever*, to raise, L. *levare*.

**leveret**. AF. *leveret*, for F. *levraut*, dim. of *hèvre*, hare, L. *lepus*, *lepor-*.

**leviathan**. Heb. *hwyāthān*, of uncertain origin and meaning. Perh. connected with Heb. *lāwāh*, to twist, bend.

**levigate**. From L. *levigare*, from *lēvis*, smooth.

**levin** [poet.]. Flash of lightning. ME. *leven*, *lefnyng*; ? cogn. with ON. *leiptr*, lightning.

**levirate**. Custom of brother of dead man marrying latter's widow (Jewish). From L. *levir*, husband's brother.

**levitate**. From L. *levis*, light, after *gravitate*.

**levite, leviticus**. From *Levi*, son of Jacob, whose descendants formed class of assistant priests.

**levity**. OF. *levité*, L. *levitas*, -iat-, from *levis*, light.

**levy**. F. *levée*, p.p. fem. of *lever*, to raise, L. *levare* (v.s.). Orig. of taxes.

**lewd**. AS. *lǣwede*, lay, layman, app. in some way derived from L. *lascus*, lay<sup>2</sup> (ME. *lewed* or *lered* corresponds to ON. *leskr* or *lærthr*). Orig. meaning of profane, unlettered, passes into that of coarse, vile.

**lewis**. Machine-gun. From American inventor's name.

**lexicon**. G. *λεξικόν* (sc *βιβλίον*), word (book), from *λέγω*, to speak.

**Leyden jar, battery**. Invented (1745-6) at *Leyden*, Holland.

**liable**. App. from F. *lier*, to bind, L. *ligare*, but not recorded in AF. or Law L.

**liaison**. F. *liaison*, L. *ligatio-n-*, from *ligare*, to bind.

**liane, liana**. F. *liane*, app. some native name assimilated to *lier*, to bind (v.s.). *Liana* is perh. due to supposed Sp. origin.

**lias** [geol.]. Blue limestone. F. *lais*, OF. *lois*, ? from *lie*, lee<sup>2</sup>; cf. *lie de vin*, used in F. for a purplish blue.

**libation**. L. *libatio-n-*, from *libare*, to taste, pour forth, G. *λείβειν*.

**libel**. OF. *libel* (replaced by *libelle*), L. *libellus*, dim. of *liber*, book. Current sense is from Law L. *libellus famosus*. See *library*.

**liberal**. F. *libéral*, L. *liberals*, from *liber*, free.

**libertine**. F. *libertin*, orig. free-thinker, L. *libertinus*, freed man.

**liberty**. F. *liberté*, L. *libertas*, -iat-, from *liber*, free.

**libidinous**. F. *libidineux*, L. *libidinosus*, from *libido*, *libidin-*, lust; cf. *libet*, *libet*, it pleases; ult. cogn. with *love*.

**library**. F. *librarie* (in OF. *library*; now, bookseller's shop), from *libraire*, copyist (now, bookseller), L. *librarius*, of books, from *liber*, book, orig. bark of tree.

**libration** [astron.]. Oscillation. L. *libratio-n-*, from *librare*, from *libra*, balance.

**libretto**. It., little book. See *libel*.

**Libyan** [ling.]. Of *Libya*, NAfr. Sometimes used of group of Hamitic langs. which includes Berber.

**licence**. F. *licence*, L. *licentia*, from *licēre*, to be lawful. Later sense of excessive liberty appears in *licentious*.

*Licentiate* is etym. one who has received licence (to teach, heal, etc.).

**lich, lych.** Chiefly in *lich-gate*, at which corpse is set down to await priest's arrival AS. *lic*, body. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *lyk*, Ger. *leiche*, ON. *lik*, Goth. *leik*; cogn. with *like*, ground-sense being shape. See also *-ly*.

**lichen.** L. *lichen*, G. *λειαχύν*, ? cogn. with *λείχew*, to lick.

**lichi.** See *hitch*.

**licit.** L. *licitus*, p.p. of *licere*, to be lawful.

**lick.** AS. *liccan*. Aryan; cf. Du. *likken*, Ger. *lecken*, Goth. *laigōn* (in compds.), L. *lingere*, G. *λείχew*, Sanskrit *rikh*, *likh*, OIr. *ligim*.

**lickerish.** For earlier *lickerous*, from ONF. form of *lecherous* (q.v.).

**lictor.** L., officer bearing the *fascies*, bundles of rods with axe ? From *ligare*, to bind

**lid.** AS. *hlid*; cf. Du. *lid*, Ger. (*augen*)-*lid*, (eye)lid, ON. *hlith*, gate, gap

**Lidford law.** See *Lydford*.

**lie<sup>1</sup>.** To recline, be situated, etc. AS. *licgan*. W.Aryan; cf. Du. *liggen*, Ger. *liegen*, ON. *ligga*, Goth. *ligan*, G. *laxos*, bed, Ir. *lige*, couch, Russ. *ležai*. See *lay<sup>1</sup>*.

**lie<sup>2</sup>.** To speak untruly. AS. *lēogan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *liegen*, Ger. *lügen* (MHG. *hegen*), ON. *hūga*, Goth. *hugan*.

**liebig.** From *Liebig*, Ger. chemist (†1873).

**lied.** Ger. song; cf. AS. *lēoth*.

**lief.** AS. *lēof*, dear. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *lief*, Ger. *lieb*, ON. *lūfr*, Goth. *hufs*; cogn. with *love*, and with L. *libet* (*libet*), it pleases

**liege.** F. *lige*, Ger. *ledig*, free. Hence MedL. *liguus*, popularly connected with L. *ligare*, to bind (see *allegiance*). The Ger. word is cogn. with AS. *āththian*, to set free, ON. *lithugr*, free.

**lien** [leg.] F. *lien*, bond, L. *ligamen*, from *ligare*, to bind.

**lierne** [arch]. Short rib connecting intersection of principal ribs. F., app. from *her* (v.s.).

**lieu.** F. *lieu*, L. *locus*, place

**lieutenant.** F., place-holder (v.s.); cf. *locum tenens*.

**life.** AS. *lif*, life. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *lijf*, body, Ger. *leib*, body (OHG. *lib*, life), ON. *lif*, life, body; cogn. with *leave<sup>1</sup>*, ground-sense being continuance.

**lift.** ON. *lypta*, whence Sw. *lyfta*, Dan. *løfte*; cogn. with archaic *lift*,

sky, AS. *lyft*; cf. Ger. *luft*, air, *luften*, to lift. See *loft*.

**ligament, ligature.** L. *ligamentum*, *ligatura*, from *ligare*, to bind, or through F.

**ligance** [hist] See *allegiance*, *liege*.

**light<sup>1</sup>.** Brightness, bright. AS. *lēoht*, noun being perh. neut. of adj. WGer; cf. Du. Ger. *licht*; cogn. with ON. *ljōme*, gleam, Goth. *luhath*, light, L. *lux*, *luc-*, G. *leukós*, white, *ἀμφιλόκη*, twilight. Hence verb to *light*, of which *lighten* is a later extension. *Lightning* is pres. part. of latter.

**light<sup>2</sup>.** Not heavy AS. *lēoht*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *ligt*, Ger. *leicht*, ON. *lēitr*, Goth. *leiths*; cogn. with L. *levis* (for \**legus*) Verb to *light*, AS. *līhtian*, now gen. replaced by *lighten*, has developed intrans. sense of descend, alight (q.v.), via that of lightening the vehicle, etc. With *lighter*, boat for lightening vessel, cf. F. *allège*, from *alléger*, to lighten.

**lights.** Lungs of slaughtered animals. Spec. use of *light<sup>2</sup>*, the lungs being distinguished from other organs by their lightness. See *lung*.

**lign-aloes** [Numb. xxiv. 6]. Late L. *lignum aloes*, wood of *aloe* (q.v.).

**ligneous.** From L. *ligneus*, from *lignum*, wood. Cf. *lignite*, coal, *lignum vitae*, guaiacum.

**ligula** [bot.]. L., narrow strip, tongue, cogn. with *lingua*.

**Ligurian.** Of *Liguria*, region of Cisalpine Gaul (Genoa, Savoy, Piedmont). Hence *ligurite* (min.).

**like.** Adj. AS. *gelīc*, orig. having the form of, from *lic*, body (see *lich*); cf. Du. *gelijk*, Ger. *gleich*, ON. *glīkr*, Goth. *galeiks* (and, for sense-development, L. *conformis*) *Likely* is thus etym. a redupl. (see *-ly*). Verb to *like*, orig. to please, AS. *lician*, is of same origin, ground-idea being to be like or suitable, as in archaic *it likes me, well-liking*. Mod. sense, to approve, love, is due to misunderstanding of *if you like*, i.e. if it please you, is all the same to you (cf. Ger. *wenn es dir gleich ist*), where *you* is dat. governed by impers. verb *like* used in subjunct.

**likely.** ON. *līkligr*, cogn. with AS. *gelīclic* (v.s.).

**likin.** Chin. provincial transit duty. Chin *li*, equivalent to *cash<sup>2</sup>*, and *kin*, money.

**lilac.** OF. *lilac* (replaced by *lilas*), Arab. *lilak*, Pers. *lilak*, var. of *nilak*, bluish, from *nīl*, blue, indigo (cf. *anil*).

**lillibullero** [*hist.*]. Part of meaningless refrain of popular song (c. 1688) against James II's Ir soldiers.

**lilliputian**. From *Lilliput*, land of pygmies in Swift's *Gulliver's Travels* (1726).

**lilt**. ME. *liltten*, to sound, strike up loudly. ? Cf. Du LG. *lul*, pipe.

**lily**. AS. *lilre*, L. *lilium*, G. *λείριον*.

**limac-**. From L. *limax*, *limac-*, slug, snail.

**limb**<sup>1</sup>. Of body. AS. *lim*, cogn. with ON. *limr*, and ult. with Ger. *glied* (see *lay-figure*).

**limb**<sup>2</sup> [*scient.*]. L. *limbus*, edge.

**limbeck** [*archaic*]. Aphet. for *alembic* (q.v.).

**limber**<sup>1</sup>. Of a gun. Earlier also *lymnar*, *lymour*, shafts and fore-frame of vehicle, F. *limonière*, in same sense, from *limon*, shaft, thill, MedL. *limo-n-*, ? from AS. or ON. *lim*, branch (limb) of tree (cf. F. *brancard*, shafts of cart, from *branche*).

**limber**<sup>2</sup> [*naut.*]. Hole through timbers on each side of keelson to admit water to pump-well. F. *lumière*, lit. light, in same sense. For vowel cf. *limn*.

**limber**<sup>3</sup>. Adj. From 16 cent. Sense agrees with Ger. *lind*, *gelind*, cogn. with E. *lithe*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.) and L. *lentus*, "pliant, that boweth easily, limber" (Coop.), with which it is possibly cogn.

**limbo**. L., abl. of *limbus*, edge, border, in theol. in *limbo patrum* (*infantum*), in the border region of Hades reserved for pre-Christian saints and unbaptized children.

**lime**<sup>1</sup>. Mineral, etc. AS. *līm*, used both for glue, (bird) lime, and calcium oxide. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *lijm*, Ger. *leim*, ON. *līm*; cogn. with L. *limus*, mud, *linere*, to smear.

**lime**<sup>2</sup>. Tree. Earlier *lime*, for obs. *lind*, which survives in adj. form *linden* (q.v.). AS. *lind*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *linde*, ON. *lind*. Alteration of *lime* to *lime* is app. due to compds. in which second element had init. labial, e.g. *lime-bark* (-*bast*, -*wood*).

**lime**<sup>3</sup>. Fruit. F. *lime*, Sp. *lima*, Arab. *limah*, of Malay or Javanese origin. Cf. *lemon*.

**lime-hound** [*archaic*]. Also *lyam*, *lyme*-. From OF. *liem*, var. of *lien* (q.v.). Cf. *bandog*.

**limehouse** [*hist.*]. In ref. to a speech made (1910) at Limehouse by Mr. Lloyd George.

**limerick**. Form of verse. Said to be from refrain *Will you come up to*

*Limerick* sung at convivial gathering at which such verses were extemporized. But it seems likely that the choice of the word may have been partly due to the somewhat earlier *learnic*, coined (by Father Matthew Russell, S.J.) from *Edward Lear*, author of nonsense verses.

**limin-**. From L. *limen*, *lmin-*, threshold.

**limit**. F. *limite*, L. *limes*, *limit*-, boundary, cogn. with *limen* (v.s.) and with *limus*, transverse.

**limitrophe**. Bordering. F. *limitrophe*, Late L. hybrid *limitrophus*, applied to lands allotted for support of frontier troops, from L. *limes*, *limit-* (v.s.), G. *grēfew*, to support.

**limn**. For earlier *lumine*, OF. *luminer*, to illuminate (manuscripts), or aphet. for *allumine*, OF. *alluminer*, *enluminer*; from L. *lumen*, *lumin-*, light.

**limnology**. From G. *λίμνη*, lake, marsh.

**limousine**. Motor-car. F., earlier closed carriage, orig. hood as worn by inhabitants of province of *Limousin*.

**limp**<sup>1</sup>. Verb. Cf. obs. *limphalt*, lame, AS. *lemphealt*.

**limp**<sup>2</sup>. Adj. From c. 1700. App. shortened from *limber*<sup>2</sup>.

**limpet**. AS. *lempedu*, Late L. *lampetra*, whence also *lamprey* (q.v.).

**limpid**. L. *limpidus*, cogn. with *lymph* (q.v.).

**linchpin**. From AS. *lynis*, axle-tree; cf. Du. *luns*, Ger. *linse*.

**lincrusta**. Trade-name, from L. *linum*, flax, *crusta*, crust. Cf. *linoleum*.

**linden**. Lime-tree. See *lime*<sup>2</sup> and cf. *aspen*.

**Lindley Murray**. US. author of *English Grammar* (1795), long regarded as standard. Cf. *Cocher*.

**line**<sup>1</sup> [*techn.*]. Long fibre of flax. AS. *lin*, flax, L. *linum*, G. *λίον*; prob., like *hemp*, of Eastern origin. Cf. *linen*, *linseed*.

**line**<sup>2</sup>. Length without breadth. Earliest in sense of cord, etc. AS. *līne*, L. *linea*, orig. *linen* thread, from *linum*, flax (v.s.).

**line**<sup>3</sup>. Verb (of clothes). From *line*<sup>1</sup>, with orig. ref. to linen used for the purpose.

**line**<sup>4</sup>. Verb (of hitch). F. *ligner*, for *aligner*, to bring together, from *ligne*, *line*<sup>2</sup>.

**lineage**. F. *lignage*, from *ligne*, line, L. *linea* (see *line*<sup>2</sup>). Cf. *lineal*, F. *linéal*, Late L. *lineahs*.



- lineament.** L. *lineamentum*, contour, outline (see *line*<sup>2</sup>). Cf. *delineate*.
- linen.** Orig. adj., made of flax. AS. *linen*, from *lin*, flax (see *line*<sup>1</sup>); cf. Du. *linnen*, Ger. *leinen*.
- ling**<sup>1</sup>. Fish. ME. *lenge*; cf. Du. *leng*, Ger. *langfisch*, ON. *langa*; cogn. with *long*.
- ling**<sup>2</sup>. Heather. ON. *lyng*.
- ling.** Dim. suffix. Combined from suffixes *-el* (*-le*) and *-ing*.
- ling.** AS. adv. suffix (also *-lang*, *-lung*), cogn. with *long*, by which it is now usu. replaced, e.g. *headlong*, *side-long*.
- linger.** ME. *lengeren*, frequent. of obs. *lengen*, to tarry, AS. *lengan*, to prolong, from *long*.
- lingerie.** F. *lingerie*, from *linge*, linen, L. *lineum*, neut. adj. from *linum*, flax.
- lingo.** Prov. *lengo*, *lingo*, or Gascon *lengo*, L. *lingua*.
- lingua franca.** It., Frankish tongue. A kind of "pidgin" It., with elements from other Mediterranean langs., spoken in the Levant. The name is prob. due to the Arabs, *Frank* (q.v.) being regular Eastern word for European (cf. *Feringhi*).
- linguist.** From L. *lingua*, tongue, language, Sabine form of OL. *dingua*, cogn. with *tongue*.
- lingul-.** From L. *lingula*, dim. of *lingua* (v.s.).
- linhay** [dial.]. Open shed with lean-to roof. ? From AS. *hlman*, to lean, and obs. *hay*, fence, as in archaic *church-hay*.
- liniment.** L. *linimentum*, from *linere*, to smear.
- link**<sup>1</sup>. Connection. ON. \**hlenkr*, whence Modicel. *hlekkv* (cf. Dan. *lænke*); cogn. with AS. *hlencan* (pl.), armour, Ger. *gelenk*, joint, *lenken*, to turn.
- link**<sup>2</sup> [archaic]. Torch, as in *linkman*, *linkboy*. ? From *link*<sup>1</sup>, a simple form of torch being a length of tarred rope, ? or from MedL. *linchnus*, for *lichinus*, explained as wick in 15 cent., from G. *λύχνος*, light, lamp.
- links.** Grass-covered sand-hills on coast. AS. *hlinc*, acclivity, perh. cogn. with *lean*<sup>2</sup>. Cf. dial. *linch*, boundary-ridge.
- linn.** Waterfall, pool at foot. Mixture of AS. *hlunn*, torrent, and Gael. *linne*, pool. The latter is in all Celt. langs. ? and cogn. with G. *λίμνη*, lake.
- Linnaean.** Of *Linnaeus*, latinized name of C. F. Linné, Sw. naturalist (†1778).
- linnet.** F. *linotte*, from *lin*, flax, on seeds of which it feeds. Cf. Ger. *hänfling*, linnet, from *hanf*, hemp. Dial. *lintwhite*, linnet, is AS. *line-tunge*, ? flax twitcher.
- linoleum.** From L. *linum*, flax, *oleum*, oil.
- linotype.** For *line* of type.
- linseed.** AS. *linsæd*, flax seed. See *line*<sup>1</sup>, seed.
- linsey, linsey-woolsey.** *Linsey* may represent *line*<sup>1</sup> and *say*<sup>2</sup> (q.v.). *Woolsey*, from *wool*, is a later addition.
- linstock** [archaic]. For firing early cannon. Earlier *lint-stock*, Du. *lont-stok*, from *lont*, match.
- lint.** ME. *linnet*, from *line*<sup>1</sup>. Flax (plant and material) is still *lint* in Sc. Cf. Burns' *lintwhite hair* for *flaxen hair*.
- lintel.** OF. *lintel* (Mod. *linteau*), VL. \**limitale* or \**limitellus*, from *limes*, *limit*, *limit*.
- lintwhite** [dial.]. See *linnet*.
- lion.** F. *lion*, L. *leo-n-*, G. *λέων*, *λέωντ-*, prob. of Egypt. origin.
- lip.** AS. *līppa*; cf. Du. *lip*, Ger. *lippe* (a LG. word replacing archaic HG. *lefze*); cogn. with L. *labrum*, *labrum*, *lip*, *lambere*, to lick, Pers. *lab*, *lip*.
- lipo-.** From G. *λίπος*, fat.
- lipography.** Omission of letter or syllable in copying. From G. *λείπειν*, to leave.
- liqueur.** F., see *liquor*.
- liquid.** F. *liquide*, L. *liquidus*, from *liquere*, to be clear. *Liquidation*, in commerc. sense means making clear.
- liquor.** L. *liquor* (v.s.).
- liquorice.** AF. *lycorys*, OF. *licorece* (replaced by *réglisse*), Late L. *liquiritia*, ult. from G. *γλυκύς*, sweet, and *ρίζα*, root. The Europ. forms, resulting from metath. of *l-r*, are extraordinary, e.g. F. *réglisse*, It. *regolizza*, Ger. *lakritze*, Du. *kahlsse-drop*. The ModE. spelling is due to association with *liquor* and the termination is perh. due to *orris* (q.v.).
- liquorish.** Corrupt. of *lickerish* (q.v.) errone. associated with *liquor*.
- lira** [It.]. It. *lira*, L. *libra*, pound (cf. F. *livre*).
- lisle thread.** From *Lille* (Nord), formerly *l'isle*, the island.
- lisp.** AS. *awlisprian*; cf. Du. *lispēn*, Ger. *lispeln*, earlier *whispēn*. Imit., cf. *whisper*.
- lisse.** Kind of gauze. F. *lisse*, smooth, prob. of Teut. origin.
- lissom.** For *lithesome*.
- list**<sup>1</sup>. Noun. AS. *liste*, hem, border;

cf. Du. *lijst*, Ger. *leiste*. Orig. sense in *list slippers*, made of edge-strips. Sense of enumeration is via F. *liste*, strip of paper, etc., from Teut (cf. *enlist*). The *lists* for a tourney are the boundaries of the field, but the application of the word has been influenced by F. *lice*, which is prob. L. *licia*, pl. of *licum*, thread (whence MHG. *lize*, in same sense), and thus unrelated to *list*.

**list<sup>2</sup>**. Verb. AS. *lystan*, to please, from *lust* (q.v.); cf. Du. *lusten*, Ger. *lústen*, *gelústen*, ON. *lysta*. Hence *list*, inclination, leaning, now usu. naut. and *listless*, for earlier *lustless*.

**list<sup>3</sup>, listen**. *List* is AS. *hlýstan*, from *hlýst*, hearing, from an Aryan root which appears in Ger. *lauschen*, to listen (esp. for prey), Welsh *clust*, ear; ult. cogn. with loud. *Listen* is Northumbrian *lysnan*, cogn. with AS. *hlosman*, from same root.

**list<sup>4</sup>** [naut]. See *list<sup>2</sup>*.

**listerize**. From Lord *Lister*, E. physician (†1912)

**listless**. See *list<sup>2</sup>*.

**lists**. See *list<sup>1</sup>*.

**litany**. F. *litanie*, G. *Litanei*, from *lita-* *neuein*, to pray, from *litē*, supplication.

**litchi, lichi**. Chin. fruit. N.Chin. *li chin*

**-lite**. F. *-lithe*, G. *λίθος*, stone

**literal**. L. *literalis*, from *littera*, letter (q.v.) Cf. *literary, literature*.

**litharge** [chem.]. From G. *λίθαργυρος*, from *λίθος*, stone, *ἀργυρος*, silver.

**lithe<sup>1</sup>**. Adj. AS. *litha*, soft, mild; cogn. with Ger. *lind*, *gelind*, gentle, and with L. *lentus*, soft, slow, etc., *lenis*, gentle

**lithe<sup>2</sup>**. Only in archaic *lithe* and *listen*. ON. *hlýtha*, to listen, cogn. with *list<sup>3</sup>*.

**lithia**. Altered from earlier *lithion*, G. *λίθειον*, neut. of *λίθειος*, stony.

**-lithic**. From G. *λίθος*, stone.

**lithograph**. From G. *λίθος*, stone. Cf. *lithology*, science of stones; *lithotomy* (med.), cutting for stone, from *τέμνειν*, to cut.

**Lithuanian** [ling.]. Aryan lang. of Baltic group, cogn. with Lettish and extinct OPrussian.

**litigation**. Late L. *litigatio-n-*, from *lingare*, to go to law, from *lis*, *lit-*, lawsuit, and *agere*.

**litmus** [chem.]. ON. *litmose*, lichen used in dyeing, from ON. *livr*, colour, *mosi*, moss.

**litotes** [gram.]. Affirmative expressed by negation of contrary. G. *λιτότης*, from *λίτός*, plain, meagre.

**litre**. F. *litre*, suggested by *litron*, obs. measure, from Late L. *litra*, G. *λίτρα*, pound.

**litter**. F. *litière*, from *lit*, bed, L. *lectus*; cf. G. *λέκτρον*. Earliest E sense is bed; then, portable couch, bedding, strewn rushes, straw, etc., for animals

**little**. AS. *lytel* WGer.; cf. Du. *luttel*, Ger. dial *lutzel*

**littoral**. L. *h(t)toralis*, from *litus*, *litor-*, shore.

**liturgy**. F. *liturgie*, G. *Leitourgia*, public worship, first element ult. from *λαός*, *laós*, people, second from *ἔργον*, work.

**live<sup>1</sup>**. Verb. AS. *lifian* (WSax. *libban*), from *lif* Com Teut.; cf. Du. *leven*, Ger. *leben*, ON. *lifa*, Goth. *liban*, cogn. with *leave<sup>1</sup>*, orig. sense being to remain.

**live<sup>2</sup>**. Adj. Aphet. for *alive* (q.v.)

**livelihood**. Corrupt. of earlier *lifelode*, AS. *lifað*, life-course; see *lade<sup>1</sup>*, *lode*. Cf. OHG. *libleita*, subsistence.

**livelong**. In the *livelong day* (night). Orig. *hef long, hef* (q.v.) being a mere intens. Cf. Ger. *die liebe lange nacht*.

**lively**. AS. *līflic*, lit. life like.

**liver<sup>1</sup>** [anat.]. AS. *lifer*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *lever*, Ger. *leber*, ON. *lifr*.

**liver<sup>2</sup>**. Imaginary name for bird in arms of *Liverpool*, from which it is really a back-formation.

**Liverpudlian**. Of *Liverpool*, with jocular substitution of *puddle* for *pool*.

**livery**. F. *livrée*, p.p. fem. of *livrer*, to hand over, deliver, Late L. *liberare*, from *liber*, free. Orig. household allowance, provision of any kind.

**livid**. L. *lividus*, from *livere*, to be bluish.

**livre**. F. *livre*, L. *libra*, pound.

**lixivium**. Lye. L., neut. of *lixivius*, from *lix*, ashes, lye.

**lizard**. F. *lézard*, L. *lacertus*.

**llama**. Sp., from Peruv.

**llano** [geog.]. Samar. prairie. Sp *llano*, L. *planus*, smooth.

**Lloyd's**. Marine insurance (1720). Orig. coffee-house in Lombard St., established by Edward Lloyd (fl. 1688–1726)

**lo**. ME also *low*, *loo*. Prob. for *lōke*, look, but with sound affected (*lo* instead of *loo*) by interj. *lo*, AS. *lā*. For loss of *-h* cf. *ta'en* for *taken*.

**loach**. Fish. F. *loche*. Origin unknown.

**load**. AS. *lād*, way, journey, conveyance, cogn. with *lead<sup>2</sup>*. Sense of verb

has been influenced by *lade*<sup>2</sup>, which it has almost supplanted.

**loadstone.** See *lode*

**loaf**<sup>1</sup>. Noun AS. *hlāf*, bread, loaf. Com. Teut ; cf. Ger. *laib*, ON. *hlæfr*, Goth. *hlafis*.

**loaf**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. Orig. US. ? Ger. *laufen*, to run (dial. *lofen*), as in *landläufer*, landloper.

**loam.** AS. *lām*, cogn. with *lime*<sup>1</sup> ; cf. Du. *leem*, Ger. *lehm* (from Du.), Ger. dial. *leimen*.

**loan.** ON. *lān*, superseding AS. *læn* (see *lend*) ; cf. Du. *leen*, Ger. *lehen*, fief.

**loath.** AS. *lāth*, repulsive, etc., replaced in orig. sense by compds *loathly*, *loathsome*. Com. Teut ; cf. Du. *leed*, Ger. *leid*, sorrow (but still adj. in *lieb oder leid*), ON. *leithr*. F. *lard*, ugly, is from Teut.

**lob.** For gen. sense of something heavy, pendent, or floppy contained in this imit. word cf. Du. *lob*, *lubbe*, hanging lip, Dan. *lobbes*, clown, Norw. *lubb*, *lubba*, tubby person, and see *lubber*. *Lob-he-by-the-fire* is Milton's *lubber-fiend* (*Allegro*, 110). The cricket *lob* is from dial verb to *lob*, to pitch gently. With *lobscouse*, sailor's stew, *loblolly*, sailor's gruel, cf. *lob*, a thick mixture in brewing.

**lobby.** MedL. *lobium* or *lobia*, monastic for *lodge* (q.v.).

**lobe.** G. *λοβός*, lobe of ear, pod.

**lobelia.** From *Matthias de Lobel* (†1616), botanist and physician to James I.

**loblolly, lobscouse.** See *lob*.

**lobster.** AS. *loppestre*, for *lopest*, corrupt. of L. *locusta*.

**local.** L. *localis*, from *locus*, place.

**loch.** Gael. & Ir., cogn. with *lake*<sup>1</sup> ; cf. Anglo-Ir. *lough*.

**lock**<sup>1</sup>. Of hair. AS. *loc*. Com. Teut ; cf. Du. *lok*, Ger. *locke*, ON. *lokkr*.

**lock**<sup>2</sup>. Fastening. AS. *loc* ; cf. Ger. *loch*, hole, orig. shut-up place, ON. *lok*, lid. Cf. *locker*, *locket* ; the latter is F. *loquet*, latch, of Teut. origin.

**lockram** [archaic]. Fabric. OF. *loc-renan*, from *Locronan* (Finistère), i.e. cell of St Ronan, where formerly made.

**locomotive.** Suggested by L. phrase *in loco movēre*.

**locum tenens.** L., place holding. Cf. *lieutenant*.

**locus.** L., place.

**locust.** F. *locuste*, L. *locusta*, lobster (q.v.), locust. The *locust bean*, carob, translates G. *ἀκρίς*, locust, applied to

the pod from some fancied resemblance.

**locution.** L. *locutio-n-*, from *loqui*, *locut-*, to speak.

**lode.** Graphic var. of *load* (q.v.), preserving etym. sense of course, direction, e.g. in mining, and locally of watercourse, etc. Hence *lodestar*, guiding star (cf. ON *leiðharstjarna*, Ger. *leitstern*), and *lodestone*, magnet.

**lodge.** F. *loge*, OHG. \**laubja* (*lauba*), porch, lobby, etc., whence ModGer. *laube*, summer-house, etc. ; cf. It. *loggia*, from Ger. See *lobby*. Prob. cogn. with *loft* and *louver*, but not with Ger. *laub*, leaf, though associated with it in ModGer. sense of arbour.

**loess** [geog.]. Dust deposit. Ger. dial., from *los*, loose.

**loft.** ON. *loft*, cogn. with AS. *lyft*, air, upper region, Ger. *luft*, air. Cf. *aloft*, *lofty*. See *lift*.

**log**<sup>1</sup>. Late ME. *logge*, of about same age and meaning as *clog*, ? Norw. *laag*, ON *lāg*, felled tree, cogn. with *he*<sup>1</sup>. Presumably introduced with timber from Norway. A ship's *log* is the same word, the apparatus being a quadrant of wood weighted so as to float upright

**log**<sup>2</sup> [*Bibl.*]. Measure for liquids (*Lev.* xiv. 24). Heb. *lōg*.

**logan-berry.** First cultivated (1881) by Judge Logan (US.).

**logan-stone.** For *logging-stone*, from Corn. dial. *log*, to rock.

**logarithm.** From G. *λόγος*, word, ratio, *ἀριθμός*, number.

**logger-head.** App. from *log*<sup>1</sup> (cf. *block-head*). In naut. lang. orig. a bar-shot with cannon-ball each end. Hence to be at *logger-heads* (cf. *daggers drawn*).

**loggia.** See *lodge*.

**logic.** G. *λογική* (sc. *τέχνη*), art of reasoning, from *λόγος*, word, reason.

**logie** [*theat.*]. Sham jewellery of zinc. From inventor's name.

**logistics** [*mil.*]. Art of quartering troops. F. *logistique*, from *loger*, to lodge ; but prob suggested by G. *λογιστική*, art of calculation

**logogram, logograph.** Sign representing word, G. *λόγος*. Cf. *logograph*, word-puzzle, F. *logographe*, from G. *γρίφος*, fishing-net, riddle ; *logomachy*, word-strife, G. *λογομαχία*, from *μάχη*, contest ; *logotype* (typ.), as *logogram*.

**-logue.** F. *-logue*, G. *-λογος*, from *λέγειν*, to speak.

**-logy.** F. *-logie*, G. *-λογία*, from *λόγος*, word, discourse (v.s.). Cf. *-ology*.

**loin.** OF. *loigne* (Mod. *longe*), VL. \**lumbea*, from *lumbus*, loin.

**loiter.** Cf. Du. *leuteren*, earlier *loteren*, "morari" (Kil.), also, to totter, dawdle; cogn. with Ger. *lotter*, in *lotterbube*, wastrel, *hederlich*, *luderlich*, debauched, and obs. E. *lither*.

**loll.** App. imit. of dangling movement. Cf. obs. Du. *lullebanck*, couch, lounge. *Lollop* is a natural elaboration. There was also an obs. *lull*, expressing a lighter sense.

**lollard** [*hist*]. Obs. Du. *lollaerd*, from *lollen*, to mutter, mumble; cf. *lull*. Orig. applied (c. 1300) to a Catholic fraternity who devoted themselves to care of sick and funeral rites of poor; later to other orders, with suggestion of hypocrisy.

**lollipop.** From child-lang. Cf. dial. *lolly*, tongue.

**lollop.** See *loll*.

**Lombard.** F. *Lombard*, It. *Lombardo*, Late L. *Langobardus*, long-beard, from Ger. tribe which conquered and named *Lombardy*. Some authorities explain it as long-axe, with second element as in *halberd* (q.v.). Earliest *Lombards* in E. were Italian money-lenders and bankers (*Lombard St.*).

**lone.** Aphet. for *alone* (q.v.). Hence *lonely*, *lonesome*.

**long<sup>1</sup>.** Adj. AS. *lang*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du., Ger. *lang*, ON. *langr*, Goth. *laggs*; cogn. with L. *longus*.

**long<sup>2</sup>.** Verb. AS. *langian*, to grow long. Mod. sense is from impers. use; cf. F. *il me tarde*, "I think long till" (Cotg.), lit. it is slow to me.

**-long.** In *endlong*, ON. *endlangr*. But in *headlong*, *sidelong*, substituted for *-hng<sup>2</sup>* (q.v.).

**longanimity.** Late L. *longanimitas*, coined on *magnanimitas*.

**longevity.** L. *longaevitas*, from *aevitas* (*aetas*), age.

**longinquity.** L. *longinquitas*, from *longinquus*, from *longus*. Cf. *propinquity*.

**longitude.** L. *longitudo*, from *longus*.

**long-shore.** Aphet. for *along-shore*. Cf. *cross-country*, for *across*.

**loo** [*archaic*]. For earlier *lanterloo*, F. *lanturelu*, meaningless refrain of popular song temp. Richelieu.

**looby.** ? Cf. *lob*, *lubber*. But F. *Lubin*, a proper name, was in OF. an abusive nickname for a monk or friar, and earliest sense of *looby* (*Piers Plowm.*) is idler, loafer.

**loofah.** Arab. *lūfah*, plant with fibrous pods.

**look.** AS. *lōcian*; cf. Ger. dial. *lugen*, to look out.

**loom<sup>1</sup>.** For weaving. AS. *gelōma*, implement, utensil, of any kind; cf. obs. Du. *allaam*, with prefix as in AS. *andlōman* (pl.), utensils, apparatus.

**loom<sup>2</sup>.** Verb. Orig. naut., and app. in mod. sense of indistinct atmospheric effect; ? cf. ON. *ljōma*, to gleam, cogn. with AS. *lēoma*, ray of light.

**loon<sup>1</sup>.** Lout, etc. In early Sc. rogue, e.g. *false loon*. Origin unknown.

**loon<sup>2</sup>.** Sea-bird. Earlier also *loom*, ON. *lōmr*; ? cf. Du. *loom*, lame, clumsy. Prob. assimilated to *loon<sup>1</sup>* in its later sense.

**loony** [*slang*]. For *lunatic*, associated with *loon<sup>1</sup>*.

**loop.** Prob. of Celt. origin. Cf. Gael. Ir. *lúb*, bend; ult. cogn. with *slip* (q.v.); cf. Ger. *schlupfloch*, "a starting-hole, a loop-hole" (Ludw.), from *schlupfen*, to slip.

**loose.** Adj. ON. *lauss*, cogn. with AS. *lēas* (whence obs. *lease*, loose) and with *lose* (q.v.), cf. Du. Ger. *los*.

**loosestrife.** Plant. Early herbalists' transl. of G. *λυσιμάχων*, from pers. name *Λυσιμαχος*, from *λύειν*, to loose, *μάχη*, strife.

**loot.** Hind. *lūt*, ? from Sanskrit *lun̥t*, to rob.

**lover.** See *lower*.

**lop<sup>1</sup>.** To cut. AS. *loppian* (in a charter). Perh. connected with *lop<sup>2</sup>*, as *lopping* is applied esp. to removal of pendent branches in contrast to *topping* or *cropping*.

**lop<sup>2</sup>.** To hang loosely, as in *lop-eared*, *lopsided*. Cf. *lap<sup>1</sup>*, *lob*. *Lopsided*, orig. naut., was earlier *lapsided*.

**lop<sup>3</sup>** [*naut.*] Imit. of sound and movement of short lumpy waves.

**lope, loup.** ON. *hlaupa*, to leap, run (see *leap*).

**lophiodon.** Fossil animal. From G. *λόφιον*, dim. of *λόφος*, crest (after *mastodon*).

**lopho-.** See *lophodon*.

**loquacious.** From L. *loquax*, *loquac-*, from *loqui*, to speak.

**loquat.** Fruit. Chin. (Canton dial.) *lou kwét*, rush orange.

**lorcha** [*naut.*]. Port., Chinese-rigged vessel with hull on Europ. model. Origin unknown.

**lord.** AS. *hlāfweard*, *hlāford*, loaf-ward; cf. *lady* (q.v.) and AS. *hlāfēta*, servant, lit. loaf-eater. Orig. master of the house, husband, application to

the Deity being due to its translating *L. dominus*, G. *κύριος*.

**lore**<sup>1</sup>. Knowledge, etc. AS. *lār*, cogn. with *learn* (q.v.); cf. Du. *leer*, Ger. *lehre*.

**lore**<sup>2</sup> [*biol.*]. Strap-like appendage to face. L. *lorum*, strap.

**lorette**. F., Parisian courtesan, from residence near church of *Noire Dame de Lorette* (*Loretto*).

**lorgnette, lorgnon**. F., from *lorgner*, to look askance, from OF. *lorgne*, squinting, of unknown origin.

**loricate** [*biol.*]. Armoured. From L. *lorica*, coat of mail, from *lorum*, strap.

**lorikeet**. Small lory (q.v.). By analogy with *parakeet*.

**lorimer, loriner** [*hist.*]. Maker of metal parts of harness. OF. *loremier, loriner* (Mod. *lormier*), from L. *lorum*, strap, thong.

**loriot**. Bird. F., for OF. *l'oriot*, with agglutination of art. See *oriole*.

**loris**. "Ceylon sloth." F. *loris*, Du. *loeres*, from *loer*, clown.

**lorn**. Archaic p.p. of obs. *leese*, to lose (q.v.); cf. *forlorn*.

**lorry**. Also *lurry*. Origin unknown. It is perh. a metath. of *rolley, rulley*, recorded somewhat earlier in sense of "tram" in coal-mining. ? Or cf. Norw. *lorje*, lighter, earlier *lodje*, of Russ. origin.

**lory**. Bird. Malay *lūrī*, also *nūrī*.

**lose**. AS. *losian*, to be lost. Orig. intrans., mod. sense coming from association with cogn. *leese*, AS. *lēosan* (in compds.), which it has supplanted. *Leese* occurs in *AV*. (1 *Kings* xviii. 5) where mod. editions have *lose*; cf. Du. *verliezen*, Ger. *verlieren*, Goth. *frahusan*. With *leese*, *lorn*, cf. Ger. *verlieren* (OHG. *firlosan*), *verloren*.

**lorel** [*archaic*]. Good-for-nothing. Also *lorel*. From p.p. *losen, loren*, of obs. *leese*, to lose (q.v.).

**loss**. Back-formation from *lost*.

**lot**. AS. *hlōt*, rendering L. *sors, portio*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *lot*, and, with different ablaut, Ger. *loos*, ON. *hlutr*, Goth. *hlauts*. Orig. the object (counter, die, straw, etc.) used in drawing (casting) lots, AS. *weorpan hlōt* (see *warps*). Adopted from Teut. into Rom. langs., e.g. F. *lot*, whence some senses of E. *lot*; It. *lotto*, chance, lottery, whence the name of a game; It. *lotteria*, whence E. *lottery*.

**lota** [*Anglo-Ind.*]. Copper jug. Hind. *lota*, Sanskrit *lohita*, copper.

**loth**. See *loath*.

**Lothario, gay**. Character in Rowe's *Fair Penitent* (1703).

**lotion**. L. *lotio*-n-, from *lavare*, *lot*-, to wash.

**lottery**. See *lot*.

**lotto**. See *lot*.

**lotus**. G. *λωτός*, in legend of lotus-eaters (*Odyssey*, ix. 90 ff.).

**loud**. AS. *hlūd*. WGer.; cf. Du. *luid*, Ger. *laut*; cogn. with Goth. *hluma*, hearing, ON. *hljómr*, sound, G. *kluvrós*, renowned, from *klüew*, to hear, L. *inclutus*, from *cluere*, to be famous; cf. OIr. *cloth*, Sanskrit *śrūta*.

**lough**. E. form of Ir. *loch* or Welsh *llwch* (from Ir.). See *loch*.

**louis**. Coin. F. *louis d'or*; also furniture (*Louis quinze*, etc.). From various kings of France.

**lounge**. Perh. suggested by obs. *lungis*, OF. *longis*, "a dreaming luske, drowsie gangrill" (Cotg.), from *Longius* or *Longinus*, apocryphal name of soldier who pierced Christ's side with a spear. This name is perh. from a misunderstanding of G. *λόγχη*, lance (*John* xix. 34), and its sense was popularly associated with L. *longus*.

**loup**. See *lope*.

**lour**. See *lower*.

**louse**. AS. *lūs*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *luis*, Ger. *laus*, ON. *lūs*.

**lout**. From 16 cent., early examples (*learned and lout, lord and lout*), suggesting alteration of *lewd* (q.v.), influenced in current sense by archaic *lout*, to bend low, AS. *lutan*.

**louver**. Also *loover, luffer, louvre*. Of various structures with venetian-blind arrangement for passage of smoke, air, light. OF. *lover, lovrier*, from OHG. *laubā* (Mod. *laube*), whence also *lobby, lodge* (q.v.). Ger. *laube*, whence (prob. through OF.) obs. Du. *loove*, "projectura, compluvium, suggrunda, podium, menianum, pergula: vulgō lobia" (Kil.), is used of all kinds of wooden structures attached to a house. Cf. Du. dial. *luif*, "a penthouse" (Sewel). Some regard these words as ult. cogn. with ON. *loft* (see *loft*).

**lovage**. Plant. ME. *loveache*, folk-etym. alteration of OF. *levesche, huvesche* (Mod. *livèche*), Late L. *levis-ticum*, unexplained corrupt. of L. *ligusticum*, from *Liguria*, supposed to be home of plant.

**love**. AS. *lufu*; cf. obs. Du. *lieven*, to love, Ger. *liebe*; cogn. with L. *huber*,

it pleases, Sanskrit *lubh*, to desire, and also with *leave*<sup>1</sup>, *belief*, *lief*.

**Lovelace**. Lady-killer. Character in Richardson's *Clarissa Harlowe* (1748).

**low**<sup>1</sup>. Adj. Late AS. *lāh*, ON. *lāgr*; cf. Du. *laag*, Ger. dial. *lāg*, flat; ult. cogn. with *lie*<sup>1</sup>.

**low**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. AS. *hlōwan*; cf. Du. *loeien*, MHG. *luegen*, ON. *hlōa*, to roar; cogn. with L. *clamare*.

**low**<sup>3</sup> [geog.]. Hill, tumulus. See *law*<sup>3</sup>.

**low**<sup>4</sup> [north]. Blaze. ON. *logr*; cf. Ger. *lohe* and *lichterloh*. Ult. cogn. with *light*<sup>1</sup>.

**lower**. To scowl, etc. Earlier *lour*, app. cogn. with Du. *loeren*, to frown, look askance, Ger. *lauern*, to lie in wait (one sense of ME. *lowren*), and with *lurk*. Form and sense have been affected by association with *low*<sup>1</sup>.

**loxodromic** [naut.]. From G. *λοξός*, oblique, *δρόμος*, course

**loyal**. F. *loyal* (OF. *leuel*), L. *legalis*, from *lex*, *leg-*, law. Cf. *leal*.

**lozenge**. F. *losange*, app. connected with OF. *lauze*, roofing slate, Prov. *lauza*, slab, tombstone, L. *lapides lausiae* (1 cent.); cf. It *losanga*, Sp. *losanje*. Origin unknown. Orig. term of her., the cough lozenge being named from shape.

**L. s. d.** Initials of L. *librae*, *solidi*, *denarii*, whence F. *livres*, *sous*, *deniers*.

**lubber**. Earliest (*Piers Plowm.*) applied to lazy monks; cf. obs. *abbey-lubber*. Perh. OF. *lobeor*, deceiver, parasite, from *lober*, Ger. *loben*, to praise, but associated also with *lob*, *looby*; cf. Du. *lobbes*, "a clownish fellow" (Sewel). See also *looby*.

**lubra** [Austral.]. Woman. Orig. Tasmanian.

**lubricate**. From L. *lubricare*, from *lubricus*, slippery.

**luce**, Pike (fish). OF. *lus*, *huis*, L. *lucius*.

**lucerne**. Clover. F. *luzerne*, ModProv. *luzerno*, which also means glow-worm. ? From glowing appearance of the flower.

**lucid**. F. *lucide*, L. *lucidus*, from *lux*, *luc-*, light.

**Lucifer**. Morning star, lit. light-bringer. L. transl. of G. *φωσφόρος*. Also applied, by mystical interpretation of Is. xiv. 12, to Satan.

**luck**. LG. or Du. *luk*, for *geluk*, MHG. *gelücke* (Mod. *glück*). Origin unknown.

**lucre**. F. *lucre*, L. *lucrum*, gain.

**Lucretia**. Pattern of chastity. From victim of Sextus Tarquinius (Livy, i. 57-8).

**lucubration**. L. *lucubratio-n-*, from *lucubrare*, etym. to work by lamp-light, from *lux*, *luc-*, light.

**luculent**. L. *luculentus*, from *lux*, *luc-*, light.

**Lucullian**. Of banquets such as those of L. *Lucius Lucullus*, Roman epicure (†56 B.C.).

**lucus a non lucendo**. Allusion to methods of early etymologists, who sometimes derived words from their opposites, e.g. *lucus*, a grove, from *lux*, because of its darkness.

**lud**. Minced pronunc. of *lord*. Usu. of barrister addressing judge.

**Luddite** [hist.]. Machine-breaker in Midlands and north (1811-16). From *Captain* (or *King*) *Ludd*, imaginary leader.

**ludicrous**. From L. *ludicrus*, from *ludere*, to play.

**lues** [med.]. Flow, discharge. L., from *luere*, to loose.

**luff**<sup>1</sup> [naut.]. To bring head of ship nearer wind. From noun *luff*, ME. *lof*, *loof*, F. *lof* (in Wace, 12 cent.), some contrivance for altering course of ship; cf. Du. *loef*, Norw. Dan. *luw*, Sw. *lou*, etc.; cf. OHG. *laffa*, blade of oar; prob. cogn. with E. dial. *loof*, hand. See *aloof*.

**luff**<sup>2</sup> [naut.]. Lieutenant, of which *luftenant* is an early var.

**luffer**. See *lower*.

**lug**<sup>1</sup>, **lugworm**. Used as bait. In Antrim called *lurg*, *lurgan*. Origin unknown.

**lug**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. Cf. Sw. *lugga*, to pull hair, from *lugg*, forelock, which is perh. the same as Sc. *lug*, ear, earlier (15 cent.) lappet, or "ear," of cap; ? cogn. with AS. *lūcan*, to pull up (weeds), Goth. *uslūkan*, to lug out (one's sword). Hence *luggage*.

**luge** [Alp.]. Kind of sleigh. Earlier *lege* (18 cent.), *lge* (1518). Origin unknown.

**luggage**. See *lug*<sup>2</sup>.

**ligger**. Back-formation (late 18 cent.) from *lugsail* (17 cent.), ? for \**luck-sail*, transl. of F. *voile de fortune*; cf. obs. E. *bonaventure*, used of a similar sail.

**lugubrious**. From L. *lugubris*, from *lugere*, to mourn.

**Luke**. *St Luke's summer*, spell of warm weather about *St Luke's Day*, Oct. 18.

**lukewarm**. From obs. *luke*, tepid, ME. *lewk*. Cf. Du. *leuk*. ME. had also *lew*, whence dial. *lew-warm*, from AS.

*hlōw*, shelter, lee, cogn. with Ger. *lau*, lukewarm, ON. *hlýr*, warm,

mild. The relation of the two words is obscure.

**lull**. Imit.; cf. Sw *lulla*, Dan. *lulle*, in same sense, also L. *lallare*. See *Lollard*. With *lullaby* cf. *hushaby* and see *bye-bye*.

**lumbago**. L., from *lumbus*, loin. Cf. *lumber*, L. *lumbaris*.

**lumber**. Earliest (ME *lomeyen*) as verb, of clumsy, blundering movement, perh. cogn. with *lame*, of which *lome* is a common ME. var. Later associated with *Lumber*, Lombard, *lumberhouse*, pawnbroker's shop, regarded as store-house of disused articles; cf. *Lumber Street* (Pepys, Sep 16, 1668) for *Lombard Street*, and see *Lombard*. NAm. sense of rough timber is recorded for 17 cent. Thus noun *lumber* means orig. trumpery, with idea of unwieldiness due to association with unrelated verb. For intrusive -b- of verb cf. *slumber*.

**lumbrical**. Of the earthworm, L. *lumbricus*.

**luminous**. F. *lumineux*, L. *luminosus*, from *lumen*, *lumin-*, light, cogn. with *lux*.

**lummy** [vulg.]. For *Lord love me*!

**lump**<sup>1</sup>. Shapeless aggregation. Nearest in sense are obs. Dan *lump*, lump, Norw. & Sw. dial. *lump*, block, etc. ? Cf. Du *lump*, rag, Ger *lumpen*, rag. Origin unknown.

**lump**<sup>2</sup>. Fish. Also *lump-fish*. Prob. from *lump*<sup>1</sup>, from uncouth shape.

**lump**<sup>3</sup>. Verb. Now only (colloq.) in contrast with *like*. Origin unknown, but the verb is very old, as *Matilda Lumpjoy* (cf. *Lovejoy*) was alive c. 1300.

**lunar**. L. *lunaris*, from *luna*, moon. *Lunar caustic*, fused nitrate of silver, is from *luna*, silver (alch.).

**lunatic**. Late L. *lunaticus*, from *luna*, from belief that lunatics were moon-struck.

**lunch, luncheon**. Both words are of same date (late 16 cent.), and it is prob. that *luncheon* was extended from *lunch* by analogy with *nuncheon*. Earliest sense is lump, chunk, and it is supposed that *lunch* may be for *lump* by analogy with *hump*, *hunch*. But "it is curious that the word (*lunch*) first appears as a rendering of the (at that time) like-sounding Sp. *lonja*" (NED.). The date of appearance favours Sp. origin.

**lundyfoot**. Snuff. From *Lundy Foot*, Dublin tobacconist (18 cent.).

**lune** [archaic]. Leash for hawk. ME. also *loyne*, OF. *loigne* (Mod. *longe*), Late L. *longea*, length of cord.

**lunette** [fort. & art]. F, dim. of *lune*, moon

**lung**. AS. *lungen*, cf. Du. *long*, Ger. *lunge*, ON. *lunga*; ult. cogn. with *hght*<sup>2</sup>. Cf. *hghts*, and Port. *leve*, lung, lit. light.

**lunge**<sup>1</sup>. Long tether for training horses to gallop in circle. F. *longe*, halter, as *lune* (q.v.).

**lunge**<sup>2</sup>. In fencing. Aphet. for earlier *allonge*, *elonge*, from F. *allonger*, to lengthen, stretch out, from *long*.

**lunkah**. Strong cheroot. Hind *Langha*, name of islands in Godavery Delta where tobacco is grown.

**Lupercal** [hist.]. Roman festival. L. *Lupercalia*, from *Luperci*, priests of some form of nature worship, ? lit. wolf expellers, from *arcere*, to keep distant.

**lupine, lupin**. Plant. L. *lupinus*, from *lupus*, wolf, ? or from G. *λοπός*, pod, altered by folk-etym.

**lupul-**. From ModL *lupulus*, hops.

**lupus**. Skin disease. L., wolf. Cf. *cancer*, *molligrubs*.

**lurch**<sup>1</sup>, **leave in the**. From obs. game *lurch*, supposed to have resembled back-gammon. F. *lourche*; cf. It. *lurcio*. Perh. from Ger. dial *lurz*, as in *lurz werden*, to be discomfited in a game, MHG *lorz*, *lurz*, left, the left hand being emblematic of bad luck (cf. *smister*). But to *leave in the lurch*, copiously recorded some years earlier than to *leave in the lurch*, suggests some connection with F. *lâcher*, to let go, as in ModF. *lâcher un ami*, to leave a friend in the lurch. See also *lurch*<sup>2</sup>. Prob. two words have amalgamated.

**lurch**<sup>2</sup>. Roll to one side. Orig. naut. and recorded as *lee-larch* (Falc.), which is for earlier *lee-latch* (c. 1700), app. from F. *lâcher*, to let go, VL. \**laxiare*, from *laxus*. As used of gait, partly due to archaic *lurch*, to prowl, whence *lurcher* (q.v.).

**lurcher**. From archaic *lurch*, to prowl about, supposed to be a var. of *lurk* (q.v.).

**lurdan** [archaic]. Lout, sluggard. OF. *lourdin*, from *lourd*, heavy; cf. ModF. *lourdaut*.

**lure**. F. *leurre*, "a faulkoners lure" (Cotg.); MHG. *lueder* (Mod. *luder*), bait.

**lurid**. L. *luridus*, yellowish, wan, cogn. with G. *χλωρός*.

**lurk.** ? Frequent. of *lower*, with suffix as in *talk*, *walk*.

**luscious.** ME *lucius*, var. of *lucius*, aphet. for *delicious*. Sense affected by association with *lush*<sup>1</sup>.

**lush**<sup>1</sup>. Adj. App. for ME. and dial *lash*, flaccid, F. *lâche*, L. *laxus*. For change of vowel cf. *lurch*<sup>2</sup>.

**lush**<sup>2</sup> [slang]. Drink. ? Shelta *lush*, to eat and drink.

**lushington** [slang]. Thirsty person. Surname *Lushington*, with a play on *lush*<sup>2</sup>.

**Lusitanian.** Of *Lusitania*, L. name of Portugal.

**lust.** AS. *lust*, pleasure, delight, enjoyment. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *lust*, ON. *loste*, Goth. *lustus*; cogn. with *list*<sup>2</sup> *listless*. Hence *lust*, orig. joyful.

**lustration.** Purification. L. *lustratio-n-*, from *lustrum*, purificatory sacrifice every five years after census, from *luere*, to wash, cogn. with *lavare*. *Lustrum*, period of five years, is secondary sense.

**lustre**<sup>1</sup>. Brightness. F. *lustre*, from L. *lustrare*, to shine, cogn. with *lux*, light.

**lustre**<sup>2</sup>. Space of five years. F. *lustre*, L. *lustrum*. See *lustration*.

**lustring.** See *lutestring*.

**lusty.** See *lust*.

**lute**<sup>1</sup>. Instrument. OF. *lut* (Mod. *luth*), It. *liuto*, Arab. *al-'ūd*, lit. the (aloe) wood. Cf. Sp. *laúd*, Port. *alaúde*; also Du. *lut*, Ger. *laute*.

**lute**<sup>2</sup>. Clay. F. *lut*, L. *lutum*, from *luere*, to wash down.

**luteous.** Deep orange colour. From L. *luteus*, from *lutum*, a yellow dye-plant.

**lutestring.** Folk-etym. for *lustring*, F. *lustrine*, It. *lustrino* (see *lustre*<sup>1</sup>).

**Lutetian.** Of Paris, L. *Lutetia Parisiorum*.

**Lutine bell.** At Lloyd's. Salvaged from frigate *Lutine*, lost 1799.

**luisca.** Fabric. Arbitrary trade-name from *viscose*, material from which artificial silk is made. See *viscous*.

**luxation.** Dislocation. L. *luxatio-n-*, from *luxare*, from *luxus*, from G. *λοξός*, askew.

**lux.** F. *luxe*, L. *luxus*.

**luxury.** AF. *luxurie*, L. *luxuria*, from *luxus*, abundance. Earliest E. sense is that of lasciviousness.

**LXX.** Abbrev. for *Septuagint* (q.v.).

**-ly.** AS. *-lic*, to form nouns and adjs., *-lice*, to form advs. Ident. with *like* (q.v.) and cogn. with *lich* in *hchgate*; cf. Du. *-lijh*, Ger. *-lich*, Sw. Norw. Dan. *-lig* (from ON. *líkr*), Goth. *-leiks*,

**lyam-hound** [archaic]. See *lime-hound*.

**lycanthrope.** Werewolf. G. *lykánthrops*, from *lykos*, wolf, *ánthrops*, man.

**lyceum.** L. *lyceum*, G. *Λύκειον*, garden where Aristotle taught at Athens, adjacent to temple of Apollo, one of whose epithets was *Λύκειος*.

**lych.** See *lich*.

**lychnis.** Plant. G. *lychnis*, some red flower, from *lychnos*, lamp.

**lycopodium.** Plant, lit. wolf-foot. See *lycanthrope*, *tripod*.

**lyddite.** First tested (c. 1888) at *Lydd*, Kent.

**Lydford law.** From *Lydford* (Dartmoor), where was held a Stannaries Court of summary jurisdiction.

**Lydian.** Of *Lydia*, kingdom of Croesus in Asia Minor. Applied in G. to a mode of music regarded as effeminate.

**lye.** AS. *lēag* Com Teut.; cf. Du. *loog*, Ger. *lauge*, ON. *laug*; cogn. with *lather*.

**lyke-wake** [archaic]. Watch over dead body. See *lich*, *wake*.

**lymph.** L. *lymphā*, water, colourless fluid, altered from *lumpā*, owing to a legendary connection with *nymph*.

**lynch law.** Earlier (1817) *Lynch's law*. Trad. from *Charles Lynch*, a Virginian justice of the peace (c. 1782). More prob. from *Lynch's Creek* (S. Carolina), known to have been a meeting-place of the "Regulators" as early as 1768. This would make the phrase parallel to *Lydford law*, *Jeddari justice*.

**lynx.** L. *lynx*, G. *λύγξ*; cogn. with AS. *lox*, Du. *los*, Ger. *luchs*, and prob. with G. *λέυσσειν*, to see.

**lyon.** In *Lyon King of Arms*, chief herald of Scotland, in allusion to lion on shield.

**lyre.** F. *lyre*, L. *lyra*, G. *λύρα*. Hence *lyric-al*.

**lysol.** Disinfectant. From G. *λύσις*, loosening.

**M.** For 1000. Inrt. of L. *mille*, thousand. But orig. for symbol CD (see *D*), an alteration of the G. *φ*.

**ma.** 19 cent. abbrev. of *mamma* (q.v.).

**ma'am.** For *madam* (q.v.). Cf. US. (school)-*marm* and Anglo-Ind. *mem*-(sahib).

**Mac.** Facet. for Scotsman. Gael. Ir. *mac*, son, cogn. with Welsh *ap* (earlier *map*). See also *maid*.

**macabre.** F. *macabre*, earlier *macabré*, in *danse Macabré* (14 cent.), dance of



death. App. corrupt. of *Macca-bæus*; cf. MedL. *chorea Machabæorum*, dance of death.

**macaco**. Monkey. Port., from native name (Congo). Hence F. *macaque*.

**macadam**. Introduced by J. L. Mc-Adam (†1836).

**macaroni**. It. *maccheroni* (*macaroni* in Flor.), pl. of *maccherone*. Of doubtful origin, perh. from obs. It. *maccare*, to pound. Hence *macaroni*, 18 cent. "blood," belonging to *Macaroni Club* and professing contempt for native cooking. *Macaronic poetry*, usu. jargonized Latin, was invented (1517) by Merlinus Cocceus (Teofilo Folengo), who likened his work to the culinary *macaroni*.

**macaroon**. F. *macaron*, It. *maccherone* (v.s.).

**macassar**. Oil from *Manghasara*, district in Celebes, one of the Philippines. Cf. *antimacassar*.

**macaw**. Port. *macao*, for Brazil. *macaviana*.

**macaw-palm**. Of Carib origin; cf. *macoya*, *mocaya*, its name in Guiana.

**maccaboy**, **maccabaw**, **mackabaw**. Snuff. From *Macouba*, in Martinique.

**mace**<sup>1</sup>. Weapon. F. *masse*, VL. *\*mattea*, whence L. *matteola*, mallet.

**mace**<sup>2</sup>. Spice, husk of nutmeg. False sing. from ME. *macis*, L. *macis*, recorded only in Plautus, and perh. invented by him.

**macédoine**. Mixed dish. F., lit. Macedonian, ? from empire of Alexander being regarded as a miscellaneous collection.

**macerate**. From L. *macerare*, to steep; ? cf. G. *μάσσειν*, to steep. Sense of fasting app. due to association with L. *macer*, thin.

**machete**, **matchet**. Heavy Wind. cutlass. Sp. *machete*, dim. of *macho*, hammer, L. *martulus*.

**Machiavellian**. Of Niccolò Machiavelli (†1527), of Florence, author of *Il Principe*.

**machicolation** [arch.]. From F. *machicoulis*, aperture for dropping melted lead, etc., on assailants of castle. Second element app. as in *porticullis* (q.v.), first doubtful.

**machine**. F. *machine*, L. *machina*, G. *μηχανή*, from *μήχος*, contrivance; ult. cogn. with *may*.

**machy**. G. *-μαχία*, from *μάχεσθαι*, to fight.

**maquerel**. OF. *maquerel* (Mod. *maquereau*). Prob. ident. with F. *maquereau*,

pander, from a popular belief as to the habits of the fish. Of LG. origin. Cf. Du. *makelaar*, broker, ult. cogn. with E. *make*, to bring about.

**mackinaw** [US]. Blanket, etc. Name of island between Lakes Huron and Michigan.

**mackintosh**. Waterproof cloth patented (1823) by Charles Macintosh.

**macle** [min.]. Dark spot, twin crystal. F. *macle*, L. *macula*, spot.

**macramé**. Turk. *magrama*, towel, napkin.

**macrocosm**. From G. *μακρός*, great, long, *κόσμος*, world; cf. *microcosm*.

**macron**. Neut. of G. *μακρός*, long.

**macrour-**, **macrur-**. Long-tailed. From G. *οὐρά*, tail (v.s.).

**mactation**. L. *mactatio-n-*, from *mactare*, to slay.

**maculate**. From L. *maculare*, from *macula*, spot.

**mad**. AS. *mād*, only in compd. *mādmōd*, folly, so that the mod. word is rather apphet. for AS. *gemād*, shortened from *gemāded*, p.p. of an unrecorded verb, cogn. with OHG. *gameit*, foolish, Goth. *gamarths*, crippled, and ult. with L. *mutare*, to change.

**madame**. F., orig. *ma dame*, my lady, L. *mea domina*.

**madder**. AS. *mædere*; cogn. with ON. *mathra*; cf. Du. *mede*, *mee* (in compd. *meekrap*).

**madeira**. Wine from *Madeira Islands*, named from timber, Port. *madeira*, L. *materia*, because formerly thickly wooded.

**mademoiselle**. F., orig. *ma demoiselle*. See *damsel*.

**madonna**. It., orig. *ma (mia) donna*. As *madame* (q.v.).

**madrepore**. Coral. F. *madrépore*, It. *madrepora*, from *madre*, mother, and a second element which may be from L. *porus*, pore, or G. *πῶρος*, calcareous stone.

**madrigal**. F. *madrigal*, It. *madrigale*. Origin unknown.

**Maecenas**. Liberal patron. Friend of Augustus and patron of Horace and Virgil.

**maelstrom**. Du. *maalstroom*, earlier *maelstroom*, whirlpool, from *malen*, to grind (cogn. with Ger. *mahlen* and ult. with L. *molere*), and *stroom*, stream.

**maenad**. Bacchant. G. *μαῖάς*, *μαῖαδ-*, from *μαίεσθαι*, to rave Cf. *mania*.

**maestoso** [mus.]. It., majestic.

**maestro** [mus.]. It. *maestro*, L. *magister*, master.

**maffick.** Back-formation from *mafficking*, applied to wild rejoicing at relief (May 17, 1900) of *Mafeking* (SAfr.).

**mafia.** Sicilian lawlessness, gen. understood as name of secret society. Origin unknown.

**mag.** Short for *Margaret*, as in *magpie*, whence *mag*, to chatter. With *Mag's* (*Meg's*) *diversions* cf. earlier *Mag's tales*, the name being used as a generic term for a rough and boisterous woman (see also *Meg*).

**magazine.** F. *magasin*, It. *magazzino* (cf. OSp. *magacen*), Arab *makhāzin*, pl of *makhzan*, store-house, from *khazana*, to store up. Sp. *almacén*, Port. *armazem* keep the Arab. def. art.

**magdalen-e.** Repentant sinner. *Mary Magdalen*, G. *Maydalah*, of *Magdala*, near Sea of Galilee. See *maudlin*.

**mage.** F., see *magi*.

**magenta.** Aniline dye discovered just after French victory over Austrians (1859) at *Magenta* (NIt)

**maggot.** Corrupt, due to association with *Maggot*, obs. dim. of *Mag* (see *magpie*), of ME. *madoh*, dim. of AS. *maitha*, worm, *maggot*, cogn. with Du. Ger. *made*, Goth. *maitha*. See *mawkish*.

**magi.** Pl. of L. *magus*, G. *μάγος*, OFers. *magus*, member of priestly caste, magician.

**magic.** F. *magique* (adj.), G. *μαγική* (sc. *τέχνη*), from *μάγος*. See *magi*.

**magilp.** See *megilp*.

**magisterial.** MedL *magisterialis*, from *magister*, master, double compar. from *magnum*.

**magistrate.** L. *magistratus*, orig. office of magistrate, from *magister*.

**magma** [geol.]. Crude pasty matter. G., from *μάσσειν*, to knead

**magnanimous.** From L. *magnanimus*, from *magnum*, great, *animus*, soul.

**magnate.** Late L. *magnas*, *magnat*, from *magnum*, great.

**magnesia.** From G. *Μαγνησία*, district in Thessaly. Applied also to the lode-stone (see *magnet*).

**magnet.** OF. *magnete*, or L. *magnes*, *magnet*, G. *μάγνηξ*, Magnesian stone (v.s.).

**Magnificat.** L., magnifies, init. word of Virgin's hymn (*Luke* i. 46-55).

**magnificence.** F. *magnificence*, L. *magnificencia*, from *magnum*, great, *facere*, to do.

**magnifico.** Honorary title of Venet. magnate (v.s.).

**magniloquent.** From L. *magniloquus*, from *loqui*, to speak.

**magnitude.** L. *magnitudo*, from *magnum*, great, cogn. with G. *μέγας*, and ult. with *much*.

**magnolia.** From *Pierre Magnol* (†1715), professor of botany at Montpellier.

**magnum.** Two-quart bottle. L. *magnum*, neut. adj. Cf. *magnum bonum*, plum, potato, steel pen.

**magot.** Barbary ape; grotesque Chin. figure. F. *magot*, ? from Bibl *Magog* (*Rev.* xx. 8).

**magpie.** From *pie*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.) with name *Mag* prefixed. Formerly also *Meg*, *Maggot*, etc. Cf. F. *margot*, *magpie*.

**maguey.** Amer. aloe. Sp., from Haytian.

**magus.** See *magi*.

**Magyar.** People and lang. of Hungary. From native name, prob. meaning mountain-dwellers, the race coming from the Ural. The lang. belongs to the Uralo-Finnic group.

**maharajah.** Hind., Sanskrit *mahārāja*, great king, cogn. with L. *magnum rex*.

**mahatma.** Sanskrit *mahātman*, from *mahā*, great (v s), *ātman*, soul.

**mahdi.** Arab. *mahdīy*, passive part. of *hadā*, to lead aright.

**mah-jongh.** Corrupt Europ. pronunc. of Pekingese *ma-ch'iao* (Cantonese *ma-tsok*), sparrow

**mahlstick.** See *maulstick*.

**mahogany.** Of obscure Wind. origin.

**Mahometan.** From *Mahomet*, early popular form of Arab. *Muhammad*.

**mahout.** Elephant-driver. Hind. *mahāwat*, Sanskrit *mahā-mātra*, lit. great in measure, hence, high officer. Cf. *mahatma*

**Mahratti** [Ing.]. Lang. of the Mahrattas, akin to Hindi.

**mahseer.** Fish. Hind. *mahāsīr*, ? Sanskrit *mahā-sīras*, big head.

**maid, maiden.** *Maid* is shortened from *maiden*, AS. *mæden*, girl, virgin, cogn. with OHG. *magatin* (replaced by dim. *mädchen*). With AS *mæth*, which did not survive, cf. OSax. *magath*, Ger. *magd*, Goth. *magaths*. All these are fem. derivatives of an OTeut. word for boy, which appears in AS. *magu*, child, son, ON. *mogr*, Goth. *magus*; ? ult. cogn. with Gael. *mac*.

**maiden** [Anglo-Ind.]. Esplanade. Pers. *mardān*.

**maieutic.** Socratic method of extracting truth. G. *μαϊευτικός*, lit. obstetric, used fig. by Socrates, from *μαία*, midwife.

**mail**<sup>1</sup>. Armour. F. *maille*, L. *macula*, spot, mesh, applied to chain-armour.

**mail**<sup>2</sup>. Bag, now esp. for letters. OF. *male* (Mod. *malles*, trunk), OHG. *malaha*, leather bag.

**mail**<sup>3</sup>. Payment, rent, etc. Now only Sc., exc. in *blackmail* (orig. paid in black cattle). ON. *mäl*, speech, agreement. Com. Teut.; cf. AS. *mæthel*, meeting, OHG. *maihäl*, *maihäl*, assembly, treaty, Goth. *maihl*, meeting-place.

**maim**. ME. also *mahaym*, *maynke*, etc., OF. *meshaigner*, *mahaigner*; cf. It. *magagnare*. Prob. of Teut. origin; cf. MHG. *merdenen*, OFrankish *marðanjan*, to castrate.

**main**<sup>1</sup>. Strength (*might and main*). AS. *mægen*, strength, cogn. with *may*, *might*.

**main**<sup>2</sup>. Adj. Partly evolved from compds. of *main*<sup>1</sup>, partly from cogn. ON. adj. *meginn*, *megn*, strong.

**main**<sup>3</sup>. Term at hazard, cock-fighting match. Its regular association with *by* suggests that it is a spec. use of *main*<sup>2</sup> (cf. *main-road*, *by-road*).

**mainour** [hist.]. See *manner*<sup>2</sup>.

**maintain**. F. *maintenir*, from L. *manu tenere*, to hold with the hand.

**maisonnette**. F., dim. of *maison*, L. *mansio-n* (see *mansion*).

**maize**. Sp. *maiz*, earlier *mahiz*, from Cuban.

**majesty**. F. *majesté*, L. *majestas*, -*tat*, cogn. with *major*, greater.

**majolica**. It., from *Majorica*, early name of *Majorca* (now *Mallorca*), Balearic Islands. Named from being the larger island; cf. *Minorca*.

**major**. L., compar. of *magnus*. *Major-domo* is adapted from Sp. *mayordomo*, MedL. *major domus*, mayor of the palace, under the Merovingians. See *mayor*.

**majuscula**. F. *majuscula*, L. *majuscula* (sc. *littera*), dim. of *major*, *maius*, greater.

**make**. AS. *macian*. WGer.; cf. Du. *maken*, Ger. *machen*. Orig. sense perh. to render suitable; cf. Ger. *gemach* (adj.), suitable, (noun), room, AS. *gemaca*, fellow, equal (see *match*<sup>1</sup>). *Made* is contr. of *mahede* (cf. Ger. *machte*).

**mal-**. F. *mal-*, badly, L. *male*

**malacca**. Cane from *Malacca*, in Malay peninsula.

**malachite**. From G. *μαλάχη*, mallow; from colour.

**malacology**. Study of molluscs. From G. *μαλακός*, soft.

**maladroit**. F., from *mal*, ill, *adroît* (q.v.).

**malady**. F. *maladie*, from *malade*, Late L. *male habitus*, for *male habens*, rendering G. *κακὸς ἔχων* (see *cachexy*).

**malaga**. Wine from *Malaga* (Spain).

**Malagasy**. People and lang. of *Madagascar*; cf. F. *Malgache*. Perh. cogn. with *Malay*.

**malander, mallender** [vet.]. Eruption behind knee of horse F. *malandre*, L. *malandria*. Cf. *sallender*.

**malapert** [archaic]. OF., from *mal apert*, opposite of *apert*, able, expert (see *pert*).

**malapropism**. Verbal confusion. From Mrs *Malaprop* (from F. *mal à propos*, ill to the purpose) in Sheridan's *Rivals* (1775).

**malar** [anat.]. From L. *mala*, jaw, cheek.

**malaria**. It. *mal' aria*, for *mala aria*, bad air.

**Malay** [ling.]. Orig. a Polynesian lang., but now saturated with Arab.

**Malayalam** [ling.]. Dravidian lang. of Malabar.

**malcontent**. OF. *malcontent* (replaced by *mécontent*); cf. *maladroît*, *malapert*.

**male**. F. *mâle*, OF. *masle*, L. *masculus*, dim. of *mas*, male.

**malediction**. Learned form of *malison* (q.v.).

**malefactor**. L., from *male facere*, to do ill Cf. *maleficent*, from L. *maleficus*.

**malevolent**. From L. *male*, ill, *volens*, *volent*-, pres. part. of *velle*, to wish.

**malfeasance** [leg.]. F. *malfeasance*, from *malfaire*, to do ill (see *malefactor*).

**malic** [chem.]. From L. *malum*, apple. **malice**. F. *malice*, L. *malitia*, from *malus*, bad.

**malignant**. From L. *malignus*; cf. *benign*.

**malinger**. Back-formation from *malingerer*, app. corrupt of OF. *malingreux*, formerly used of beggar with artificial sores, from *malingre*, sickly, "sore, scabbie, ouglie, loathsome" (Cotg.). Origin unknown.

**malison** [archaic]. OF. *maleison*, L. *maledictio-n*-, from *maledicere*, to curse. Cf. *benison*.

**malkin, mawkin** [dial.]. Dim. of *Maud*, ME. *Malde*, *Matilda*; also of *Mal* (*Moll*), Mary. Archaic and dial. for slut (Cor. ii. 1); hence also, mop (q.v.), scarecrow (*Adam Bede*, ch. vi.). Cf. *grwmalkin*.

**mall**. F. *mail*, mallet, L. *malleus* (see *maul*). Implement used in playing

*mall* or *pall-mall* (q.v.). Hence, walk where game was orig. played.

**mallard.** F. *malari*, ? orig. proper name, OHG. *Malhal-hart*, strong in the council (see *mail*<sup>3</sup>). The form *mauwelard* occurs in ME. The application of proper names to birds (*guillemot*, *parrot*, etc.) goes back to pre-historic folk-lore.

**malleable.** From L. \**malleare*, from *malleus*, hammer.

**mallender.** See *malander*.

**malleol-.** From L. *malleolus*, dim. of *malleus*, hammer.

**mallet.** F. *maillet*, dim. of *mail*. See *mail*.

**mallow.** AS. *mealwe*, L. *malva*. See *malachite*, *marve*.

**malin.** Soft rock, etc. AS. *mealim*, in *mealimstān*; cf. ON. *mālmr*, ore, Goth. *malma*, sand, Ger. *malmen*, to crush, cogn. with *meal*<sup>1</sup>.

**malmaison.** Rose, carnation. From name of Empress Josephine's palace, near Versailles.

**malmsey** [hist.]. From *Monemvasia*, G. Μονεμβασία, now *Malvasia*, in the Morea; cf. *malvoisie*.

**malt.** AS. *mealt*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *mout*, Ger. *malz*, ON. *malt*; cogn. with *melt*.

**Maltese cross.** That of the Knights of St John, Hospitallers, who held Malta during the Middle Ages.

**Malthusian.** Of T. R. Malthus, whose *Essay on Population* (1798) advised limited procreation of children.

**maltreat.** F. *maltraiter*. See *treat*.

**malvaceous** [bot.]. From Late L. *malvaceus*. See *mallow*.

**malversation.** F. *malversation*, from *malverser*, from L. *versari*. See *versed*.

**malvoisie** [archaic] F. *malvoisie*, OF. *malvesie*, It. *malvasia*, as *malmsey* (q.v.).

**melon.** [fort.]. F. *melon*, mound, lit. nipple of breast, *mamelle*, L. *mamilla*, dim. of *mamma*. Hence also *mamillated*.

**mameluke.** Arab. *mamlūk*, slave, p.p. of *malaka*, to possess.

**mamillated.** See *melon*.

**mamma.** Natural infantile redupl. Cf. L. *mamma*, G. μᾶμμη, and similar forms in most langs.

**mammal.** Mod. L. *mammalis*, from *mamma*, breast, ident. with above (cf. *pap*).

**mammock** [archaic & dial.]. Fragment; to mangle (Cor. i. 3). ? From *marm*.

**mammōn.** Aram. *māmōn*, riches, gain.

**mammoth.** Russ. *mamont*. Origin unknown.

**mammy.** From *mamma*.

**man.** AS *mann*. Com Teut; cf. Du. *man*, Ger. *mann*, ON. *mañr* (for *mannr*), Goth *manna*; cogn. with Sanskrit *manu* *Man*kind replaced earlier *mankin* (see *kin*, *kind*).

**manacle.** OF. *manicle*, L. *manicula*, dim. of *manica*, sleeve, etc., from L. *manus*, hand.

**manage.** Orig to handle and train horses. It. *maneggiare*, from *mano*, hand. Cf. obs. noun *manage*, horsemanship, F. *manège*, "the manage, or managing of a horse" (Cotg.), It. *maneggio*. Later senses of the word have been affected by F. *ménage* (q.v.), housekeeping, *ménager*, to economize.

**mañana.** Sp. *mañana*, to-morrow, from L. *mane*, in the morning.

**manatee.** Cetacean, dugong. Sp. *manatí*, Carib. *manatouri*.

**Manchester school** [hist.]. Applied by Disraeli (1848) to the Cobden-Bright group of economists.

**manchet** [archaic]. Small loaf. Orig. bread of the finest quality. Var. *manchet* suggests possible connection with obs. *maine*, in same sense, apht. for (*pain*) *demaine*, lord's bread, L. *pains dominicus*. Or it may be from an unrecorded AF. \**demanchet* (cf. F. *dimanche*, L. *dominica*).

**manchette.** F., dim. of *manche*, sleeve, L. *manica*, from *manus*, hand.

**manchineel.** Wind. tree. F. *mancenille*, Sp. *manzanilla*, from *manzana*, OSp. *mazana*, L. *Matrana* (sc. *poma*, *mala*), kind of apple, named from the *Matra* gens.

**mancipation** [hist.]. Handing over (Roman law) See *emancipate*.

**manciple.** College purveyor (Oxf. & Camb.). OF. *manciple*, *mancipe* (cf. *participle*), L. *mancipium*, orig. purchase, acquisition, from *manus*, hand, *capere*, to take; hence, chattel, slave (cf. *emancipate*).

**Mancunian.** Of Manchester, MedL. *Mancunium*.

**mancy.** OF. -*mancie*, G. *parreia*, divination.

**mandamus** [leg.]. L., we command.

**mandarin.** Port. *mandarin*, Malay *mantri*, Hind. *mantri*, Sanskrit *mantrin*, counsellor, from *mantra*, counsel, from root *man*, to think.

**mandate.** L. *mandatum*, p.p. neut. of *mandare*, to command, from *manus*, hand, *dare*, to give. Cf. *maundy*.

**mandible.** OF. *mandrble* (Mod. *mandrble*), L. *mandibula*, from *mandere*, to chew.

**mandolin.** F. *mandoline*, It. *mandolino*, dim. of *mandola*, for *mandora*. ? Cogn. with obs. *bandore*. See *banjo*.

**mandragore.** G. *μανδραγόρας* *Man-drake*, ME. *mandragge*, is a shortened form, prob. altered on *man* and *drake*<sup>1</sup>, the plant being supposed to resemble the human form and to have magic powers.

**mandrel.** In various mech. senses. Corrupt. of F. *mandrin*, of doubtful origin, ? ult. cogn. with L. *mamphur*, for \**mandar*, part of a turner's lathe.

**mandrill.** Baboon. App. from *man* and *drill*, baboon. The latter is prob. a W Afr. word.

**manducate** [*theol*]. To eat. From L. *manducare*. See *mange*.

**mane.** AS. *manu* Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *manen* (pl.), Ger. *mähne*, ON. *mön*. Orig. neck; cf. Sanskrit *manvā*, nape of neck, L. *monile*, necklace.

**manège.** Riding-school, horsemanship. F., see *manage*.

**manes.** L., deified souls of dead ancestors. From OL. *manis*, good, whence *immanis*, cruel.

**manetti.** Rose From *Manetti*, It. botanist (†1784).

**manganese.** F. *manganèse*, It. *manganese*, corrupt. of *magnesia* (q.v.).

**mange.** Earlier also *mangie*, ME. *mangewe*, OF. *manque*, itch, from OF. tonic stem (L. *manduc-*) of *manger*, to eat, L. *manducare*, from *mandere*, to chew. Cf. F. *démanger*, to itch.

**mangel-(mangold-)wurzel.** Ger. *mangel-wurzel*, beet-root. First element is prob. the proper name *Mangold*; for second see *wort*<sup>1</sup>, *wurzel*.

**manger.** F. *mangeoire*, from *manger*, to eat. See *mange*.

**mangle**<sup>1</sup>. To mutilate. AF. *mangler*, *mahangler*, frequent. of OF. *mahargnier*, to maim (q.v.).

**mangle**<sup>2</sup>. For linen. Du. *mangel*, for *mangelstok*, "a smoothing role" (Hexham), from verb *mangelen*, from obs. *mange*, mangle, mangonel, ult. from G. *μάγανον*, pulley, warlike engine.

**mango.** Fruit. Port *manga*, through Malay from Tamil *māṅkāy*.

**mangold-wurzel.** See *mangel-wurzel*.

**mangonel** [*hist.*]. OF. *mangonel* (Mod. *mangonneau*), dim. from Late L. *mangonium*, as *mangle*<sup>2</sup> (q.v.).

**mangosteen.** Fruit. Malay *mangustan*.

**mangrove.** Altered from earlier *man-*

*grove*, app. related to 16 cent. Sp. *mangle*, Port. *mangue*, prob of Samer. origin. The E. forms are due to folk-etym. (*grove* and *grove*).

**mania.** G. *μανία*, from *μαίνεσθαι*, to be mad.

**Manichæan** [*theol.*]. From Late G. *Manichaïos* from name of founder of sect (Persia, 3 cent.).

**manicure.** F. *manicure*, from L. *manus*, hand, *cura*, care; cf. earlier *pedicure*.

**manifest.** L. *manifestus*, ? struck by the hand, palpable, from *manus*, hand, and root of *-fendere*. *Manifesto* is It.

**manifold.** From *many* and *fold*<sup>1</sup>.

**manikin.** Flem. *manneken*, dim. of *man*. Orig. lay-figure. Cf. F. *mannequin*, from Flem.

**manilla, manila.** Cheroot from *Manila*, capital of Philippines.

**manille.** Card game. F., now a game, orig. second-best trump at quadrille and ombre. By dissim. from Sp. *malilla*, dim of *mala* (fem.), bad.

**manioc.** Earlier *mandioc*, Brazil *mandioca*, root of the cassava plant.

**maniple.** OF *mampile* (Mod *mampule*), L. *manipulus*, handful, from *manus*, hand, *plere*, to fill.

**manipulation.** F. *manipulation*, of mod formation from *manipulus* (v.s.) and orig. applied to "handling" of apparatus. *Mampulate* is back-formation.

**manitou.** Good (also evil) spirit. N Amer. Ind (Algonkin).

**manna.** Aram *mannā*, Heb. *mān*. Perh. ancient Egypt. *mannu*, exudation of *tamarix gallica*, whence Arab *mann*.

**mannequin.** See *manikin*.

**manner**<sup>1</sup>. Mode. F. *manière*, VL. \**manaria*, from *manuarius*, belonging to the hand.

**manner**<sup>2</sup> [*archaic*]. Incorr. for *mainour* in *taken in (with) the manner*, caught in the act (Numb. v. 13). AF. form of F. *manœuvre* (q.v.), cf. *manure*.

**manoeuvre.** F. *manœuvre*, from verb *manœuvrer*, Late L. *manoperare*, for L. *manu operari*, to work by hand.

**manometer.** For measuring force of vapour. From G. *μανός*, thin, rare.

**manor.** F. *manoir*, OF. infin., to dwell, L. *manere*.

**mansard roof.** From François Mansard, F. architect (†1666).

**manse.** MedL. *mansa*, from *manere*, *mans-*, to remain, dwell.

**mansion.** L. *mansio-n-*, dwelling-place (v.s.), of which popular F. form was *maison*.

**mansuetude.** L. *mansuetudo*, gentleness, orig. accustoming to handling, from *manus*, hand, *suescere*, suet-, to be wont.

**mansworn** [archaic]. From obs. *man-swear*, to perjure, from AS. *mān*, wickedness, cogn. with Ger. *meineid*, false oath.

**mantel.** Var. of *mantle* (q.v.), in *mantel-piece* (-shelf); cf. F. *manteau de cheminée*. Cf. dim. *mantelet*, moveable shelter.

**mantic.** G. *μαντικός*, from *μάντις* prophet.

**mantilla.** Sp, dim. of *manta*, mantle (q.v.).

**mantis.** Insect. G. *μάντις*, prophet, from position of fore-legs suggesting prayer.

**mantissa** [math.]. L., makeweight; perh. Etruscan.

**mantle.** OF. *mantel* (Mod. *manteau*). L. *mantellum*, prob. ident. with L. *mantelum*, towel, napkin. Late L. *mantum*, whence It. Sp. *manto*, *manta*, F. *mante*, is a back-formation.

**manton.** Gun, pistol. See *Joe Manton*.

**mantua.** Chiefly in *mantua-maker*. Corrupt. of F. *manteau*, perh. by association with *Mantua* silk.

**Mantuan, the.** Virgil, born (70 B.C.) at *Mantua*.

**manual.** F. *manuel* and L. *manualis*, from *manus*, hand. With *manual*, book, cf. *handbook*.

**manucode.** Bird of paradise. F. *manucode*, from ModL. *n.anucodiata*, Malay *mānuq dēwāta*, bird of the gods, second element from Sanskrit.

**manuduction.** MedL. *manuductio-n-*, from *manu ducere*, to lead by the hand.

**manufacture.** F. *manufacture*, from L. *manu facere*, to make by hand.

**manumit.** L. *manumittere*, to send from one's hand. Cf. *maniciple*, *emancipate*.

**manure.** F. *manœuvrer* (see *manoeuvre* and cf. *inure*). Orig. of tillage in gen.

**manuscript.** MedL. *manuscriptum*, written by hand. Cf. *script*.

**Manx.** Earlier *manks*, metath. of 16 cent. *manisk*, ON. \**mansk*, from *Man*.

**many.** AS. *manig*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *menig*, Ger. *manch* (OHG *manag*), ON. *mengi*, multitude, Goth. *manags*; cogn. with Ir. *minic*, Gael. *minig*, frequent, Welsh *mynych*, often.

**map.** First in compd. *mappemonde*, MedL. *mappa mundi*, map of the world. L. *mappa*, napkin, cloth, on

which maps were painted, is perh. Punic.

**maple.** AS. *mapel*, *mapul*, in *mapulder*, *mapellrēow*, maple-tree.

**mar.** AS *mierran*. Com. Teut.; cf. archaic Du. *marren*, *merren*, to hinder, OHG. *marren*, to hinder, Goth. *marzjan*, to cause to stumble. From Teut. is OF. *marrir*, whence some senses of E. *mar*.

**marabou, marabout.** F. *marabou(t)*, Port. *marabute*, Arab. *murābit*, hermit, Mohammedan monk of NAfr.; cf. Sp. *morabito*. The nickname was prob given to the stork from his dignified and solitary habits. See *maravedi*.

**marah.** Heb. *mārāh*, fem. of *mar*, bitter (Ex. xv. 23, Ruth 1 20).

**maranatha.** Aram. *māran aihā*, Our Lord has come, or *maranā 'ihā*, O our Lord, come Thou.

**maraschino.** It. *maraschino*, from *marasca*, a small black cherry, aphet. for *amarasca*, from *amaro*, bitter, L. *amarus*.

**marasmus.** Wasting away. G. *μαρασμός*, from *μαραίνω*, to wither. Cf. *amaranth*.

**Marathi** [lang]. See *Mahratti*.

**Marathon race.** Foot-race of 26½ miles, distance covered by Pheidippides in bringing the news of Marathon (B.C. 490) to Athens.

**maraud.** F. *marauder*, from *maraud*, rogue, prob the proper name *Maraud*, OHG. *Mari-wald*, fame powerful, the selection of the name being perh. due to association with OF. *marrir*, to injure, *mar* (cf. *ribald*).

**maravedi** [hist.]. Coin. Sp. *maravedi*, from Arab. *Murābitin*, lit. hermits, name of Arab. dynasty, the *Almoravides*, at Cordova (1087-1147). See *marabout*.

**marble.** ME. also *marbre*, F. *marbre*, L. *marmor*, G. *μάρμαρος*; cf. *μαρμαίρειν*, to sparkle. The F. form shows unusual dissim. of *m-m*, while E. shows dissim. of *r-r*.

**marc.** Liqueur. F., orig. residue of crushed grapes, from *marcher*, to tread, *marc*.

**marcasite** [min.]. Pyrites. MedL. *marcasita*. Origin unknown.

**marcella.** Fabric. From *Marseilles*, place of manufacture.

**marcelled.** Waved (of hair). From *Marcel*, French hairdresser (20 cent.).

**March.** ONF. *march* (F. *mars*), L. *Martius* (*mensis*), month of *Mars*.

**march<sup>1</sup>** [hist.]. Frontier. F. *marche*. OHG. *marca*, cogn. with *mark<sup>1</sup>* (q.v.).

**march**<sup>2</sup>. Verb F. *marcher*, to walk, orig. to tread, tramp, "foot-slogging," perh. from L. *marcus*, hammer.

**merchioness**. MedL. *marcionissa*, fem. of *marchio*, marquis (q.v.).

**marchpane**. Cf. F. *massepain* (earlier also *marcepain*), It. *marzapane*, Sp. *mazapán*, Ger. *marzipan*, Du. *marsepain*. Ident. with the name of a 12 cent. Venet coin, the normal MedL. form of which is *malapanus*, with image of Christ seated on a throne, Arab. *maruthabān*, a king that sits still. The coin acquired the spec sense of tenth part, and the name was transferred to the small boxes containing a tenth of a "moggio" of sweetened almond paste imported from the Levant.

**marconigram**. From *Marconi*, It. inventor (b. 1874).

**mare**. AS. *mere*, *miere*. Com Teut.; cf. Du. *merrie*, Ger. *mähre*, jade, ON. *merr*. These are fem. forms corresponding to AS. *meaeh*, OHG. *marah* (see *marshal*), ON. *marr*, cogn. with Gael. Ir. *marc*, Welsh *march*, all meaning horse, stallion.

**maremma**. It. *maremma*, marsh-land by sea, L. *maritima*.

**margarine, marge**. F. *margarine*, ult. from G. *μαργαρίτης*, pearl, from pearly appearance of crystals of *acide margarique*.

**margay**. SAm. tiger-cat. F. *margay*, earlier *margara*, an attempt at Brazil. *mbaracaia*.

**marge**<sup>1</sup> [poet.]. F., as *margin*. Poet. also is *margent*, ME. var. of *margin* (cf. *pageant*, *tyrant*, etc.).

**marge**<sup>2</sup>. See *margarine*

**margin**. L. *margo*, *margin-*; cogn. with *mark*<sup>1</sup>, *march*<sup>1</sup>.

**margrave**. Du. *markgraaf*, Ger. *markgraf*, count of the *mark*<sup>1</sup> Cf. *marquis*.

**marguerite**. F. *marguerite*, daisy, G. *μαργαρίτης*, pearl, daisy, prob. of Eastern origin; cf. Sanskrit *mañjarī*, cluster of flowers, pearl.

**Maria, black**. Police van. Reason for name unknown.

**marigold**. From (Virgin) *Mary* and *gold*.

**marinade**. F. *marinade*, Sp. *marinada*, from *marinar*, to pickle in brine, from *marino*, of the sea.

**marine**. F. *marin*, L. *marinus*, from *mare*, sea.

**mariner**. F. *marinier*, MedL. *marinarus* (v.s.).

**Marinism**. Affected style of *Marini*, It. poet (†1625). Cf. *Euphuism*.

**Mariolatry** [theol.]. Modelled on *idolatry*.

**marionette**. F. *marionnette*, "little Marian or Mal, also, a puppet" (Cotg.), dim. of *Marion*, dim of *Marie*, G. *Mapia*, ident. with Heb. *Miriam*. Cf. *doll*.

**marish**. Dial and poet. for *marsh* (q.v.).

**Marist**. Member of R.C. missionary *Society of Mary* (19 cent.).

**marital**. L. *maritalis*, from *maritus*. See *marry*.

**maritime**. L. *maritimus*, near the sea, from *mare*, sea, with ending as in *finitimus*, near the frontier.

**marjoram**. Earlier (14 cent.) *majorane*. In most Europ. langs, the older forms usu. with *maj-*. ? Ult. from L. *amaracus*, marjoram, from *amarus*, bitter.

**mark**<sup>1</sup>. Sign, etc. AS. *mearc*, boundary. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *merk*, Ger. *mark*, ON. *mörk* (in *Danmörk*), Goth. *marka*. Also widely adopted in various senses in Rom. langs; some E. senses via F. *marque*. See also *march*<sup>1</sup>. Cogn. with L. *margo*, Pers. *marz*, boundary. The verb is sometimes apheet. for *remark*.

**mark**<sup>2</sup>. Con. Recorded early in all Rom. & Teut. langs. Perh. from *mark*<sup>1</sup>. Orig. half-pound of silver.

**market**. ONF. *market*, for OF. *marchiet* (Mod. *market*), L. *mercatus*, from *mercari*, to trade Com. Teut. loan-word; cf. Du. Ger. *markt*, ON. *markathr*.

**markhor**. Wild goat (Tibet). Pers. *mārkhūr*, lit. serpent-eater.

**marl**. OF. and dial. *marle* (Mod. *marne*), Late L. *marginla* (whence Ger. *mergel*), from *marga*, perh. Gaulish.

**marline** [naut.]. Du. *markijn*, from *marren*, to bind (see *moor*<sup>2</sup>), *lijn*, line. But it may be rather for *marling*, from naut. *marl*, to tie, etc., app. frequent. from Du. verb (v.s.), and found earlier than *marline*. Cf. *ratline*.

**marmalade**. F. *marmelade*, Port. *marmelada*, from *marmelo*, quince, by dissim from L. *melimelum*, G. *μελίμυλον*, lit. honey apple.

**marmite** [war slang]. F., cooking-pot, joc. shell.

**marmoreal**. From L. *marmoreus*. See *marble*.

**marmoset**. F. *marmouset*, of obscure origin. Its earliest F. sense is grotesque carved figure, but it may have orig. meant monkey. App. related

to OF. *marmot*, monkey, grotesque statuette, now brat, of doubtful origin, perh. dim. from OF. *merme*, L. *minimus*, ? or ident. with the next word (q.v.).

**marmot.** F. *marmotte*, Romansh *murmunt*, ? from L. *mus*, *mur-*, mouse, *mons*, *mont-*, mountain. Cf. OHG. *muremunt*. App. influenced in form by F. *marmot* (v.s.). But the Romansh word may itself be due to folk-etym. Identical sense (to mumble) of F. *marmotier* and OF. *marmouiser*, rather suggests ult. identity of *marmot* and *marmoset*.

**maronite.** Sect of Syrian Christians. From *Maron*, name of founder (4 cent.).

**maroon<sup>1</sup>.** Colour, firework. F. *marron*, chestnut, It. *marrone*. Origin unknown. The firework sense seems to be suggested by the popping of the roasted chestnut.

**maroon<sup>2</sup>.** Fugitive slave (WInd.). F. *marron*, apoth. for Sp. *cimarrón*, wild, untamed. Hence to *maroon*, send astray, spec. put ashore on desert island.

**maroquin.** F., from *Maroc*, Morocco.

**marque, letters of** [hist.] Licence to privateer. Orig. *letters of marque and reprisal*. F. *marque*, Prov. *marca*, from *marcar*, MedL. *marcare*, to seize as pledge. App. from *mark<sup>1</sup>*, but sense-development not clear.

**marquee.** False sing. (cf. *burgee*, *Chinee*) from F. *marquise*, lit. marchioness, also a large tent.

**marquetry.** F. *marqueterie*, from *marqueter*, to variegate, from *marque*, *mark<sup>1</sup>*.

**marquis, marquess.** ONF. *markis* (Mod. *marquis*), OF. *marchis*, formed, with L. suffix *-ensis*, from Rom. *marca*, boundary (see *mark<sup>1</sup>*); cf. It. *marchese*, Sp. *marqués*, MedL. *marchio*.

**marquois.** Instrument for drawing parallel lines. App. for F. *marquoir*, ruler, marker.

**marrow.** AS *mearg*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *merg*, Ger. *mark*, ON. *mergr*.

**marry<sup>1</sup>.** Verb. F. *marier*, L. *maritare*, from *maritus*, married, ? from *mas*, *mar-*, male.

**marry<sup>2</sup>** [archaic]. Interj. For *Mary* (the Virgin).

**marsala.** Wine from *Marsala* (Sicily).

**marseillaise.** Written and composed (1792) by Rouget de l'Isle, and first sung by "patriots" from *Marseilles*.

**marsh.** AS. *mersc*, *menisc*, orig. adj.

from *mere<sup>1</sup>*, cogn. with L. *mare*, sea; cf. Ger. *marsch*, MedL. *mariscus*, whence F. *marais*. Cf. *morass*.

**marshal.** F. *maréchal*, OHG. *marah-scalh*, horse servant. See *mare* and cf. *constable*.

**marsupial** [zool.]. From G. *μαρσούπιον*, dim. of *μάρατος*, bag, purse.

**mart.** Du. *markt*, market (q.v.), commonly pronounced *mart*.

**martagon.** Turk's head lily. F. *maria-gone*, It. *maria-gone*, Turk. *maria-gân*, turban of special shape (cf. *tulip*).

**martello tower.** Earlier *mortella*, from a tower captured by us (1794) on Cape *Mortella* (myrtle) in Corsica.

**marten.** Orig. the fur ME. *martren*, OF. *martrene* (sc. *peau*), from *martre*, *marten*, of Teut. origin, cf. AS. *meorh* (see *fourmart*), Du. *marten*, Ger. *marder*, ON. *morthr*. Thought to be ult. Lithuanian *marti*, daughter-in-law.

**martial.** F. *marthal*, L. *martialis*, from Mars, *Mart-* (*Mavors*), god of war.

**martin.** From name *Martin*, F. *Martin*, L. *Martinus*, from Mars (v.s.); cf. *robin*, *dicky*, etc.; also F. *martin-pêcheur*, kingfisher, *martinet*, house-martin

**Martin, Saint.** Bishop of Tours (4 cent.), whose festival is Nov. 11, *Martinmas*. *St Martin's summer*, Indian summer, translates F. *été de la Saint-Martin*.

**martinet.** Trad. from F. general *Martinet* (temp. Louis XIV). But the word is not known in F. in this sense, though used of various objects, e.g. cat-o'-nine-tails, peak-halyards, whence E. *martinet*, leech-line of sail. All these are from name *Martin*. Cf. also F. *Martin-bâton*, the (disciplinary) stick.

**martingale.** F., in all three senses, viz. strap to keep horse's head down, rope for guying-down jibboom, system of doubling stakes till successful. Origin unknown.

**martini-henry.** Rifle (1870). From two inventors' names.

**Martinmas.** See *Martin, Saint*.

**martlet.** OF. *marlete*, var. of *martinet* (see *martin*), cf. dial. *Martlemas*. In her. it represents F. *merlette*, dim. of *merle* (q.v.), blackbird. But the her. bird is footless and must therefore have orig. represented the martin, the swallow-tribe having inconspicuous feet.

**martyr.** Late (orig. Aeolic) G. *μάρτυρ*, for *μάρτυς*, *μάρτυρ*, witness.



**marvel.** *F. merveille, L. mirabilia*, neut. pl. treated as fem. sing. (cf. *force*), from *mirus*, wonderful.

**Marxian.** Of *Karl Marx*, Ger. socialist (†1883).

**Mary.** In dial. flower-names *mary* is for the Virgin Mary (cf. *lady*). *Little Mary*, stomach, is from *Barrie's* play (1903).

**Maryland.** Tobacco. From *Maryland* (US.), named from *Henrietta Maria*, wife of Charles I.

**marzipan.** See *marshpane*.

**mas.** In *Christmas, Candlemas*, etc. For *mass*<sup>1</sup>.

**mascle** [*her.*]. Perforated lozenge. OF. *mascle* (Mod. *macle*), *L. macula*, spot, mesh (see *mail*<sup>1</sup>), with intrusive *-s-* perh. due to OHG. *masca*, mesh (q.v.).

**mascot.** *F. mascotte*, popularized by Audran's operetta *La Mascotte* (1880), Mod. Prov. *mascotto*, dim. of *masco*, sorcerer, orig. mask (q.v.).

**masculine.** *L. masculinus*, from *masculus*, male (q.v.).

**mash.** AS. *māsc-*, in *māxwyr*, mashwort. First as brewing term; cf. Sw. *māsk*, grains for pigs, Dan. *mask*, mash (from LG), Ger. *masch*, crushed grapes. ? Cogn. with *mix*.

**masher** [*slang*]. Orig. US. Also to be *mashed on*, etc. Popular c. 1882. Origin unknown.

**mashtie** [*golf*]. ? Cf. *F. coup massé* (billiards), orig. stroke made with the large-headed cue called a *masse*, mace<sup>1</sup>.

**mask, masque, masquerade.** App. two quite separate origins have contributed to this group. *F. masque*, first in 16 cent. as gloss to *L. larva*, has been associated with It. *maschera*, Sp. *máscara*, of Arab. origin (v.i.), but must surely be connected with *MedL. mascus, masca*, occurring in 7 cent. as gloss to *larva*. This *MedL.* word, of doubtful origin, should have given *F. \*māque*, so that the *-s-* is app. due to the It & Sp. words. These represent Arab. *maskharah*, laughing-stock, buffoon, the sense passing on from the actor to his vizard. The E. 16 cent. spelling is indifferently *mask, masque*, and the sense of performance, masquerade, is rather earlier than that of vizard. With *masquerade* cf. *F. mascarade*, It. *mascherata*, Sp. *mascarado*.

**maskinonge.** Large pike of N Amer. lakes. An Ojibwa word, compd. of *kinonge*, pike.

**masochism** [*med*]. Inverted sadism. From *L. von Sacher-Masoch*, Austrian novelist (†1895).

**mason.** *F. maçon*, Late *L. machio-n-* (*macio, mattio*), whence also Ger. *steinmetz*, stonemason. ? Cogn. with *mattock*.

**masorah, massorah** [*theol*]. Critical notes on text of OT. compiled by Jewish scholars in 10 cent. ModHeb. *māsōrah*.

**masque, masquerade.** See *mask*.

**mass**<sup>1</sup>. Eucharist. AS. *mæsse, L. missa*, from *mittere*, to send, used in sense of dismiss. Spec. sense perh. comes from the dismissory formula *Ite, missa est*, at conclusion of service. Com. Teut. loan-word; cf. Du. *mis*, ON. *messa* (from AS.), Ger. *messe*.

**mass**<sup>2</sup>. Agglomeration. *F. masse, L. massa, G. mälä*, barley cake, cogn. with *μάσσειν*, to knead. Hence *mas-sive*.

**massacre.** *F. massacre*, OF. *macecre, maçacre*, shambles, slaughter-house. Origin unknown.

**massage.** *F. massage*, from *masser*, Franco-Ind. adaptation (18 cent.) of Port. *amassar*, to knead, from *massa*, dough. See *mass*<sup>2</sup>.

**massé** [*billiards*]. *F.*, stroke with the *masse*, mace<sup>2</sup>.

**massif.** *F.*, solid (see *mass*<sup>2</sup>). Also, a cluster of hills or forest.

**massorah.** See *masorah*.

**mast**<sup>1</sup>. Of ship. AS. *mæst*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *mast*, ON. *mastr*. Ult. cogn. with *L. malus*.

**mast**<sup>2</sup>. Of trees. AS. *mæst*. WGer.; cf. Du. *mesten*, Ger. *mästen*, to fatten; cogn. with Goth *maits*, food.

**master.** Contains both AS. *mægester*, *L. magister*, and OF. *maistre* (Mod. *maître*), *L. magister*; cogn. with *mag-nus*, great.

**mastic.** *F. mastic*, *G. μαρτίχη*, prob. from root of *μασθαί*, to chew, mastic being used as chewing-gum in the East (v.i.).

**masticate.** From Late *L. masticare*, orig. to chew mastic (v.s.).

**mastiff.** OF. *mastin* (Mod. *mâtin*), orig. an adj., domestic, hence applied to servants, and later to the house-dog. The changed ending is due to OF. *mestif*, mongrel, VL. *\*mixtivus* OF. *mastin* (cf. It. *mastino*, Sp. *mastín*) is usu. explained as VL. *\*mansuetinus*, for *mansuetus*, from *mansuescere*, to become accustomed to the hand. The sense-hist. points rather to *medrasinus*,

a domestic drudge, though this involves phonetic difficulties.

**mastodon.** From G. *μαστός*, breast, ὀδούς, ὀδόντ-, tooth, from nipple-shaped excrescences on molar teeth

**mastoid** [*anat.*] Breast-shaped (v.s.).

**masturbation.** L. *masturbatio*-n-, from *masturbare*.

**mat**<sup>1</sup>. Noun. AS. *matte*, *meatta*, L. *matta*. A Late L. by-form *nattia* has given F. *natte*. *Matta* is prob., like *mappa*, which also developed a Late L. *nappa* (see *naphin*), a Punic word.

**mat**<sup>2</sup>. Adj. Dull, dead, of surface. F., orig. mated at chess. See *check*.

**matador.** Sp. *matador*, killer, L. *maciator*-em, from *maciare*, to make sacrifice to, kill

**match**<sup>1</sup>. One of a pair. AS. *gemæcca*, esp. used of male and female animal, husband and wife. Cf. obs. *make*, companion, peer, AS. *gemaca*, cogn. with OHG. *gimahho*, companion, orig. an adj., equal, suitable, whence ModGer. *gemach*, easy, comfortable. Hence verb to *match*, to bring together.

**match**<sup>2</sup>. For ignition. F. *mèche*, wick (the earliest E sense), VL. *\*mysca* for *myxa*, G. *μύγα*, mucus, snuff of candle, used in MedL. also for wick of lamp.

**matchet.** See *machete*.

**mate**<sup>1</sup>. Chess. See *check*.

**mate**<sup>2</sup>. Associate. From LG. or Du. Cf. Du. *maat*, for earlier *gemaat*, cogn. with OHG. *gimazzo*, mess-mate (q.v.), sharer of "meat"; cf. AS. *gemetta*, partaker of food. See *meat*.

**maté.** Shrub (*ilex paraguayensis*) of which leaves are used for infusion like tea. Sp. *mate*, Peruv. *mati*.

**matelassé.** Quilted. F., from *matelas*, mattress (q.v.).

**matelote.** Dish of fish. F., from *matelot*, sailor. This latter is for OF. *matenot*, obs. Du. *mattenoot*, from *maat*, meat, *genoot*, companion, cf. MHG. *mazgenoze*, table-fellow. See *huguenot*, *mate*<sup>2</sup>.

**material.** Late L. *materialis*, from *materia*, matter, ? from *mater*, mother.

**materia medica.** MedL. transl. of G. ὀλὴ ἰατρική.

**matériel.** F., contrasted as noun with *personnel*.

**maternal.** F. *maternel*, from L. *maternus*, from *mater*, mother (q.v.).

**mathematics.** G. μαθηματική (sc. τέχνη), from μαθάνειν, to learn.

**matico.** Peruv. herb used as styptic. Sp., dim. of *Mateo*, Matthew. Said to have been named from Sp. soldier who discovered its property. Cf. *quassia*.

**matie.** Herring when in best condition. Adapted from Du. *maatjes* (*haring*), for earlier *maeghdekens*-, dim. of *maagd*, maid.

**matinée.** F., morning. See *matins*.

**matins, mattins.** F. *matines*, from L. *matutinus*, the fem. pl. perh. representing *matutinae vigiliae*. From *Matuta*, goddess of dawn, prob. cogn. with *maturus*.

**matriarch.** Modelled on *patrarch*, the latter being wrongly taken as a derivative of L. *pater*.

**matricide.** See *-cide*.

**matriculate.** From MedL. *matricula*, register of members of society, dim. of L. *matrux* (q.v.). It is supposed that the orig. sense was scroll of parchment made from the uterine membrane. See *scroll*.

**matrimony.** OF. *matrimonie*, L. *matrimonium*, from *mater*, *matr*-, mother.

**matrix.** L., orig. pregnant animal, in Late L. womb, from *mater*, mother.

**matron.** F. *matrone*, L. *matrona*, from *mater*, mother.

**mat.** With dull surface. See *mat*<sup>2</sup>.

**matter.** F. *matière*, L. *materia* (cf. *material*).

**matins.** See *matins*.

**mattock.** AS. *mattuc*, app. a dim. Origin unknown. ? Cf. *mason*.

**mattoïd** [med.]. It. *mattoïde*, from *matto*, mad, MedL. *mattus*, as *mate*<sup>1</sup>.

**matress.** OF. *materas* (Mod. *matelas*), It. *materasso*, from Arab. *matrah*, place where things are thrown down, from *taraha*, to throw.

**mature.** L. *maturus*, ripe, early.

**matutinal.** Late L. *matutinalis*, from *matutinus*, cogn. with *maturus*. See *matins*.

**maudlin.** See *magdalen*. Sense of lachrymose from pictures representing tearful repentance of *Mary Magdalene*.

**maugrabin.** African Moor (*Quantin Durward*, ch. xvi.). Really pl. of *maugrabee* (*Bride of Abydos*, i. 8), Arab. *maghrabi*, western, from *gharb*, west. Cf. sing. use of *Bedouin*.

**maugre** [archaic]. OF. *maugré* (Mod. *malgré*), in spite of, from *mal*, ill, *gré*, pleasing, L. *gratus*.

**maul.** Hammer. F. *mail*, L. *malleus*; cf. *mallet*. Hence to *maul*, orig. to hammer, batter. See *mall*. It is doubtful whether *mauley*, fist (spelt *morley* by Borrow), belongs here. Some authorities consider it a Shelta transposition of Gael. *lamh*, hand.

**maulstick.** From Du *maalslok*, paint stick. Du. *malen*, to paint (cf. Ger. *malen*), orig. to make marks, is cogn. with *mole*<sup>1</sup>.

**maund** [*archaic & local*]. Basket OF. *mande* (Mod. *manne*), from Teut.; cf. AS *mand*, Du. *mand*, Ger. dial. *mande*.  
**maunder.** Orig. (c. 1600), to mutter, grumble. It may be frequent. of earlier *maund*, to beg, which is app. aphet. for F. *quémander*, from OF. *carmand*, beggar.

**maundy.** OF. *mandé*, L. *mandatum*, command. Orig. applied to the washing of the feet of the poor by princes, etc., on the day before Good Friday, the antiphon at the service being taken from the discourse which followed Our Lord's washing of the Apostles' feet (*John* xiii. 34). Cf. synon. OHG. *mandāt*.

**mauresque** [*arch*]. F., Moorish.

**Maurist.** Benedictine of order of St *Maur*, founded 1618.

**mauser.** Rifle. Ger. inventor's name.

**mausoleum.** Tomb of *Μαυσολός*, king of Caria (4 cent B.C.).

**mauve.** F. *mauve*, L. *malva*, mallow. Cf. *pink*<sup>3</sup>.

**maverick.** Unbranded calf (US.). Said to be from *Samuel Maverick*, Texan rancher (c. 1840), who habitually neglected branding.

**mavis** [*dial.*]. Thrush. F. *mauvie*, with many Rom. cognates, esp. in dial. Hence MedL *malvitiuus*; ? cf. Breton *mlfid*, *mlvrd*, lark.

**mavourneen.** Ir. *mo-mhuirnin*, my little dear.

**maw.** AS *maga*, stomach. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *maag*, Ger. *magen*, ON. *magr*, Goth. \**magō* (whence Finnish *maho*).

**mawkish.** Orig. squeamish, nauseating. From dial. *mawk*, maggot (q.v.), ON. *malhkr*.

**maxillary.** From L. *maxilla*, jaw, cogn. with *mala*, cheek-bone, *mandere*, to chew.

**maxim**<sup>1</sup>. Axiom. F. *maxime*, L. *maxima* (sc. *sententia*).

**maxim**<sup>2</sup>. Machine-gun. Name of inventor (†1916).

**maximum.** L., neut. of *maximus*, superl of *magnus*, great.

**may.** AS. *ic mæg*, pl. *magon*, a preterite-present verb. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *mag*, *mogen*, Ger. *mag*, *mogen*, ON. *mā*, *megom*, Goth. *mag*, *magum*. Orig. to be strong, have power; cf. *might*, *main*<sup>1</sup>.

**May.** F. *mai*, L. *Marus* (sc. *mensis*),

from *Maia*, goddess of growth and increase, cogn. with *major*. Hence *may*, hawthorn, blooming in May.

**mayduke.** Cherry. Earlier (Evelyn) *may-cherry*, *duke-cherry*. Reason for name unknown.

**mayonnaise.** F., for \**mahonnaise* (sc. *sauce*), in honour of capture of *Mahon*, Minorca, by the Duc de Richelieu (1756).

**mayor.** ME. *mer*, *meyre*, *marr*, etc., F. *maire*, L. *major*, greater. Altered to *mayor*, by etym. reaction.

**mazard, mazzard** [*archaic*]. Head. From archaic *mazer* (q.v.), drinking-bowl, also used for helmet.

**mazarinade** [*hist.*]. Song against *Cardinal Mazarin*, ruler of France during minority of Louis XIV.

**mazarine.** Dark blue. Prob. from *Cardinal Mazarin* or the *Duchesse de Mazarin*.

**mazda.** Electric lamp. OPers name of good principle in system of Zoroaster.

**maze.** As noun and verb in 13 cent., with sense of bewilderment, stupefaction. App. ident. with *amaze* (q.v.).

**mazer** [*archaic*]. Drinking-bowl, orig. of maple. OF. *masere*, of Teut. origin; cf. ON. *mósurr*, maple, *mösurbolle*, maple-bowl, Ger. *maser*, vein pattern in wood. Cogn. with *measles*.

**mazurka.** Pol. woman of province of *Mazurka*, the lake-region famous in the Great War. Cf. *polka*.

**mazzard.** See *mazard*.

**me.** AS. *mē* (acc. & dat.). Aryan, cf. Du. *mij*, Ger. *mir* (acc.), *mir* (dat.), ON. *mik*, *mēr*, Goth. *mih*, *mis*, L. *me*, G. *ἐμέ*, *με*, Gael Welsh *mi*, Ir. *mē*, Sanskrit *me*.

**mead**<sup>1</sup>. Drink. AS. *meoðu*, *meðu*. Aryan; cf. Du. *mede*, *mee*, Ger. *met*, ON. *miðr*, Goth. \**midus* (recorded as MedG. *μέδος*), G. *μέθυ*, wine, OIr. *mid*, Welsh *medd*, Russ. *med'*; cf. Sanskrit *madhu*, honey.

**mead**<sup>2</sup>, **meadow.** AS. *mēð*, of which oblique cases, *mēðw*-, give *meadow* (cf. *shade*, *shadow*); cogn. with Du. *matte*, *mat*, Ger. *matte*, mountain meadow, as in *Zermatt*, and with *mow*<sup>2</sup>.

**meagre.** F. *maigre*, L. *macer*, *macr*-, thin; cogn. with G. *μακρός*, long, AS. *mager*, Du. Ger. *mager*, ON. *magr*.

**meal**<sup>1</sup>. Flour, etc. AS. *melo*. Com. Teut., cf. Du. *meel*, Ger. *mehl*, ON. *mjöl*. From Aryan root which appears in Ger *mahlen*, to grind, Goth. *malan*, L. *molere* (see *mill*), G. *μύλη*, mill.

**meal**<sup>2</sup>. Repast. AS. *māl*, mark, point

of time, measure; hence, fixed repast. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *maal*, meal, time, Ger. *mal*, time, *mahl*, meal, ON. *māl*, time, measure, meal, Goth. *mēl*, time.

**-meal.** In *prece-meal*. See *meal*<sup>2</sup>.

**mealie.** Maize. SAfrDu. *milje*, Port. *miho*, millet (q.v.).

**mealy-mouthed.** Earlier *meal-mouthed*, smooth-tongued, mellifluous. First element is the Aryan word for honey, which appears also in *mildew* (q.v.), cogn. with L. *mel*, G. *μέλι*, and recorded as Teut in Goth. *milith*, honey, AS. *milisc*, sweet. Cf. Sard dial. *bukkameli*, honey-mouth, propitiatory name for weasel.

**mean**<sup>1</sup>. Verb. AS. *mēnan*, to mean, allude to. WGer.; cf. Du. *meenen*, Ger. *meinen*; cogn. with *mind* and Ger. *minne*, love.

**mean**<sup>2</sup>. Common. AS. *gemāne*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *gemeen*, Ger. *gemein*, Goth. *gamains*; ult. cogn. with L. *communis*.

**mean**<sup>3</sup>. Intermediate. OF. *meien* (Mod. *moyen*), Late L. *mediānus*, from *medius*; cogn. with *mid*. Hence noun *means*.

**meander.** L. *Maeander*, G. *Μαίανδρος*, winding river of Phrygia.

**measles.** ME. *maseles*; cf. Du. *mazelen*, Ger. *masern* (from LG.), cogn. with OHG. *māsa*, spot, and with *mazer*. AS. *mæste* occurs once in a compd. The pronunc. (for normal *\*masles*) may be due to confusion with ME. *mesel*, leper, OF. *mesel*, L. *misellus*, from *miser*, wretched.

**measure.** F. *mesure*, L. *mensura*, from *metiri*, *mens*-, to measure; ult. cogn. with Ger. *mass*, measure.

**meat.** AS. *mete*, food in general (cf. *sweetmeat*). Com. Teut.; cf. OSax. *metr*, *mat*, OHG. *maz* (surviving in *messer*, knife), ON. *matr*, Goth. *mats*.

**Mecca.** Arab. *Makkah*, birthplace of Mahomet; hence, place of pilgrimage.

**mechanic.** G. *μηχανικός*, from *μηχανή*, machine.

**mechlin.** Lace from *Mechlin*, in F. *Malines* (Belgium).

**meconic** [chem.]. From G. *μήκων*, poppy.

**medal.** F. *médaillé*, It. *medaglia*, VL. *\*metallea*, from *metallum*, medal.

**meddle.** AF. *medler*, OF. *mesler* (Mod. *mêler*), VL. *\*misculare*, from *miscere*, to mix. AF. regularly substitutes *-dl-* for *-sl-*, e.g. we find ME. *idle*, *madle*, for *isle*, *male* (cf. *medlar*). Its retention in this case is perh. due to association with *middle*. See *mell*, *medley*.

**mediaeval, medieval.** Coined from L. *medius*, middle, *aeuum*, age.

**mediator.** Late L. *mediator*, from Late L. *mediare*, to mediate, from *medius*, middle.

**medic.** Grass. L. *Medica* (sc. *herba*), Medic.

**Medicean.** Of the *Medici*, rulers of Florence (15-16 cents.).

**medicine.** F. *médecine*, L. *medicina*, from *medicus*, physician, from *mederi*, to heal. *Medico*, doctor, is It.

**medieval.** See *mediaeval*.

**mediocre.** F. *médiocre*, L. *mediocris*, from *medius*, middle, and L. dial. *ocris*, hill, peak, cogn. with *acer*, sharp. Thus, halfway up.

**meditate.** From L. *meditari*. Cf. G. *μεθεσθαι*, to think about.

**mediterranean.** From L. *mediterraneus*, from *medius*, middle, *terra*, land.

**medium.** L. neut. of *medius*, middle, cogn. with G. *μέσος*. Cf. *mean*<sup>3</sup>.

**medjidie.** Turk. order instituted (1851) by Sultan *Abdül-Medjid*.

**medlar.** Orig. tree bearing fruit called *medle*, AF. form of OF. *mesle* (cf. *meddle*), from pl. of L. *mespilum*, G. *μέσπιλον*; cf. Du. Ger. Sw. Dan. *mispel*, from L.

**medley.** AF. *medlee*, OF. *meslée* (Mod. *mêlée*), from *mesler*, to mix (see *meddle*).

**medoc.** Claret from *Médoc*, district in S.W. of France.

**medullary.** From L. *medulla*, pith, marrow, cogn. with *medius*, middle.

**Medusa.** G. *Μέδουσα*, one of the three Gorgons (q.v.), whose glance turned to stone.

**meed** [poet.]. AS. *mēd*, reward. WGer.; cf. obs. Du. *mede*, Ger. *miete*, rent, wages; cogn. with Goth. *mizdō*, G. *μισθός*, Sanskrit *mīdha*, prize, contest.

**meek.** ON. *mjúkr*, soft, pliant; cogn. with Goth. *mūka-mōdei*, meekness, archaic Du. *muik*, soft.

**meerkat.** SAfr. mammal. Du. *meerkat*, monkey; cf. Ger. *meerkatze*, lit. sea-cat. But Hind. *markat*, ape, Sanskrit *markaṭa*, suggests that OHG. *mericazza* may be an early folk-etym. corrupt of an Eastern word.

**meerschaum.** Ger. sea foam (see *mere*<sup>1</sup>, *scum*), transl. of Pers. *kaf-i-daryā*.

**meet**<sup>1</sup> [archaic]. Adj. AS. *gemæte*; cf. Ger. *gemäss*, according, orig. commensurate, *mässig*, meet, from *mass*, measure (q.v.). See *mete*.

**meet**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. AS. *mētan*; cf. OSax. *mōtran*, ON. *mæta*, Goth. *gamōtjan*. See *moot*.

**Meg.** In *Meg's diversions*. Identified by some with *Long Meg of Westminster*, a noted 16 cent character, whose "Life and Franks" (1582) ran through many editions.

**megalithic.** From G. μέγας, great, λίθος, stone.

**megalomania.** From G. μέγας, μεγάλη (v.s.).

**megalosaurus.** From G. σαῦρος, lizard.

**megaphone.** From G. φωνή, voice (v.s.).

**megatherium.** From G. θηρίον, beast.

**megilp, magilp** [arv]. Vehicle for oil-colours. Various spelt, var. *McGulp* suggesting possible derivation from a surname.

**megrin.** F. *migraine*, "the megrim or headach" (Cotg.), from G. ἡμι-, half, κρανίον, skull, because affecting one side of the head.

**meiosis** [rhet.]. G. μείωσις, lessening, putting it mildly (cf. *littotes*)

**meistersinger.** Ger., master-singer, applied to artisan poets of the 15 cent. trade-gilds.

**mejlis** [pol.]. Pers. national assembly. Pers *majlis*, meeting, from Arab.

**melancholy.** F. *mélancolie*, G. μελαγχολία, from μέλας, μέλαν-, black, χολή, bile. The reference is to the black "humour" supposed to produce temperament; cf. *phlegmatic*, *sanguine*, *choleric*. As adj. replaces *melancholic*.

**melanesian.** Coined (on *Polynesian*) to connote the black (v.s.) islanders of Fiji, New Caledonia, etc. Cf. *melanism*, darkness due to excess of black pigment, *melanochroa*, from ἄχρως, pale, as name for racial type with dark hair and pale complexion; *melastoma*, tropical shrub, fruit of which blackens the mouth, G. στόμα.

**melchite.** Sect of Eastern Christians in communion with R. C. Church. From Syr. *malokayē*, royalists, because of orig. adherence to Empire.

**mélée.** F., see *medley*, *mell*.

**melianthus.** Flower. From G. μέλι, honey, ἄνθος, flower.

**melic<sup>1</sup>.** Grass. Origin unknown. ? Mistake for *medic* (q.v.).

**melic<sup>2</sup>.** Of poetry for singing. G. μελικός, from μέλος, song.

**melinite.** Explosive. F. *mélinite*, from G. μήλιος, quince-yellow, from μήλον, apple, quince.

**meliorate.** From Late L. *meliorare*, from *melior*, better.

**mell** [archaic & dial.]. Var. of *meddle* (q.v.), representing OF. *meller*. Cf. archaic *mellay*, *melty*.

**mellifluous.** From L. *mellifluus*, from *mel*, *mell*-, honey, *fluere*, to flow. Cf. obs. *melliloquent*.

**mellow.** ME. *melwe*, ripe, app. from oblique cases (*melw*-) of *meal*<sup>1</sup>. Sense may have been affected by obs. *merow*, AS. *mearu*, cogn. with Ger. *murbe*, mellow.

**melodeon, melodion.** Coined (on *accordion*) from *melody* (q.v.).

**melodrama.** From F. *mélodrame*, from G. μέλος, song.

**melody.** F. *mélodie*, G. μελωδία, from μέλος, song, δειδew, to sing.

**melon.** F. *melon*, Late L. *melo-n*-, from Late L. *melum*, apple (L. *malum*), G. μήλον.

**melt.** AS. *meltan*, strong intrans., *metlian*, weak trans.; cogn. with L. *mollis*, soft, G. μέλδew, to melt, and *smelt* (q.v.).

**melton.** Cloth. Formerly used for *Melton jackets* as worn at *Melton Mowbray* (Leic.), famous hunting-centre.

**member.** F. *membre*, L. *membrum*, limb.

**membrane.** L. *membrana*, from *membrum* (v.s.), app. in sense of coating of limb.

**memento.** L., imper. of *meminisse*, to remember, redupl. formation cogn. with *mens*, mind.

**memoir.** F. *mémoire* (masc), spec. use of *mémoire* (fem.). See *memory*.

**memorandum.** L., neut. gerund. of *memorare*, to call to mind.

**memory.** OF. *memorie* (Mod. *mémoire*), L. *memoria*, from *memor*, mindful.

**Memphian.** Vaguely for Egyptian. From *Memphis*, city of Egypt.

**mem-sahib** [Anglo-Ind.]. Native alteration of *ma'am*, *madam*. See *sahib*.

**menace.** F. *menace*, L. *minacia* (only in pl.), from *minari*, to threaten (see *eminent*).

**ménage.** F. *ménage*, OF. *mesnage*, VL. \**mansionaticum*. See *mansion* and cf. obs. *minie*, household, retinue, OF. *maismée*, VL. \**mansionata*, houseful.

**menagerie.** F. *ménagerie*, orig. applied to domestic administration (v.s.), care of cattle, etc.

**mend.** Aphet. for *amend* (q.v.).

**mendacious.** From L. *mendax*, *mendac*-, cogn. with *mentiri*, to lie.

**Mendelian.** Of *Mendel's* (†1884) doctrine of heredity.

**mendicant.** From pres. part. of L. *mendicare*, from *mendicus*, beggar.

**menhir.** F. *menhir*, Bret. *men*, stone, *hir*, long.

- menial.** AF. *menial*, from *meine*, household (see *ménage*).
- meningitis** [*med.*]. From G. *μηνιγξ*, membrane (of brain).
- meniscus.** Concavo-convex lens. G. *μηνίσκος*, dim. of *μήνη*, moon.
- meniver.** See *miniver*.
- mennonite.** Sect founded in Friesland by Menno Simons (†1559).
- menology.** Calendar of Greek Church. From G. *μήν*, month.
- menses** [*med.*]. L., pl. of *mensis*, month.
- menshevik** [*pol.*]. Russ minority socialist. From Russ. *men'she*, smaller, less, ult. cogn. with *minor*.
- menstruum.** L., neut. of *menstruus*, from *mensis*, month.
- mensuration.** Late L. *mensuratio-n*, from *mensurare*, to measure (q.v.).
- mental**<sup>1</sup>. Of the mind. Late L. *mentalis*, from *mens*, *ment*, mind.
- mental**<sup>2</sup> [*anat.*]. Of the chin, L. *mentum*.
- menthol.** From L. *mentha*, mint<sup>1</sup>.
- mention.** L. *mentio-n*, cogn. with *mens*, mind.
- mentor.** G. *Μέντωρ*, adviser, monitor, name assumed in *Odyssey* by Athene disguised as sage counsellor of Telemachus, son of Ulysses.
- menu.** F., *menu*, small, detailed, L. *minutus*.
- menura.** Lyre-bird. From G. *μήνη*, crescent moon, *οὔρα*, tail.
- mephistophelean.** From *Mephistopheles*, the ironic demon of the *Faust* legend.
- mephitic.** From L. *mephitis*, noxious vapour.
- mercantile.** From It. *mercante*, merchant (q.v.).
- Mercator's projection.** System of map-drawing due to Kremer, Flem geographer (†1594), who latinized his name (dealer, huckster) as *Mercator*.
- mercenary.** L. *mercenarius*, for \**mercednarius*, from *merces*, *merced*-, reward.
- mercier.** F. *mercier*, VL. \**merciarius*, from *merx*, *merc*-, merchandize.
- mercize.** Method of treating textiles before dyeing, patented (1850) by John Mercer, an Accrington dyer.
- merchandise.** F. *merchandise*, from *marchand*, merchant (q.v.).
- merchant.** F. *marchand*, OF. *mar-chéant*, from pres. part of L. *mercatari*, to trade, from *merx*, *merc*-, merchandize. Usu. *merchant* in ME.
- Mercian** [*ling.*]. Lang. of *Mercia*, AS. kingdom of the Midlands, chief

- ancestor of literary E. From AS. *Mierce*, men of the "marches"
- mercury.** L. *Mercurius*, orig. god of merchandize, *merx*, *merc*-, later identified with G. Hermes. The name was given in L. to a planet and, like other planet-names, to a metal. *Mercurial*, orig. born under the planet Mercury (cf. *Jovial*, *saturnine*), owes part of its mod. sense to association with quicksilver. In 17 cent. it was a gen. term for newspaper.
- mercy.** F. *merci*, L. *merces*, *merced*-, reward, which in Church L. was applied to the heavenly reward of those who show kindness to the helpless.
- mere**<sup>1</sup>. Lake AS. *mere*. W. *Wryan*; cf. Du. Ger. *meer*, ON. *marr*, Goth. *marr* (*sarws*), all meaning sea; also L. *mare*, OIr. *muir*, Welsh *môr*, Russ. *more*; cogn. with *moor*<sup>1</sup>. Cf. *marsh*.
- mere**<sup>2</sup>. Adj. L. *merus*, pure, unmixed.
- mere**<sup>3</sup> [*archaic & dial.*]. Boundary. AS. *gemære*; cogn. with L. *murus*, wall.
- meretricious.** Orig. alluring by outward show. From L. *meretricius*, from *meretrix*, *meretric*-, harlot, from *mereri*, to earn, serve for hire.
- merganser.** Water-fowl, goosander. Coined from L. *mergus*, diver, *anser*, goose.
- merge.** Law F. *merger*, to drown, L. *mergere*, to dip.
- mericarp** [*bot.*]. From G. *μέρος*, part, καρπός, fruit.
- meridian.** L. *meridianus*, from *meridies*, by dissim. for *medr-dies*, mid-day, south.
- meringue.** F., of unknown origin.
- merino.** Earliest in *merino sheep*, a spec. breed of Estremadura. Sp. *merino*, overseer of pastures, L. *majorinus*, from *major*. Cf. *mayor*.
- merit.** L. *meritum*, p.p. neut. of *mereri*, to earn, deserve; cf. G. *μέρος*, part, share.
- merle** [*poet.*]. Blackbird. F. *merle*, L. *merulus*.
- merlin** [*archaic*]. Falcon. ME. *merlion*, F. *émerillon*, OF. *esmerillon*; cf. It. *smeregione*, Sp. *esmerelón*. These are all dims. from a simplex which appears as OF *esmeril*, ON. *smyrill*, Ger. *schmerl*. Prob. of Teut. origin.
- merlon** [*fort.*]. Space between two embrasures. F. *merlon*, It. *merlone*, augment of *merlo*, *merla*, battlement, for earlier *mergola*, app. from L. *merga*, pitchfork.

**mermaid.** From *mere*<sup>1</sup>, in obs. sense of sea.

**mero-.** From G. μέρος, part.

**Merovingian** [hist.]. F. *mérouvingien*, from MedL. *Merovingi*, descendants of *Meroveus*, reputed ancestor of Clovis

**merry.** AS. *myrge*. Prob. cogn. with OHG. *murg-fāri*, short-lasting, Goth. *gamaurigan*, to shorten, and ult. with G. βραχύς, short Cf. Ger. *kurzweil*, amusement, lit short while.

**mesa** [geog.]. Steep-sided table-land. Sp. *mesa*, table, L. *mensa*.

**mesalliance.** F., with prefix as in *mischief*

**mesati-.** From G. μέστος, superl of μέσος, middle.

**mesembryanthemum.** Flower. From G. μεσημβρία, noon, άνθεμον, flower.

**mesentery** [anat.]. G μεσεντέριον, from μέσος, middle, έντερον, intestine.

**mesh.** Also *meash*, *mash*. A North Sea word from obs. Du. *mæsche* (Mod. *maas*); cogn. with AS. \**masc* (recorded as *max*), Ger. *masche*, ON. *mōskvi*.

**mesmerism.** From Mesmer, Austrian physician (†1815).

**mesne** [feud.]. Intermediate (tenure, etc.), not directly from sovereign. Law F. spelling, with unorig. -s-, of AF. *meen* (see *mean*<sup>3</sup>).

**meso-.** From G. μέσος, middle.

**mesquite.** Mexican tree, also grass found near it. Mexican Sp. *mezquite*.

**mess.** Orig. what is put on the table. OF. *mes* (Mod. *mets*), p.p. of *mettre*, to put, L. *mittere*. Mess, confusion, etc., is ironic use of the same word.

**message.** F. *message*, VL. \**missaticum*, from *mittere*, miss-, to send.

**Messiah.** Aram. *māshīā*, Heb. *māshīāh*, from *māshah*, to anoint.

**messieurs.** Pl of *monseigneur* (q v).

**messuage.** AF. *mesuage*, perh. orig. a graphic error for *mesnage* (see *ménage*).

**metizo.** Half-caste. Sp. *metizo*, VL. \**mixticius*, from *mixtus*.

**meta-.** G. μετά, prep. of somewhat vague meaning (see *metamorphosis*).

**metabolism** [biol.]. From G. μεταβολή, change, from βάλλειν, to cast

**metal.** F. *métal*, L. *metallum*, G. μέταλλον, mine, cogn. with *μεταλλάν*, to seek after, explore. In 16-17 cent. used of the "stuff" of which a man is made, in which sense the differentiated spelling *mettle* is usual since c. 1700.

**metamorphosis.** G., from μεταμορφόυν,

to transform, from μορφή, shape, the prefix being gen. equivalent to L. *trans-*. Cf. *metaphor*, from μεταφέρειν, to transfer; *metathesis*, from μετατιθέναι, to transpose. In some cases the prefix implies next to, e.g. *metatarsus* (anat.), next to the *tarsus*; cf. *metaphysics*.

**metaphor.** See above.

**metaphysics.** Applied to thirteen books of Aristotle which, in the received arrangement of his works, follow the books dealing with physics. These were called τὰ μετὰ τὰ φυσικά, the (works) after the physics, which came to be wrongly interpreted as the works beyond, or transcending, physics.

**metatarsus, metathesis.** See *metamorphosis*

**mete**<sup>1</sup> [archaic]. To measure. AS. *metan* Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *meten*, Ger. *messen*, ON. *meta*, Goth. *mitan*; cogn. with L. *modius*, peck.

**mete**<sup>2</sup> [archaic]. Boundary. OF. *mete*, L. *meia*.

**metempsychosis.** Transmigration of the soul. G. from μετά, έν, in, ψυχή, soul.

**meteor.** G. μετέωρον, neut. adj., lofty, from μετά, and αείρειν, to lift up.

**-meter.** Usu., e.g. in *thermometer*, *calorimeter*, etc., represents F. -*mètre*, G. μέτρον, measure, but in gas-meter (whence *water-meter*, *electric-light-meter*), from *mete*<sup>1</sup>.

**methglin** [archaic]. Welsh mead. Welsh *meddyglyn*, medicine, from *meddyg*, healing, L. *medicus*, and *llyn*, liquor.

**methinks.** It seems to me. From obs. *think*, to seem, AS. *thyncan*; cf. Ger. *denken*, to think, *drinken*, to seem. See *think*.

**method.** G. μέθοδος, pursuit of knowledge, investigation, from μετά and όδος, way.

**methy** [chem.]. From G. μέθυ, wine, ύλη, wood.

**meticulous.** F. *méticuleux*, L. *meticulosus*, timorous, from *metus*, fear. Current sense is 19 cent.

**métier.** F. *métier*, trade, calling, OF. *mestier*, usu. derived from L. *ministerium*, service, but the very early var. *maistier* points to *magisterium*, mastery. Prob. both have combined. See *mystery*<sup>2</sup>.

**metonymy** [rhet.]. Use of adjunct for principal. G. μεταωνυμία, change of name, όνυμα (see *eponymous*).

**metre.** AS. *mēter*, L. *metrum*, G. *μέτρον*, measure. Readopted in 14 cent. from F. *mètre*, and, for the third time, from the same word, selected (1799) as offic. unit of measure. Hence *metric*.

**metronome.** F. *métronomie*, from G. *νόμος*, law, rule (v.s.).

**metronymic.** Coined (on *patronymic*) from G. *μήτηρ*, mother.

**metropolis.** G., from *μήτηρ*, mother, *πόλις*, city.

**metry.** G. *μετρία*, measurement.

**mettle.** See *metal*.

**mew<sup>1</sup>.** Bird. AS. *māw*; cf. Du. *meuw*, Ger. *möwe* (from LG.), ON. *mār*.

**mew<sup>2</sup>.** Of cat. Imit., cf. Ger. *miauen*, F. *miauler*, Pers. *maw*, Arab. *mua*, etc.; also Chin. *mau*, cat.

**mew<sup>3</sup>.** Verb. Orig. to moult. F. *muer*, L. *mutare*, to change. Hence *mew*, cage for moulting birds, falcons. The royal *mews* at Charing Cross were pulled down (1534) and royal stables erected on their site; hence mod. sense of *mews*.

**mews.** See *mew<sup>3</sup>*.

**mezzanine** [*arch*]. Entresol (q.v.). F. *mezzanine*, It. *mezzanino*, dim. of *mezzano*, middle, L. *mediānus*. See *mean<sup>3</sup>*.

**mezzotint.** It. *mezzotinto*, half tint, L. *medius*. See *tint*. Cf. *mezzo-soprano*.

**mi** [*mus.*]. See *gamut*.

**miaow.** See *mew<sup>2</sup>*.

**miasma.** G., from *μαίωμαι*, to pollute.

**mica.** L., grain, crumb.

**mich** [*slang*]. Thinned form of *mooch* (q.v.).

**Michael** [*pol.*]. Personification of Germany, *der deutsche Michel* corresponding to *John Bull*, *Jacques Bonhomme*, etc.

**Michaelmas.** See *mass<sup>1</sup>*.

**mickle, muckle** [*archaic & dial.*]. AS. *micel*, *mycel*. Com. Teut.; cf. OSax. *mikil*, OHG. *mihhil*, ON. *mikell*, Goth. *mihils*; cogn. with G. *μεγας* (*méyas*, great) and prob. with L. *magnus*. See *much*.

**microbe.** F. *microbe*, from G. *μικρός*, small, *βίος*, life. Cf. *microcephalous*, small-headed; *microcosm*, the little cosmos, man; *microscope*, from G. *σκοπεῖν*, to look.

**micturition** [*med.*]. From L. *micturire*, desiderative of *mingere*, to urinate.

**mid.** Orig. adj. AS. *midd*. Aryan; cf. OSax. *midr*, Ger. *mitte*, ON. *miðr*, Goth. *midys*, L. *medius*, G. *μέσος*, Sanskrit *madhya*, Zend *madya*, OCelt. *medio-*, in place-names. Hence prep.

*mid*, for *amid* (q.v.). So *midship*, for *amidship*, whence *midshipman*, earlier *midshipsman* (Capt. John Smith), from station in ship.

**Midas.** Fabulous king of Phrygia, granted by Dionysos the power of turning all he touched into gold, and gifted by Apollo with ass's ears.

**midden** [*dial.*]. Dunghill. Of Scand. origin; cf. Dan. *modding*, from *mog*, muck (q.v.), *dyngje*, heap, dung (q.v.).

**middle.** AS. *middel*, from *mid* (q.v.). WGer. formation; cf. Du. *middel*, Ger. *mittel*.

**midge.** AS. *mycg*, *mycge*, gnat; cf. Du. *mug*, Ger. *mücke*, Sw. *mygg*, Dan. *myg*. Hence dim. *midget*.

**midriff.** AS. *midhrif*, from *hrif*, belly.

**midst.** With excrement -t (cf. *against*) for ME. *midde*, genitive of *mid*.

**midwife.** From obs. prep. *mid*, with, cogn. with Du. *mede*, Ger. *mit*, and *wife* in orig. sense of woman. The sense is thus "woman assisting"; cf. synonym. Ger. *beifrau*, and see *obstetric*.

**mien.** F. *mine*, which is perh. of Celt. origin; cf. Welsh *min*, lip, OIr. *mén*, mouth.

**miff** [*colloq.*]. Tiff, huff. Cf. Ger. *muff*, *müffig*, lit. musty, fusty, from which the E. word was perh. borrowed (c. 1600).

**might<sup>1</sup>.** Noun. AS. *miht*, from root of *may*; cf. Du. Ger. *macht*, Goth. *mahts*, also ON. *máttegr*, mighty.

**might<sup>2</sup>.** Verb. AS. *mihte*, past of *may*.

**mignon.** Dainty. F., see *mignon*. Hence *mignonnette*, a pet-name for *réséda*.

**migraine.** F., see *megrim*.

**migrate.** From L. *migrare*.

**mikado.** Jap., from *mi*, august, *kado*, gate, door. Cf. *Sublime Porte*.

**milady.** Cf. *milord*.

**milch.** AS. *milce*, in *thri-milce*, month of May, when cows can be milked three times a day. The usual AS. adj. is *melc*, *mealc*; cf. Ger. *melk*, *milch*, *melken*, to milk; cogn. with *milk* (q.v.).

**mild.** AS. *milde*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *mild*, ON. *míldr*, Goth. *-milds* (in compds.).

**mildew.** AS. *meledēaw*, honey dew, with first element as in *mealy-mouthed* (q.v.); cf. Ger. *meitau* (OHG. *milstou*), Du. *meeldauw*, Sw. *mjöldagg*, Dan. *meldugg*.

**mile.** AS. *mīl*, L. *milia*, pl. of *mille*, a thousand (paces).

**Milesian<sup>1</sup>.** From *Míledh*, *Milesius*, Sp.



king whose sons were fabled to have colonized Ireland c. 1300 B.C.

**Milesian**<sup>2</sup>. In *Milesian fables*, licentious tales associated with *Milelus* (Asia Minor).

**milfoil**. OF. *milfoil* (Mod. *millefeuille*), L. *millefolium*, from *mille*, thousand, *folium*, leaf.

**military**. L. *miliarius*, having granular appearance of millet (q.v.).

**militant**. From pres. part. of L. *militare*, to serve as a soldier.

**military**. F. *militaire*, from L. *militaris*, from *miles*, *milit-*, soldier. *Militia* is L.

**milk**. AS. *meolc* (Merc. *milc*). Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *melk*, Ger. *milch*, ON. *myōlk*, Goth. *miluks*; cogn. with L. *mulgēre*, G. ἀμῆλγεω, OIr. *mligim*, I milk.

**mill**. AS. *myln*, Late L. *molinum*, from *mola*, mill, cogn. with *molere*, to grind, and with *meal*<sup>1</sup>. Hence verb to *mill*, pound, beat, whence pugil sense. *Millboard* is for earlier *milled board*, flattened by a roller.

**millefleurs**. Scent. F. *eau de mille fleurs*.

**milleannium**. Coined, on analogy of *biennium*, *trennium*, from L. *mille*, thousand, *annus*, year.

**millepede**. L. *millepeda*, woodlouse, from *mille*, thousand, *pes*, *ped-*, foot.

**millet**. F. *millet*, dim. of *mil*, L. *milium*; cogn. with G. μῆλιν.

**milliard**. F., coined from *mille*, thousand.

**military**. L. *miliarius*, pertaining to Roman mile (q.v.).

**milligramme**, **millimetre**. Prefix denotes *roty*.

**milliner**. For *Milaner*, orig. dealer in Milan articles, such as "Milan bonnets," ribbons, gloves, cutlery, etc.

**million**. F. *million*, It. *milione*, augment. from L. *mille*, thousand.

**millord**. Formerly used on continent of rich E. traveller, *my lord*. Cf. *milady*.

**milreis**. Port. coin, thousand *reis*, pl. of *real*<sup>2</sup> (q.v.).

**milt**. Spleen of animals, soft roe of fish. AS. *milte*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *milt*, Ger. *milz*, ON. *milti*; prob. cogn. with *melt*. In sense of roe the earlier word was *milk*, which has been confused with *milt*; cf. Ger. *milch*, Dan. *melk*, in same sense.

**mime**. G. μῖμος, buffoon; cf. *pantomime*. Hence *mimic*.

**miminy-piminy**. Formed (after *namby-pamby*) on dial. *mim*, imit. of lips

pursed up in "prunes, prisms" style. Also *miminy-piminy*.

**mimosa**. ModL., in allusion to plant's mimicry of animal life.

**mimulus**. Plant. ModL., from *minus*. Cf. *mimosa*.

**mina**<sup>1</sup> [*hist.*]. Weight and coin. L. *mina*, G. μνᾶ, of Babylonian origin.

**mina**<sup>2</sup>. Bird. Hind. *mainā*  
**minaret**. Sp. *minarete*, from Turk. form of Arab. *manārat*, from *manār*, lighthouse, from root of *nār*, fire.

**minatory**. Late L. *minatorius*, from *minari*, to threaten.

**mince**. OF. *mincier*, VL. \**minuticare*, from *minutus*, small. Cf. *diminish*, *minish*.

**mind**. AS. *gemynd*; cf. OHG. *gimunt*, Goth. *gamunds*, memory. From an Aryan root which appears in L. *mens*, Sanskrit *manas*, mind, ON. *minni*, memory, Ger. *minne*, love (see *minnesinger*).

**mine**<sup>1</sup>. Possess. pron. AS. *min*, genitive of *I*, *me*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *mijn*, Ger. *mein*, ON. *mīnn*, Goth. *meins*. Superseded by *my* before consonant.

**mine**<sup>2</sup>. Noun. F. *mine*, of Celt. origin; cf. Gael. *manach*, ore, Welsh *mywn*. Hence *mineral*, MedL. *mineralis*.

**Minerva press** [*bibl.*]. Printing-shop in Leadenhall St., which issued many sentimental novels c. 1800.

**minever**. See *miniver*.

**mingle**. ME. *mengelen*, frequent. of obs. *mengen*, AS. *mengan*, from *mang*, mixture. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *mengen*, ON. *menga*; cogn. with *among*.

**Ming (porcelain)**. From *Ming* dynasty (China, 1368-1643).

**mingy** [*slang*]. Thinned form of *mangy*.

**miniature**. It. *miniatura*, from *miniare*, to rubricate, paint in *minium*, red lead, prob. an Iberian word. Orig. applied to the ornamental capitals of MS., and later to small pictures and portraits in gen.

**minié-rifle** [*hist.*]. From F. inventor's name (†1879).

**minify**. Incorr. formed from *minor* by analogy with *magnify*.

**minikin** [*chiefly dial.*]. Dainty, affected. Obs. Du. *minneken*, dim. of *minne*, love. Cf. *minnesinger*, *mincon*.

**minim** [*mus.*]. L. *minimus*, because orig., in ancient notation, the shortest note.

**minion**. F. *mignon*, darling, from Ger. *minne*, love; cf. *minikin*.

**minish** [archaic]. See *dminish*, *mince*.  
**minister**. L., servant; related to *minor* as *magister* is to *major*.  
**miniver**, **minever**. OF. *menu vair*, lit. little grey (see *menu* and *vair*).  
**mink**. Cf. Sw. *menk*, *munk*, LG. *mink*, otter.  
**minnesinger**. Ger., also *-sänger*, from *minne*, love; cogn. with *mind*.  
**minnie** [mil.]. From 1915 Abbrev. of Ger. *minenwerfer*, mine-thrower. See *mine*<sup>2</sup>, *warp*.  
**minnow**. ME. *menow*, false sing. from ME. *menuse*, F. *menuse*, "small fish of divers sorts" (Cotg.), VL \**minutia*, neut. pl.  
**Minoan** [antiq.]. Of ancient Crete. From *Minos*, myth king of Crete.  
**minor**. L., from a root which appears in L. *minuere*, G. *μινύειν*, to make less; cf. ME. *min*, less, Ger. *minder*.  
**minorca**. Fowl from island of *Minorca*.  
**Minotaur** [myth.]. G. *Μινώταυρος*, monster fed, in Cretan labyrinth, on human flesh; offspring of Pasiphae, wife of King *Minos*, and a bull, G. *ταύρος*. See *Minoan*.  
**minster**. AS. *mynster*, Church L. *monasterium*.  
**minstrel**. OF. *menestrel* (replaced by *ménistrer*, fiddler), Late L. *ministeriums*, from *ministerium*, servant.  
**mint**<sup>1</sup>. Plant AS. *mint*, G. *μίνθα*.  
**mint**<sup>2</sup>. For coin. AS. *mynet*, L. *moneta*. For hist. see *money*.  
**minuet**. F. *menuet*, from *menu*, small, L. *minutus*, because danced with short steps.  
**minus**. L., neut. of *minor* (q.v.). Cf. *minuscule*, small letter, F. *minuscule*, L. *minuscula* (sc. *littera*).  
**minute**. Noun. F. *minute*, Late L. *minuta* (sc. *pars prima*), from *minutus*, small; cogn. with *minor*. Adj. is taken later from L. *minutus*. Cf. *menu*.  
**minx**. Earlier also *minks*. LG. *minsk*, wench; cf. Ger. *mensch* (neut.) in same sense, orig. adj., OHG. *manisc*, from *man*, man. For metath. of *sk* cf. *hunks*, *Manx*.  
**miocene** [geol.]. From G. *μειων*, less, *καινος*, new.  
**miosis**. See *meiosis*.  
**miquelet** [hist.]. Sp. irregular, guerilla soldier, etc. Also *miguelet*. Dim. of Sp. *Miguel*, Catalan *Miquel*, Michael.  
**miracle**. F. *miracle*, L. *miraculum*, from *mirus*, wonderful.  
**mirage**. F., from *se mirer*, to be reflected. See *mirror*.

**mire**. ON. *mýrr*, cogn. with *moss*.  
**mirific**. L. *mirificus*, from *mirus*, wonderful, *facere*, to make.  
**mirk**. See *murk*.  
**mirror**. OF. *mirreor* (replaced by *miroir*), L. *mirator-em*, from *mirari*, to contemplate, wonder at.  
**mirth**. AS. *myrgth* (see *merry*).  
**mirza**. Complimentary title. Pers. *mirzā*, for *mirzād*, from *mīr* (from Arab. *amīr*, *ameer*, *emir*), *zād* (= *natus*).  
**mis-**. In majority of compds. is AS. *mis-*. Com. Teut. prefix; cf. Du. *mis-*, Ger. *miss-*, ON. *mis-*, Goth. *missa-*; cogn. with *miss*<sup>1</sup>. This prefix has been confused with the unrelated OF. *mes-* (Mod. *més-*, *mé-*), L. *minus*, whence Sp. Port. *menos-* (see *muscovado*), OIt. *menes-*. But some regard the Rom. prefix as borrowed from Teut., *menos-* and *menes-* being due to folk-etym.  
**misanthrope**. G. *μισάνθρωπος*, from *μισέειν*, to hate, *άνθρωπος*, man. Cf. *misogynist*.  
**miscegenation**. From L. *miscere*, to mix, *genus*, race.  
**miscellaneous**. From L. *miscellaneus*, from *miscellus*, from *miscere*, to mix.  
**mischievous**. OF. *meschies* (Mod. *méchief*), from *meschever*, to come to grief, opposite of *achieve* (q.v.). See *mis-*.  
**miscible**. From L. *miscere*, to mix.  
**miscreant**. OF. *mescreant*, pres. part. of *mescreire* (Mod. *mécroire*), from L. *credere*, to believe (see *mis-*). Orig. epithet of Saracens.  
**misdoubt** [archaic]. From OF. *se mesdouter*, to suspect, where the *mes-* appears to have rather intens. than neg. force.  
**mise** [hist.]. Agreement, esp. in *Mise of Lewes* (1264). F. *mise*, p.p. fem. of *mettre*, to put, lay down, L. *mittere*, to send.  
**miser**. L., wretched, cf. It. Sp. *misero*, wretched, *avancious*, which prob. suggested adoption of L. word in E. Also *miserable*, F. *misérable*, L. *miserabilis*; *misery*, OF. *miserie* (replaced by *misère*), L. *miseria*.  
**miserere**. Imper. of L. *misereri*, to have pity. Init. word of Ps. li. used as penitential.  
**misericord** [antiq.]. Hinged seat in choir-stall to lean against. F. *miseri-corde*, L. *misericordia*, pity, from *misereri* (v.s.) and *cor*, *cord-*, heart. Also [archaic], dagger of mercy.  
**misery**. See *miser*.

**misfeasance** [*leg.*]. OF. *mesfaisance*, from *mesfaire* (Mod. *méfaire*), to misdo.

**misgive**. From *give* in ME. sense of suggesting.

**mish-mash**. Redupl. on *mash*. Cf. Ger. *misch-masch*.

**mishtna**. Precepts forming basis of Talmud. Post-Bibl. Heb., from *shānāh*, to repeat.

**misnomer**. AF. infin., OF. *mesnomer*, from L. *nominare* (see *mis-*).

**misogynist**. From G. *μισογύνης*, from *μισέω*, to hate, *γυνή*, woman.

**misprision**<sup>1</sup> [*leg.*]. Neglect. OF. *mesprison*, mistake, from L. *prehensio-n-* (see *mis-*).

**misprision**<sup>2</sup> [*archaic*]. Contempt. From OF. *mespriser* (Mod. *mépriser*), to despise. See *prize*<sup>1</sup>.

**miss**<sup>1</sup>. To fail to hit. AS. *missan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *missen*, ON. *missa*; cogn. with AS. prefix *mis-*.

**miss**<sup>2</sup>. Short for *mistress*.

**missal**. Church L. *missale*, neut. of *missalis*, of the mass<sup>1</sup>.

**missel-thrush**. From obs. *missel*, mistletoe (q.v.), on berries of which it feeds; cf. Ger. *misteldrossel*.

**missile**. L. *missilis* (adj.), from *mittere*, *miss-*, to send.

**mission**. L. *missio-n-* (v.s.).

**missis, missus**. Slurred pronunc. of *mistress, Mrs.*

**missive**. For letter *missive*, MedL. *littera missiva*, from *mittere*, *miss-*, to send.

**mist**. AS. *mist*; cf. Du. *mist*, ON. *mistr*; cogn. with G. *δμίχλη*, Sanskrit *megha*, cloud, mist. *Misty* in fig. sense has been influenced by *mythic*.

**mister**. Thinned form of *master*; cf. *mistress* (ME. *maistris*), *mystery*<sup>2</sup>.

**mistery**. See *mystery*<sup>2</sup>.

**mistletoe**. AS. *misteltān*, from *tān*, twig, final *-n* being dropped because taken as pl. inflexion; cf. ON. *mistilteinn*. With *mistel*, whence obs. *missel* (see *missel-thrush*), cf. Ger. *mistel*, perh. from *mist*, dung, the popular belief (already in Theophrastus, 3 cent. B.C.) being that the plant was sprung from bird-droppings.

**mistral**. Cold N.W. Mediterr. wind. Prov. *mistral*, earlier *maistral*, L. *magistralis*.

**mistress**. OF. *maistresse* (Mod. *maîtresse*), fem. of *maistre*, master. For thinned pronunc. cf. *mister*.

**mite**<sup>1</sup>. In cheese, etc. AS. *mīte*; cf.

Du. *mijt*, OHG. *mīza*, gnat, F. *mite* (from LG.). Prob. from a Teut. root meaning to cut small; cf. ON. *meta*, to cut, Ger. *meissel*, chisel. Application to small child, etc., partly due to *mite*<sup>2</sup>.

**mite**<sup>2</sup>. Small coin, atom. OF., "the smallest of coynes" (Cotg.). Prob. ident. with *mite*<sup>1</sup>. Du. *zief* has also the double sense of cheese-mite, atom.

**Mithraic**. From Sanskrit *Mitra*, lit. friend, one of the gods of the Vedic pantheon.

**mithridatize**. To make immune to poison. From *Mithridates VI*, king of Pontus (1 cent. B.C.), who trad. made himself poison-proof.

**mitigate**. From L. *mitigare*, from *mitis*, mild.

**mitrailleuse**. F., from *mitraille*, grape-shot, earlier *mitaille*, "great (or the grossest) file-dust" (Cotg.), from *mite*<sup>2</sup>.

**mitral valve** [*anat.*]. Named from mitre-like shape.

**mitre**. F. *mitre*, G. *μίτρα*, girdle, head-band, turban. Orig. an Eastern head-dress.

**mitten**. F. *mitaine*, glove without separate fingers, *miton*, glove without fingers, *mitt*, from OF. *mite*, in same sense. Origin unknown.

**mittimus**. Form of writ. From init. word. L., we send.

**mix**. Back-formation from *mixt*, F. *mixte*, L. *mixtus*, from *miscere*, to mix.

**mixen** [*dial.*]. Dunghill. AS. *mixen*, from *meox*, dung, ult. cogn. with Ger. *mist*.

**mizen**. Orig. a sail, now a mast. F. *misaine*, now foremast, It. *mezzana*, name of a sail. It is possible that the It. word, taken as meaning middle (see *mezzo*, *mezzanine*), is really adopted from Arab. *mizān*, balance. "The mizen is, even now, a sail that 'balances,' and the reef in a mizen is still called the 'balance'-reef" (W. B. Whall).

**mizmaze**. Mystification. Redupl. on *maze* (q.v.).

**mizpah** [*Bibl.*]. Heb., watch-tower (Gen. xxxi. 48).

**mizzen**. See *mizen*.

**mizzle**<sup>1</sup>. To drizzle. Cf. Du. dial. *miezelen*, LG. *miseln*; prob. cogn. with *mist*.

**mizzle**<sup>2</sup> [*slang*]. To slink off. Shelta *misht*, to go.

**mnemonic**. G. *μνημονικός*, from *μνήμων*, mindful, *μνάσθαι*, to remember.

**moa.** Native Maori name of *dinormis*.  
**Moabite stone.** Erected (c. 850 B.C.) by Mesha, king of Moab, with earliest known inscription of Phoenician alphabet.

**moan.** AS. \**mān*, whence verb *mānan*.

**mote.** ME. *mote*, mound, embankment, in AF. hill-fortress surrounded by water. Ident. with F. *motte*, clod, ? of Teut. origin and cogn. with *mud*. For change of sense cf. double meaning of *drake*.

**mob<sup>1</sup>.** Crowd. Abbreviated (late 17 cent.) from *mobile* (sc. *vulgas*), the fickle crowd.

**mob<sup>2</sup>.** Cap. Orig. *négligé* dress, from obs. *mob*, contemptuous term for woman, earlier *mab*, for *Mabel*. But cf. obs. Du. *mop-muts*, "a night-coif" (Hexham).

**mobile.** F. *mobile*, L. *mobilis*, from *movēre*, to move.

**moccasin.** NAm. Ind. (Powhatan).

**mocha.** Coffee. Name of Arab. port on Red Sea. It is prob. that *mocha*, chalcedony, is of same origin.

**mock.** F. *moquer*, now only reflex.; cf. synon. Prov. *mochar*, It. *moccare*. Orig. sense perh. to blow the nose, as derisive gesture, ? from L. *mucus*, whence also F. *moucher*, to blow the nose, of which *moquer* may be a dial. form.

**mode.** F. *mode* (m.), manner, mood (gram.), (f.) fashion, L. *modus*, measure, limit, etc.; cogn. with *mete<sup>1</sup>*. See *mood<sup>2</sup>*.

**model.** F. *modèle*, It. *modello*, dim. from L. *modus* (v.s.). See *mould<sup>2</sup>*.

**moderate.** L. *moderatus*, from *moderari*, from *modus*, measure (v.s.). Cf. *moderator*, formerly univ. official acting as umpire in academic disputations. Hence Oxf. *Moderations*, *Modes*.

**modern.** Late L. *modernus*, from *modo*, just now.

**modest.** L. *modestus*, from *modus*, measure. Cf. *moderate*.

**modicum.** Neut. of L. *modicus*, moderate (v.s.).

**modify.** F. *modifier*, L. *modificare*, to limit, moderate (v.s.).

**modillion** [arch.]. Bracket. It. *modiglione*, app. from L. *mutulus*, bracket, confused with *modulus*.

**Modes** [Oxf.]. See *moderate*.

**modulate.** From L. *modulari*, to give measure to, from *modulus*, dim. of *modus*.

**modus.** L., measure, method, esp. in *modus operandi*, *modus vivendi*.

**Moeso-Gothic** [hmg.]. From *Moesia*, corresponding to Bulgaria and Serbia, where the Goths settled.

**mofette.** Exhalation of mephitic gas. F. *mofette*, It (Naples) *mofetta*, ? cogn. with *mephitic*.

**mofussil** [Anglo-Ind.]. Country, as distinguished from town. Arab. *mu-fassal*, p.p. of *fassala*, to divide.

**Mogul.** Pers. & Arab. *mughul*, for *Mongol* (q.v.).

**mohair.** Ult. Arab. *mukhayyar*, cloth of goats' hair, lit. choice, p.p. of *khayyara*, to prefer. See *moire*.

**Mohammedan.** From *Mohammed*, a common Arab. name, lit. (much) praised.

**mohock** [hist.]. Aristocratic street ruffian (c. 1700). Transferred use of name of NAm. Ind. tribe, now written *Mohawk*. Cf. *apache*. For *mohawk* (skating) cf. *choclaw*.

**mohur.** Coin. Pers. *muhr*, orig. seal, seal-ring; cogn. with Sanskrit *mudrā*, seal.

**moidore.** Coin. Port. *moeda d'ouro*, money of gold. See *money*.

**moiety.** F. *moitié*, L. *medietas*, -tat-, half, from *medius*, middle.

**moil.** Usu. in *toil and moil*. From *moil*, early var. of *mule*. Littleton (1678) explains it by "laborare, q. d. instar muli." In W. Cornwall to *mule* is to work hard. Cf. Ger. *ochsen*, to swot, from *ochs*, ox.

**moire.** F. *moire*, earlier *mouaire*, from E. *mohair*.

**moist.** OF. *moiste* (Mod. *moite*), L. *musteus*, like *must<sup>1</sup>* (q.v.) or new wine, fresh, green, new, senses all found for *moist* in ME.

**moke** [slang]. Perh. from some proper name (? *Moggy*) applied to the ass. Cf. prov. phrase *Mocke hath lost her shoe* (Skelton).

**molar<sup>1</sup>.** Tooth. L. *molaris*, from *mola*, mill-stone, "grinder."

**molar<sup>2</sup>.** Of mass, L. *moles*.

**molasses.** Earlier *melasses*, pl. from Port. *melago*, Late L. *mellaceum*, from *mel*, *mell*-, honey.

**mole<sup>1</sup>.** Spot. AS *māl*, spot, blemish, esp. on linen, etc. (see *ironmould*); cf. OHG. *meil*, Goth. *mail*; also ModGer. *mal*, in current E. sense, which Kluge regards as ident. with *mal*, "point" of time (see *meal<sup>2</sup>*).

**mole<sup>2</sup>.** Animal. Earlier *molde*, short for *mouldwarp* (still in dial.), lit. earth-thrower (see *mould<sup>1</sup>*, *warp*); cf. Ger. *maulwurf*, "a mole, a molewarp, a want" (Ludw.).

**mole**<sup>3</sup>. Breakwater. F. *môle*, L. *moles*, heap, mass.

**molecule**. F. *molécule*, dim. from L. *moles*, mass.

**molest**. F. *moiester*, L. *molestare*, prob. from *moles* (v.s.). Cf. *cark*, *burden-some*.

**Molinist** [*theol.*]. Adherent of (1) *Luis Molina* (†1600), (2) *Miguel de Molinos* (†1696).

**mollify**. F. *mollifier*, L. *mollificare*, to make soft, *mollis*, cogn. with *melt*.

**mollusc**. L. *molluscus*, from *mollis*, soft.

**molly-coddle**. Orig. noun, one who coddles himself. From *Molly*, Mary, used contemptuously for a milk-sop.

**molly-hawk**. Bird, fulmar. Folk-etym. for *mollymawk*, earlier *malle-muck*, Du. *malle-mok*, lit. foolish gull.

**Molly Maguire** [*hist.*]. Name assumed by members of Ir. secret society (1843).

**Moloch**. Heb. *mōlek*, from *melek*, king. Canaanite idol to which infant sacrifices were made.

**moly**. Fabulous herb by which Ulysses was protected against Circe. L. *moly*, G. *μᾶλυ*.

**molybd-** [*chem.*]. From G. *μόλυβδος*, lead.

**moment**. F. *moment*, L. *momentum*, for \**movimentum*, movement, moving power. Sense of time-division orig. in *moment of time* (Luke iv. 5).

**Momus**. Personification of G. *μῶμος*, ridicule.

**monachal**. Church L. *monachalis*, from *monachus*, monk (q.v.).

**monad**. Unity. G. *μονάς*, *μονάδ-*, from *μόνος*, alone.

**monarchy**. G. *μοναρχία*, from *μόνος*, alone, *ἄρχειν*, to rule.

**monastery**. Late G. *μοναστήριον*, from *μονάζειν*, to live alone, *μόνος*.

**Monday**. AS. *mōnandæg*, moon day, rendering Late L. *lunae dies*; cf. Du. *maandag*, Ger. *montag*, ON. *mānadagr*.

**monetary**. L. *monetarius* (v.i.).

**money**. OF. *monnaie* (Mod. *monnaie*, coin, change, mint), L. *moneta*, epithet of Juno, ? orig. admonishing goddess (L. *monēre*), to whose temple the Roman mint was attached. *Moneta* may, however, be an old goddess-name unconnected with *monēre*.

**monger**. Now usu. in compds. From AS. *mangian*, to trade; cf. OHG. ON. *mangari*, from L. *mango*, dealer (contemptuous).

**Mongol**. Native name, said to be from *mong*, brave.

**mongoose**. Mahratti *mangūs*.

**mongrel**. With pejorative suffix (cf. *wastrel*), from obs. *mong*, to mix, cogn. with *among* (q.v.).

**monial** [*arch.*]. Mullion. MedL. *monialis*, lit. monk (q.v.), whence also OF. *moinel*, *mernel* (Mod. *meneau*). Cf. Ger. *mönch*, monk, mullion.

**moniliform**. From L. *monile*, necklace.

**moning**. Tea. Cantonese pronunc. of *Wu-ming*, where it is grown.

**monish** [*archaic.*]. OF. *monester*; cf. *admonish*.

**monism**. Theory of one sole cause, etc. From G. *μόνος*, alone.

**monitor**. L., from *monēre*, *monit-*, to admonish. Proper name of turret-ship for heavy guns engaged in first ironclad sea-fight in history, viz. that between the Monitor and the Merrimac in Amer. Civil War (March 9, 1862). Cf. *dreadnought*.

**monk**. AS. *munuc*, Church L. *monachus*, Late G. *μοναχός*, solitary, from *μόνος*, alone.

**monkey**. LG. *Moneke*, son of Martin the Ape in *Reinke de Vos*, the 15 cent. LG. version of the *Roman de Renart*. *Moneke* is the pet-form of some such name as *Mombert* (OHG. *Mumberht*). Its choice for the ape was perh. due to association with LG. *monnik*, monk (cf. F. *monneau*, sparrow, lit. little monk, from brown-capped head, and see *talapoin*). For formation cf. *Reinke* from name element *Regin* (see *reynard*).

**monochord**. G. *μονόχορδος*, of one cord, from *μόνος*, alone; see *cord*, *chord*. Cf. *monochrome*, from *χρῶμα*, colour; *monocle*, F., from L. *oculus*, eye; *monody*, *μονωδία*, solo, lament, from *αἰδεῖν*, to sing (see *ode*); *monogamy* (cf. *bigamy*); *monogram*, *monograph*, from *γράφειν*, to write; *monolatry* (cf. *idolatry*); *monolith*, from *λίθος*, stone; *monologue* (cf. *dialogue*); *monomial* (cf. *binomial*); *monophthong* (cf. *disphthong*); *monopoly*, from *πωλεῖν*, to sell; *monotheism* (cf. *atheism*, *polytheism*); *monotonous*, from *τόνος*, tone; *monoxylon*, dug-out canoe, from *ξύλον*, wood.

**Monroe doctrine** [*hist.*]. In message to Congress (Dec. 2, 1823) of *President Monroe* to the effect that "the American continents should no longer be subjects for any new European colonial settlement, etc."

**monsieur**. F., acc. of *messire*, L. *meus senior* (see *svr*). Fuller form in title *monseigneur* and It. *monsignore*.

**monsoon.** Obs. Du. *monssoen*, Port. *monção*, Arab. *mausim*, monsoon, lit. season, from *wasama*, to mark.

**monster.** F. *monstre*, L. *monstrum*, portent, marvel, etc., from *monēre*, to warn.

**monstrance** [eccl.]. OF. *monstrance*, MedL. *monstrantia*, from *monstrare*, to show. Cf. ModF. *ostensoir*, in same sense.

**montagnard** [hist.]. Extreme F. republican party occupying highest seats in legislative assembly (1791-2).

**montbretia.** Flower. From *Coquebert de Montbret*, French botanist (†1801).

**monté.** Card-game. Sp. *monte*, mountain, from heap of cards left after deal.

**montem** [Eton]. Till 1844 Eton festival in which boys went in procession *ad montem*, i.e. to Salthill, near Slough.

**montero.** From Sp. *montera*, hunter's cap, from *montero*, hunter, lit. mountaineer.

**Montessorian.** Educational method (20 cent.) From *Dr Maria Montessori*, It. educationist.

**month.** AS. *mōnath*, from moon (q.v.). Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *maand*, Ger. *monat*, ON. *mānuθr*, Goth. *mēnōths*; cogn. with L. *mensis*, G. *μήν*, Sanskrit *māsa*.

**monticule.** F. *monticule*, Late L. *monticulus*, dim. of *mons*, *mont-*, mountain.

**monument.** F. *monument*, L. *monumentum*, from *monēre*, to remind.

**moo.** Imit. of voice of cow; cf. L. *mugire*.

**mooch, mouch.** To loaf; earlier, to play truant. OF. *muchier* (Mod. *musser*), to skulk, hide, from a root which appears in both Celt. & Teut., e.g. Ir. *múchaim*, I smother, Ger. *meuchelmord*, assassination. Cf. earlier *much* (q.v.), also L. *muger*, cheat (Festus).

**mood**<sup>1</sup>. State of mind. AS. *mōd*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *moed*, Ger. *mut*, ON. *mōthr*, Goth. *mōths*. Occ. confused with *mood*<sup>2</sup>.

**mood**<sup>2</sup> [*mus.*, *log.*, *gram.*]. Alteration of *mode* (q.v.), due to association with *mood*<sup>1</sup>.

**moon.** AS. *mōna*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *mann*, Ger. *mond*, ON. *māne*, Goth. *mēna*; cogn. with G. *μήνη*. See *month*.

**moonshes** [Anglo-Ind.]. Native secretary or language-teacher. Urdu *munshī*, Arab. *munshī*, pres. part. of *ansha'a*, to compose.

**moor**<sup>1</sup>. Noun. AS. *mōr*; cf. archaic Du *moer*, Ger. *moor*, fen; cogn. with ON. *mōrr*, and with *mere*<sup>1</sup>.

**moor**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. LG. *vermoren*, cogn. with Du *meren*, earlier *maren*, whence F. *amarver*, to moor; cf. AS. *mærelsráp*, mooring-rope.

**Moor.** F. *More*, *Maure*, L. *Maurus*, G. *Μαυρος*, ident. with *μαύρος*, black, for *ἀμαυρός* (see *amauros*).

**moose.** Namer. Ind. (Virginia or New England) *mos*, also *mus*, *muns*, etc.

**moot** [hist.]. AS. *mōt*, *gemōt*, meeting, coalescing with cogn. ON. *mōt*; cf. Du. *gemoet*, MHG. *mōz*. See *meet*<sup>2</sup>, *witenagemot*. In compds. usu. *-mote*. Hence to *moot* a *question*, orig. before judicial assembly.

**mop**<sup>1</sup>. Noun. Orig. naut. Earlier (15 cent.) *mappe*, short for *mapple*, var of name *Mabel*, used for kitchen-wench. Cf. *malkin* (q.v.), given as synonym of *mapple* in a ME. glossary. See also *moß*<sup>2</sup>.

**mop**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. Chiefly in to *mop* and *mow* (Temp. iv., *Lear*, iv. 1), where *mow* is F. *moue*, a grimace. As it usu. refers to apes, it may be connected with ME. *mop*, fool; cf. Ger. *mops*, fool, pug-dog, ? cogn. with MHG. *mupf*, *muff*, grimace.

**mope.** Orig. to stray aimlessly, as still in dial. Cf. Sw. dial. *mopa*, to sulk, archaic Dan. *maabe*, to mope; ? cogn. with *mop*<sup>2</sup>.

**mopoke.** Owl (New Zeal.), nightjar (Tasm.), other birds (Austral.). Imit. of cry.

**moppet.** From *mop*<sup>1</sup>, which also meant rag-doll in ME.

**moquette.** Fabric. F. *moquette*, for earlier *mocade*, ident. with obs. E. *mockado*. This is usu. associated with *mock*, but is prob. ident. with obs. *moquet*, *mugget*, intestines of calf. Another name for it was *tripe* (q.v.). Cf. also *frill*.

**moraine.** Débris deposited by glacier. F. *moraine*, ModProv. *mourenne*, ? from Bavarian *mur*, fallen stones, etc., cogn. with Ger. *mürbe*, rotten.

**moral.** L. *moralis*, coined by Cicero from *mos*, *mor-*, manner, custom, to represent G. *ἠθικός*, ethic.

**morale.** Incorr. for F. *moral* (v.s.), temperament, spirit, etc. F. *morale* = morality.

**morass.** Du. *moeras*, corrupted (by association with *moer*, *moor*<sup>1</sup>) from earlier *marasch*, *maras*, OF. *maresc* (Mod. *marais*), marsh (q.v.).

**moratorium** [*leg.*]. Neut. of *L. moratorius*, from *morari*, to delay.

**Moravian**. Protestant sect of emigrants from *Moravia*, MedL. for *Mähren* (formerly in Austria). Cf. *Herrnhuter*.

**morbid**. *L. morbidus*, from *morbus*, disease, from root of *mori*, to die.

**morbleu**. F., altered from *mort-Dieu*, 'sdeath.

**morceau**. F., see *morsel*.

**mordacious**. From *L. mordax*, *mordac-*, from *mordere*, to bite. Cf. *mordant*, pres. part. of *F. mordre*.

**more**. AS. *māra* (also *mā*, whence ME. *mo*). Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *meerder* (double compar. for earlier *mere*), Ger. *mehr*, ON. *meirr*, Goth. *maiza*.

**moreen**. Fabric. ? Trade-word formed on *moire*.

**morello, morella**. Cherry. Also obs. *morel*, OF. *morelle* (Cotg.). App. altered from early Flem. *marelle*, apoth. for It. *amarello*, dim. from *amaro*, bitter, *L. amarus*.

**more-pork**. Corrupt. of *mopoke*.

**moresque**. F. *moresque*, It. *moresco*, Moorish.

**morganatic**. From MedL. *morgana-ticum*, latinization of Ger. *morgengabe*, morning gift, sum handed over to wife after consummation of left-handed marriage.

**morgen**. Measure of land. Ger., Du., also SAfrDu. & US. Orig. what could be ploughed in a morning (v.s.).

**morgue** [US.]. Mortuary. F., orig. room in prison in which new arrivals were viewed by the staff. Perh. ident. with *morgue*, haughty air, Languedoc *morgo*. Origin unknown.

**moribund**. *L. moribundus*, from *mori*, to die.

**morion** [*hist.*]. Helmet. Sp. *morrión* or It. *morione*. Origin unknown. Understood by early etymologists as Moorish, Morian, helmet, which may be right.

**morisco**. Sp., Moorish. Cf. *moresque*.

**Morison's pill**. Invented by James Morison (†1840).

**morley**. See *maul*.

**Mormon**. Sect founded (1830) at Manchester, New York, by Joseph Smith, who claimed to have discovered the *Book of Mormon*, which he explained as from E. *more* and Egypt. *mon*, good!

**morn**. ME. *morwe(n)*, AS. *morgen*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *morgen*, ON. *morgunn*, Goth. *maurgens*; ident. with *morrow*. *Morning* is a ME. formation; cf. *evening*.

**morecco**. Orig. tanned in *Morocco*.

**moron** [*med.*]. Person of arrested development. From G. *μωρός*, stupid.

**morese**. *L. morosus*, from *mos, mor-*, custom (see *moral*). For limitation of sense (in L.) cf. E. *moody*.

**morphia**. Earlier *morphium*, coined from *Morpheus*, Ovid's name for god of sleep and dreams, from G. *μορφή*, form.

**morphology** [*biol. & ling.*]. Study of form and structure, G. *μορφή*.

**morris-dance**. For Moorish. Cf. Flem. *mooriske dans*, F. *danse moresque*. Cf. obs. *morris-pike* (Com of Errors, iv. 3).

**Morris tube**. Invented by Richard Morris (†1891).

**morrow**. ME. *morwe*, from *morwen*, morn (q.v.). Cf. Ger. *morgen*, morning, to-morrow.

**morse**. Walrus. F. *morse*, Lapp *morsa* or Finnish *mursu*.

**Morse code**. From name of US. electrician (†1872).

**morsel**. OF. *morcel* (Mod. *morceau*), dim. of *mors*, bite, *L. morsus*, from *mordere*, *mors-*, to bite.

**mort**<sup>1</sup> [*archaic*]. Death (of the deer), as in to blow a *mort*. App. altered (after F. *mort*, death) from earlier *mote*, F. *mot*, word, note of horn.

**mortal**. *L. mortalis*, from *mors*, *mort-*, death.

**mortar**. Vessel for pounding. AS. *mortere* or F. *mortier*, *L. mortarium*, whence also Ger. *Mörser*. Hence *mortar*, piece of artillery, orig. *mortar-piece*, from shape (cf. obs. *pot-gun* in same sense). *Mortar*, for building, is the same word, "pounded material," and comes to us from F. *mortier*; cf. Ger. *mortel*, of later adoption than *Mörser* (v.s.).

**mortgage**. OF. (replaced by *hypothèque*), lit. dead pledge. See *gage*<sup>1</sup>.

**mortify**. F. *mortifier*, *L. mortificare*, to make dead.

**mortise, mortice**. Cavity to receive tenon. F. *mortaise*, Sp. *mortaja*, ? Arab. *murtazz*, fixed in.

**mortmain** [*hist.*]. OF. *mortemain*, dead hand, MedL. *mortua manus*.

**mortuary**. *L. mortuarius*, from *mors*, *mort-*, death.

**mosaic**. F. *mosaïque*, It. *mosaico*, *musaiico*, MedL. *mosaicus*, *musaiicus*, of the muses; cf. Late G. *μουσαϊκόν*, mosaic, whence Late L. *musivum opus* in same sense.

**mosasaurus**. Fossil saurian. From L. *Mosa*, Meuse, where discovered.

**moschatel.** Plant. F. *moscatelle*, It. *moscatello*, dim. of *moscato*, musk (q.v.).

**moselle.** Wine from region of river Moselle.

**Moslem.** Arab. *muslim*, pres. part. of *aslama*, to submit, obey. Cf. *Islam*, *Mussulman*, *salaam*.

**mosque.** Earlier *mosquee*, F. *mosquée*, It. *moschea*, Arab. *masjid*, pronounced *masgid* in NAfr., whence the word reached Europe. From verb *sajada*, to prostrate oneself, adore. The word is pre-Mohammedan.

**mosquito.** Sp. Port., dim. of *mosca*, fly. See *musk*.

**moss.** AS *mōs*, bog, sense of plant characteristic of bogs appearing in early ME.; cf. Du. *mos*, Ger. *moos*, ON. *mose*, all in both senses; ult. cogn. with *mire* and with L. *muscus*, *moss*.

**most.** AS. *māst*, superl. of *mā* (see *more*). Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *meest*, Ger. *merst*, ON. *mestr*, Goth. *marsts*. Mod. vowel (cf. Sc. *maist*) is due to AS. var. *māst*.

**-most.** Altered, by association with *most*, from AS. *-mest*, from double superl. Aryan suffix *-m-* and *-isto-*, the first of which appears in AS. *forma*, *hindema*, and L. *primus*, while the second has given *-est*. Forms like *aftermost*, *innermost*, *uttermost*, AS. *æftermost*, *innest*, *ūtmest*, add a compar. to the two superl. suffixes.

**mote<sup>1</sup>.** Noun. AS. *mot*, speck of dust; cf. archaic Du. *mot*, sawdust, grit, LG. *mut*, dust.

**mote<sup>2</sup>.** Verb. Archaic survival of AS. *mōt*, may, must<sup>2</sup> (q.v.), in *so mote it be*.

**mote<sup>3</sup>** [*hist.*]. See *moot*.

**motet** [*mus.*]. F., dim. of *mot*, word, of obscure origin.

**moth.** AS. *moththe*, *mōthe*; cf. Du. *mot*, Ger. *motte*, ON. *mottle*.

**mother.** AS. *mōdor*. Aryan; cf. Du. *moeder*, Ger. *mutter*, ON. *mōther*, L. *mater*, G. *māter*, Sanskrit *mātri*, OIr. *māthir*. Orig. from baby-sound *ma* (cf. *father*). Goth. has *aiþer* (see *father*). Sense of scum, etc., esp. in *mother of vinegar*, is from some early but obscure metaphor; cf. synon. Ger. *mutter*, Du. *mo(ð)er*, F. *mère de vinaigre*, etc. See also *hysteric*.

**mother Carey's chicken.** Stormy petrel. Has been explained as corrupt. of It. *madre cara*, dear mother, i.e. the Holy Virgin, but this is a conjecture unsupported by evidence.

**motif** [*neol.*]. F., see *motive*.

**motion.** L. *motio*-n-, from *movere*, *mot-*, to move.

**motive.** MedL. *motivus* (v.s.).

**motley.** ? AF. \**moitele*, from F. *moulié*, half (AF. *motie*), by analogy with *écartelé*, quartered. Cf. orig. sense of *piéd* (q.v.). Cf. also synon. F. *mi-parti*, lit. half-divided, MHG. *halbvert*, lit. halved. *Mottle* is a back-formation from *motley* (in its later sense).

**motor.** L., from *movere*, *mot-*, to move.

**mottle.** Back-formation from *motley* (q.v.).

**motto.** It., of obscure origin. See *motet*.

**mouch.** See *mooch*.

**moucharaby.** Latticed balcony in NAfr. F. *moucharaby*, Arab *ma-shrabah*, lit. drinking place (see *sherbet*), from water-vessels kept in it to cool.

**moufflon.** Wild mountain sheep (Corsica). F. *moufflon*, Late L. *mufrō*-n- (5 cent.).

**moujik.** Russ *muzhik*, peasant, dim. of *muzh*, man, husband, ult. cogn. with *male*.

**mould<sup>1</sup>.** Humus. AS. *molde* Com. Teut; cf. obs. Du. *moude*, Ger. dial. *moli*, ON. *mold*, Goth. *mulda*; cogn. with *meal*<sup>1</sup>, *mill*, L. *molere*, to grind, etc.

**mould<sup>2</sup>.** Form. With excrescent *-d* from F. *moule*, L. *modulus*, dim. of *modus*, measure; cf. *model*.

**mould<sup>3</sup>.** Spot (in ironmould). See *mole<sup>1</sup>*.

**mould<sup>4</sup>.** On cheese, etc. Back-formation from *mouldy* (q.v.).

**moulder.** From Ger. *moder*, decay, whence *vermodern*, "to moulder, to moulder away" (Ludw.). Kluge supposes that this word may be from Du. *moder*, mother (q.v.), in fig. sense. For intrusive *-l-* cf. *moult*.

**mouldy.** Extension of ME. *mould*, p.p. of *moulen*, to become mildewed, etc., earliest form *muwlen*, ON *mygla*; cf. Sw. *mogla*, Norw. *mygla*; cogn. with *muggy*.

**moult.** With intrusive *-l-* from ME. *mouten*, AS. *mūtan*, in *bemūtan*, L. *mutare*, to change, whence also F. *muer* (see *meus*).

**mound<sup>1</sup>.** [*archaic*] Orb surmounted by cross held in hand by figure of Christ or of royal personage. F. *monde*, L. *mundus*, world.

**mound<sup>2</sup>.** Hillock. App. due to confusion between obs. Du. *mond*, protection, and E. *mount<sup>1</sup>*, with which it



is completely confused in mil. lang. of 16 cent. The word, orig. mil., a rampart, is of late appearance (16 cent.) and is used in dial in sense of boundary, hedge, etc. Du. *mond* is cogn. with AS. *mund*, Ger. *mund*, guardianship, protection.

**mount<sup>1</sup>.** Noun. AS. *mund* and F. *mont*, L. *mons*, *mont-*. In archaic mil. sense used for mound<sup>2</sup> (Is. xxix. 3). Cf. *mountain*, F. *montagne*, VL. \**montanea* (sc. *terra*).

**mount<sup>2</sup>.** Verb. F. *monter*, from *mont* (v s.).

**mountain.** See *mount<sup>1</sup>*.

**mountebank.** It *montambanco*, mount (imper) on bench, or obs. F. *montebanc*, mount bench. Cf. F. *salimbague*, acrobat, It. *salimbanco*, jump on bench

**mourn.** AS. *murnan*. Com. Teut.; cf. OSax. *mornon*, OHG. *mornēn*, ON. *morna*, to pine, Goth. *maurnan*, to be anxious; cogn. with G. *μέρμυρα*, care.

**mouse.** AS. *mūs*. Aryan; cf. Du. *mūs*, Ger. *maus*, ON. *mús*, L. *mus*, G. *μῦς*, Sanskrit, Pers. *mūsh*. See *muscle*.

**mousseline.** F., see *muslin*.

**moustache.** F. *moustache*, It. *mostaccio* or Sp. *mostacho* (cf. earlier E. *mustachro*), from G. *μωσταξ*, *μωστακ-*, ? cogn. with *μωσταξ*, jaw.

**mouth.** AS. *mūth*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *mond*, Ger. *mund*, ON. *munnr*, *mūthr*, Goth. *munths*; prob. an old pres. part. (cf. *tooth*).

**move.** F. *mouvoir*, L. *movēre*.

**mo<sup>1</sup>.** Corn-stack. AS. *mūga*, *mūwa*; cf. ON. *mūg*, swath of corn, crowd of people.

**mo<sup>2</sup>.** Verb. AS. *māwan*. WGer.; cf. Du. *maaien*, Ger. *mähen*; cogn. with *mead<sup>2</sup>*, *meadow*, G. *dmān*, to reap, L. *metere*. See *aftermath*.

**mo<sup>3</sup>.** Grimace. F. *moue* (see *mop<sup>2</sup>*).

**mpret.** Title of ruler of Albania. Alb. *mpret*, prince, L. *imperator*.

**much.** ME. *much*, for *muchel* (see *mickle*); cf. ME. *lut*, *lutel*, little.

**mucilage.** F. *mucilage*, viscous fluid, Late L. *mucilago*, musty liquid, from *mucus*.

**muck<sup>1</sup>.** Uncleaness. Cf. ON. *mykr*, dung.

**muck<sup>2</sup>.** Incorr. for *amuck* (q v.).

**muckle.** See *mickle*.

**mucous.** L. *mucosus*, from *mucus*, cogn. with *emungere*, to blow the nose, G. *μύσσειν* (in compds. only).

**mucron-.** From L. *mucro-n-*, point.

**mud.** Cf. LG. *mod*, *mud*, Ger. dial.

*mott*, bog, peat (see *moat*); also Du. *modder*.

**muddle.** Orig. to wallow in *mud*, to make *muddy*, cf. obs. Du. *moddelen*, frequent. of *modden*, to dabble in mud.

**mudir.** Governor. Turk. use of Arab. *muḍīr*, pres. part. of *adāra*, to administer, causative of *dāra*, to go round.

**muezzin.** Crier who proclaims hour of prayer from minaret Arab *mu'azzin*, pres. part. of *azzana*, frequent. of *azana*, to proclaim, from *uzn*, ear.

**muff<sup>1</sup>.** For hands. Du. *mof*, Ger. *muff*, Walloon *mouffe*, shortened from F. *moufle* (see *muffie*).

**muff<sup>2</sup>.** Duffer. ? Ident. with obs. *muff*, foreigner, Du. *mof*, contemptuous for German, Ger. dial. *muff*, awkward person.

**muffetee.** Worstest cuff. From *muff<sup>1</sup>*.

**muffin.** Orig. dial. Cf. OF. *pain moiffet*, *moufflet*, soft bread.

**muffle.** Aphet. from F. *emmouffler*, to swathe, from *moufle*, "a winter mittaine" (Cotg), MedL. *muffula*, whence also Du. *moffel*. Perh. of Teut. origin; cf. Du. *mouw*, MHG. *mouwe*, sleeve (cf. F. *manchon*, *muff*, extended from *manche*, sleeve).

**mufti.** Arab. *muftī*, Mohammedan expounder of law, pres. part. of *afīṭā*, to give a leg. decision. Current sense of civil dress may be due to a suggestion of the stage mufti in the flowered dressing-gown and tasselled smoking-cap worn off duty by the officer of the early 19 cent.

**mug.** Cf. LG. *mohke*, *much*, Norw. *mugga*, Norm. dial. *mogue*, Guernsey *mogue*. Origin unknown, but perh. orig. a pers. name (cf. *jug*). Hence perh. *mug*, face, early mugs often representing grotesque faces. With *mug*, duffer, cf. *croch*, and also F. *cruche*, in same sense. To *mug up* was orig. theat. to make up one's "mug" with paint.

**mugger.** Broad-nosed Ind. crocodile. Hind. *magar*.

**muggins** [slang]. Juggins (q.v.). Both are existing surnames, and their selection as common nouns is due to phonetic fitness. See *mug*.

**Muggletonian** [hist.]. Sect founded (c. 1651) by *Łodowicke Muggleton*.

**muggy.** From dial. *mug*, drizzle, mist, ON. *mugga*.

**mugwort.** AS. *mucgwyrt*, midge wort. **mugwump** [US]. Namer. Ind. *mug-quomp*, great chief.

- mulatto.** Sp. Port. *mulato*, from *mulo*, mule (q.v.), in sense of hybrid.
- mulberry.** From F. *mûre*, mulberry, and E. *berry*, the *l* being due to dissim.; cf. Ger. *maulbeere*, OHG. *mûlberi*, by dissim. for earlier *mûrberi*. Or perh. AS. *môrberie*; cf. *môr-bëam*, mulberry tree. In any case first element is ult. from L. *morus*, mulberry (tree). See *sycamore*.
- mulch** [*gard.*]. Orig. wet straw, etc. Perh. from ME. adj. *molsh*, cogn. with Ger. dial. *moltsch*, beginning to decay.
- mulct.** L. *multicare*, from *mulcta*, multa, penalty, fine.
- mule.** OF. *mul* (replaced by *mulet*, whence *muletier*), L. *mulus*, cogn. with G. *μύκλος*, ass. Orig. offspring of male ass and mare (see *kinny*<sup>1</sup>). Hence a gen. term for hybrid.
- muliebrity, mulerosity** [*pedantic*]. From L. *mulier*, woman.
- mull<sup>1</sup>** [*Sc.*]. Headland. ? Gael *maol*, bald head, ? or ON. *mûli*, snout.
- mull<sup>2</sup>** [*Sc.*]. Snuffbox (orig. with pulverizing apparatus). *Sc* var. of *mill*.
- mull<sup>3</sup>** [*obs.*]. Thin muslin. For earlier *mulmull*, Hind. *malmaal*.
- mull<sup>4</sup>**. Muddle. Prob. coined (19 cent.) from *muddle* on analogy of *mell*, *meddle*.
- mull<sup>5</sup>**. Verb. First as *p p*, in *mulled sack*. Perh. from F. *mollir*, to soften, from *mol* (Mod. *mou*), soft, L. *mollis*. Cf. obs. *mull*, to dull, deaden (*Cor.* iv. 5).
- mullah.** Mohammedan learned in sacred law. Pers. Turk. Urdu *mullā*, Arab. *maulā*.
- mullein.** Plant. OF. *molerne* (Mod. *molène*), app. from *mol*, soft, L. *mollis*. It has woolly leaves.
- mullet<sup>1</sup>**. Fish. F. *mulet*, dim. from L. *multus*.
- mullet<sup>2</sup>** [*her.*]. Five-pointed star. F. *molette*, rowel, in OF. also with E. sense. App. dim. from L. *mola*, millstone, whence F. *meule*, metal disk.
- mulligatawny.** Tamil *milagu-tannir*, pepper-water.
- mulligrubs.** Also *mouldgrubs*. Orig. stomach-ache. From dial. *mull*, mould<sup>1</sup>, earth, and *grub*, a worm, from belief that internal pains were caused by parasitic worms. Cf. L. *vermina*, *verminatio*, in same sense.
- mul lion.** App. corrupt. of *monal* (q.v.).
- mullock** [*Austral.*]. Refuse of gold-workings, etc. Dial. E., from dial. *mull*, mould<sup>1</sup>, dust, etc. (cf. *mulligrubs*)

- Mulready envelope.** Designed (1840), for penny postage, by William Mulready.
- multifarious.** From Late L. *multifarius*, from L. adv. *multifariam*. ? Orig. of many tongues, from *fari*, to speak (cf. *nefarious*).
- multiple.** F. *multiple*, Late L. *multiplus* (cf. *double*, *triple*), for *multiplus*, from *multus*, much, many, *plicare*, to fold, whence *multiplicare*, source of F. *multiplier*, E. *multiply*. *Multiplicand* is from the gerund., to be multiplied.
- multitude.** L. *multitudo*, from *multus*, many.
- multure** [*archaic*]. Miller's toll of flour. OF. *molture* (Mod. *mouture*, grist), MedL. *moltura*, from *molere*, to grind.
- mum<sup>1</sup>**. In *mum's the word*. ME. *momme*, inarticulate sound; hence, fig. silence. Imit., cf. *mumble*.
- mum<sup>2</sup>** [*archaic*]. Beer from Germany. Ger. *mumme*. ? From name of a 15 cent. Brunswick brewer, ? or cf. It. *mommo*, baby-word for drink.
- mumble.** ME. *momelen*, frequent. on *mum*<sup>1</sup>; cf. Du. *mommelen*, Ger. *mummeln*.
- umbo-jumbo.** WAfr. bogy-man who deals with refractory wives. Described as Mandingo by Mungo Park.
- mumchance** [*archaic*]. Silent, tongue-tied. Orig. card-game, Ger. *mun-menschanz* (now, masquerade), of which second element is F. *chance* and first is app. connected with *mummer* (q.v.). Mod. sense is due to association with *mum*<sup>1</sup>.
- mummer.** OF. *momeur*, from *momer*, to "mum," ? i.e. to act in dumb show (see *mum*<sup>1</sup>).
- mummy.** F. *momie*, MedL. *mumia*, Arab. *mūmiyah*, embalmed body, from Pers. *mūm*, wax.
- mump** [*archaic*]. To beg, sponge. Du. *munpen*, to cheat, perh. orig. to mumble (cf. *cant*<sup>2</sup>, *marunder*).
- mumps.** From obs. *mump*, grimace; cf. *mum*<sup>1</sup>.
- mumpsimus.** Erron. belief obstinately adhered to. Allusion to story (c. 1500) of illiterate priest who, on being corrected for reading, in the Mass, "quod in ore *mumpsimus*," replied, "I will not change my old *mumpsimus* for your new *sumpsimus*."
- munch.** Also *manch*. Imit., perh. partly suggested by F. *manger* and *crunch* (q.v.).
- Munchausen.** Hero of narrative of impossible lies written (1785) in E. by Raspe.

**mundane.** L. *mundanus*, from *mundus*, world, prob. ident. with *mundus*, clean, orderly (cf. *cosmos*).

**mungo.** Superior shoddy. Perh. from dial. *mong*, *mung*, mixture, with humorous assim. to name *Mungo*, often applied to a dog in Yorks.

**mungoose.** See *mongoose*.

**municipal.** L. *municipalis*, from *municipum*, city with Roman privileges, from *munus*, gift, office, *capere*, to take.

**munificent.** From L. *munificus*, from *munus* (v.s.), *facere*, to make.

**muniment.** L. *munimentum*, defence, from *munire*, to fortify, for *moenire* (cf. *moenia*, ramparts). Applied in MedL. to title-deed.

**munition.** L. *munitione*, from *munire* (v.s.).

**munshi.** See *moonshee*.

**muntjak.** Small deer (Java). Native *mincheh* (Sunda).

**mural.** L. *murals*, from *murus*, wall. Cf. hist. *murage*, toll for upkeep of town walls.

**murder.** AS. *morthor*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *moord*, Ger. *mord*, ON. *morth*, Goth. *maurthr*. The lengthened form is only recorded in AS. & Goth., but MedL. *mordrum*, F. *meurtre* point to its existence in other Teut. langs. Cogn. with L. *mors*, *mori*, G. *μωρός* (*μωρός*), mortal, Sanskrit *mṛiti*, death, Welsh *marw*, Ir. *marbh*, dead.

**mure** [poet.]. F. *murer*, to wall up, Late L. *murare*, from *murus*, wall.

**murex.** L., shell-fish producing (esp. Tyrian) purple. See *mussel*.

**muratic** [chem.]. L. *muraticus*, from *murica*, brine, pickle.

**muricated** [biol.]. Spiny. From *murex* (q.v.).

**murk, mirk.** ON. *myrk*, darkness; cf. AS. *myrce*.

**murmur.** F. *murmurer*, L. *murmurare*. Imit. redupl.; cf. Ger. *murmeln*, G. *mur-mur-en*.

**murphy** [archaic slang]. Potato. Jocular use of familiar Ir. name.

**murrain.** OF. *moraine*, pestilence (cf. Mod. *morine*, carcass), from *mourir*, to die.

**murrey** [archaic]. Mulberry-coloured. OF. *moré*, from L. *morum*, mulberry.

**murrhine.** Kind of glass. L. *murr(h)inus*, from *murra*, substance of which precious vases were made.

**muscat.** Wine, grape. F. *muscat*, It. *moscato*, having flavour of musk (q.v.). Hence dim. *muscatel*, also archaic *muscadine*, in same sense.

**muscle.** F. *muscle*, L. *musculus*, dim. of *mus*, mouse. F. *souris*, Ger. *maus*, Du. *muis*, G. *mūs*, all have the same fig sense. See also *mussel*.

**musculology.** From L. *musculus*, moss.

**muscovado.** Unrefined sugar. Sp. *mascabado*, lit. depreciated, ident. in origin with OF. *meschever* (see *mischief*).

**Muscovy.** Archaic for Russia. F. *Moscovie*, Russ *Moskva*, Moscow.

**muscovy duck.** Alteration of *musk-duck*.

**muse**<sup>1</sup>. Noun. F. *muse*, L. *musa*, G. *μοῦσα*, ult. cogn. with *mind*.

**muse**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. Archaic F. *muser*, to loiter, lose one's time (see *amuse*); cf. Prov. *musar*, It. *musare*. Perh. connected with *muzzle*. Cf. It. *musare*, "to hould ones musle or snout in the aire" (Flor.).

**musette.** F., bagpipe, dim. of OF. *muse*, in same sense, from OF. *muser*, to play music (q.v.).

**museum.** L. *museum*, G. *μουσείον*, seat of the Muses.

**mush**<sup>1</sup>. Porridge, etc. Orig. US. Ger. *mus*, or Du. *moes*, cogn. with AS. *mōs*, food. Perh. associated with *marsh*.

**mush**<sup>2</sup> [slang]. Umbrella. Short for *mushroom*.

**musha** [Anglo-Ir.]. Ir. *māseadh*, lit. if it is so.

**mushroom.** ME. *muscheron*, F. *mousseyon*, from *mousse*, moss.

**music.** F. *musique*, L. *musica*, G. *μουσική* (sc. *τέχνη*), art of the muses.

**musk.** Orig. scent obtained from gland of musk-deer. F. *musc*, Late L. *musculus*, Late G. *μόσχος*, Pers. *mushk*, Sanskrit *mushka*, testicle.

**muskeg** [geog.]. Swamp. N.Amer. Ind. **musket.** Orig. sparrow-hawk. OF.

*mousquet*, It. *moschetto*, dim. of *mosca*, fly, L. *musca*; cf. *mosquito*. The hawk was named from its small size. Early fire-arms were given the names of hawks (*falconet*, *saker*), or of serpents and monsters (*culvern*, *dragon*). F. *mousquet* now means only musket, the hawk sense being replaced by *émouchet*.

**Muslim.** See *Moslem*.

**muslin.** F. *mousseline*, It. *mussolina*, from *Mosul* (Mesopotamia).

**musquash.** Musk-rat. N.Amer. Ind. (Algonkin). Mod. form has been altered (on *musk*) from earlier *mussascus*.

**muss** [US.]. For *mess* (cf. *yus* for *yes*).

**mussel.** AS. *muscle*, Late L. *muscula*, from *musculus*, little mouse; cf. L. *murex* (q.v.), from G. *μῦς*, mouse.

**Mussulman, Musulman.** Pers. *musul-mān*, adj., from *muslim*, Moslem (q.v.), from Arab. For ending cf. *Turcoman*.

**must<sup>1</sup>.** New wine, etc. AS. *must*, L. *mustum* (sc. *vinum*), fresh wine. See *moist*.

**must<sup>2</sup>.** Verb. AS. *mōste*, past of *mōt* (see *mote*<sup>2</sup>); cf. Du. *moet*, Ger. *muss*, Goth. *gamōt*. Orig. idea was that of having space, leisure (cf. Ger. *musse*, idleness).

**must<sup>3</sup>.** Frenzy of elephant. Urdu *mast*, intoxicated, from Pers.

**must<sup>4</sup>.** Mildew. Back-formation from *mustv* (q.v.).

**mustachio** [archaic]. See *moustache*.

**mustang.** Orig. strayed horse of Sp. conquistadors Sp. *mesteño*, *mostrenco* both occur in the sense of strayed animal, the former app. from *mesta*, association of graziers

**mustard.** OF. *moustarde* (Mod. *moutarde*), from *moust* (Mod. *mout*), *must<sup>1</sup>* (q.v.), the condiment being orig. prepared by mixing the seeds with *must*.

**mustee, mestee.** False sing from obs. *mestese*, *mestizo* (q.v.). Cf. *Chinee*.

**muster.** OF. *mostrer*, *moustrer* (replaced by *montrer*), L. *monstrare*, to show.

**musty.** For earlier *moistv*, in same sense. See *moist*. Perh immediately from Gascon *mousti*. The sense has been affected by F. *moisi*, *musty*, mildewed, p.p. of *moisir*, L. *mucēre*.

**Musulman.** See *Mussulman*.

**mutable.** L. *mutabilis*, from *mutare*, to change.

**mutch** [dial.]. Cap. Du. *muts* (see *amice*<sup>2</sup>).

**mutchkin** [Sc.]. About three-quarters of pint. Obs. Du. *mudseken* (replaced by *mutsje*), dim. of *muts*, cap (v.s.).

**mute.** L. *mutus*, from instinctive *mu* (cf. *mum*<sup>1</sup>).

**mutilate.** From L. *mutilare*, from *mutilus*, maimed; cf. G. *μύλος*, hornless.

**mutiny.** From obs. verb *mutine*, F. *mutiner*, from *mutin*, rebellious, from OF. *mute*, rebellion, for *muete*, Late L. *\*mōvita*, from *mōvère*, to move. Cf. F. *émeute*, insurrection

**mutograph, mutoscope.** From L. *mutare*, to change.

**mutt** [US.]. For *muttonhead*.

**mutter.** Imit., cf. L. *muttire*.

**mutton.** F. *mouton* (OF. *molton*), sheep, of Celt. origin; cf. Gael. *mult*, Ir. *molt*, Welsh *molli*, wether.

**mutual.** F. *mutuel*, from L. *mutuus*, cogn. with *mutare*, to change.

**mutule** [arch.]. L. *mutulus*, modillion.

**muzhik.** See *moujik*.

**muzzle.** OF. *musel* (Mod. *museau*), snout, dim. of OF. *muse*; cf. It. *muso*, OSp. *mus*. Derived by Diez from L. *morsus*, bite. This etym. is supported by Prov. *mursel*, Bret. *morzeel* (from F.), and ME. var. *mursel*, but is not now generally accepted.

**muzzy** [slang]. Prob. jocular formation on *muse*<sup>2</sup>, *bemused*.

**my.** Shortened form of *mine* (q.v.), orig. used only before consonants. Ellipt. use as interj., for *my God*, is esp. US.; cf. Norw. Dan. *o du min* (sc. *Gud*).

**myalgia** [med.]. From G. *μύς*, *μυ*, muscle.

**myall<sup>1</sup>.** Austral. aboriginal. Native *marl*, pl. of *namarl*, a black, used by the half-civilized natives of their wilder brethren.

**myall<sup>2</sup>.** Austral. acacia. Native *marāl*.

**myc-, mycet-.** From G. *μύκης*, mushroom.

**mylodon** [biol.]. Extinct animal, with cylindrical teeth. From G. *μύλος*, mill-stone. Cf. *mastodon*.

**mynheer** [archaic]. Dutchman. For Du. *mijnheer*, my sir (master, lord). See *herr*, *hoar*.

**myology** [anat.]. See *myalgia*.

**myopia.** From G. *μύωψ*, from *μυεῖν*, to shut, *ὥψ*, eye.

**myosotis.** G. *μυοσωρίς*, from *μύς*, *μυ*, mouse, *ὄς*, *ὠτ-*, ear.

**myriad.** G. *μυριάς*, *μυριάδ-*, from *μυρίος*, countless, whence *μύριοι*, ten thousand.

**myrmidon.** Usu. in pl. G. *Μυρμιδόνες*, Thessalian tribe led against Troy by Achilles

**myrobalan.** Fruit used in tanning. G. *μυροβάλανος*, from *μύρον*, unguent, *βάλανος*, acorn, date.

**myrrh.** AS. *myrra*, L. *myrrha*, G. *μύρρα*, of Semit. origin; cf. Arab. *murr*, Heb. *mōr*, cogn. with *mar*, bitter (cf. *marah*).

**myrtle.** Short for *myrtille-tree* (cf. *bay*<sup>1</sup>), OF. *myrtille*, myrtle berry, dim. from L. *myrtus*, G. *μύρτος*, myrtle, Pers. *mūrd*.

**mystagogue.** G. *μυσταγωγός*, initiator into Eleusian mysteries. See *mystery*, *pedagogue*.

**mystery<sup>1</sup>.** Secret, etc. G. *μυστήριον*, secret rel. ceremony, cogn. with *μυεῖν*, to close (lips or eyes), initiate. Adopted also (after F. *mystère*) as

name for medieval rel. play. As these plays were commonly acted by guilds of craftsmen, this sense has been associated with *mystery*<sup>2</sup>.

**mystery**<sup>2</sup> [archaic]. Handicraft. Thinned form of *mastery* (cf. *mister*). Cf. synon. F. *métier*, OF. *mestier*, *maistier*, L. *magisterium*.

**mystic**. G. *μυστικός*, from *μύστης*, priest of mysteries. *Mystify*, F. *mystifier*, has in E. been associated with *mist*.

**myth**. G. *μῦθος*, fable.

**myxo-** [zool.]. From G. *μύξα*, slime, mucus.

**n-**. In a few words, e.g. *nickname*, *newt*, the *n-* belongs to preceding *an*. Loss of *n-* is more common, e.g. *apron*, *auger*, *adder*, *umpire*, *humble-pre*, etc.

**nab**. Also *nap*. A cant word of late appearance. Cf. Sw. *nappa*, Dan. *nappe*, to snatch. Prob. *noble* is of kindred origin.

**nabob**. Arab. *nawwāb*, honorific pl. of *nā'ib*, deputy; or perh. via F. *nabab*, Port. *nababo*.

**nacarāt**. Colour. F. *nacarāt*, Sp. *nacarado*, from *nacar*, *nacre* (q.v.).

**nacelle** [aeron.]. F. *nacelle*, car of balloon, lit. skiff, L. *navicella*, dim. of *navis*, ship.

**nacre**. Mother of pearl. F. *nacre*, It. *nacchera*, Kurdish *nahera*, pearl oyster-shell.

**nadir**. Arab. *naẓīr*, opposite, esp. in *naẓīr as-semī*, opposite the zenith (q.v.).

**nag<sup>1</sup>**. Noun. Cf. Du. *negge*. Ger. *nickel*, a dim. of *Nikolaus*, is applied to an undersized man or horse.

**nag<sup>2</sup>**. Verb. Sw. Norw. *nagga*, to peck, nibble; cogn. with Ger. *nagen*, OHG. *gnagan*, to gnaw (q.v.). Cf. Ger. *necken*, to tease, nag.

**nagaika**. Russ., whip of *Nogai Tartars* (S. Russ.).

**nagor**. Senegal antelope. Coined by Buffon.

**naīad**. G. *vaiás*, *vaiád-*, cogn. with *váew*, to flow.

**naik**. Sepoy corporal. Urdu *nā'ik*, Hind. *nāyāk*, leader, chief, etc., Sanskrit *nāyaka*, leader.

**naīl**. AS. *nægl*, in both senses. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *nagel*, ON. *nagl*, Goth. *\*nagls* (in verb *nagljan*); ult. cogn. with L. *unguis*, G. *ὄνυξ*, Sanskrit *nakha*, OIr. *ingen*. Orig. anat., but secondary sense is developed early

in Teut. langs. Cf. relation of L. *ungula* and *unguis*.

**nainsook**. Fabric. Urdu *nainsukh*, from *nain*, eye, *sukh*, pleasure.

**naive**. Fem. of F. *naïf*, simple, L. *nativus*.

**naked**. AS. *nacod*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *naakt*, Ger. *nackt*, ON. *nōkkvithr*, Goth. *naqaths*, all p p. formations from a lost verb the root of which appears in L. *nudus*, Sanskrit *nagna*, Russ. *nagor*, OIr. *nocht*.

**naker** [hist.]. Kettle-drum. OF. *na-caire*, Arab. *naqārah*.

**namby-pamby**. Nickname of *Ambrose Philips* (†1749), poetaster.

**name**. AS. *nama*. Aryan; cf. Du. *naam*, Ger. *name*, ON. *nafn*, *namn*, Goth. *namō*, L. *nomen*, G. *ὄνομα*, Sanskrit *nāman*, OIr. *annm*.

**nanism**. Stunted growth. From L. *nanus*, dwarf, G. *ναῦος*.

**nankeen**. From *Nankin* (China), lit. southern capital.

**nanny-goat**. From *Nanny*, pet-form of *Anne*.

**nantz** [archaic]. Brandy from *Nantes* (Loire-Inf.).

**nap<sup>1</sup>**. To take a short sleep. AS. *hnappian*, cogn. with OHG. *hnafizzan*; perh. cogn. with Norw. Dan. *nap*, snap, with idea of quick closing of eyes; cf. colloq. Norw. *nippe*, to take a nap, i.e. to nip the eyes to.

**nap<sup>2</sup>**. On cloth. Du. *nop*. Orig. the knotty matter removed by the process; cf. AS. *ā-hnēopan*, to pluck off.

**nap<sup>3</sup>**. Card-game. Short for *Napoleon*.

**nape**. Ident. with obs. *nap*, bowl, AS. *hnæpp*. Early var. *naupe* points rather to F. *hanap* (see *hamper*), from cogn. OHG. *hnappf*. Prop. the hollow at the base of the skull. In NIt. *nape* is represented by derivatives of *cuppa*, in Eastern F. by derivatives of L. *fossa*.

**napery**. OF. *naperie*, from *nape* (Mod *nappe*), cloth. See *napkin*.

**naphtha**. G. *νάφθα*.

**Napier's bones**. For simplifying calculation. Invented by *Napier of Merchiston* (†1617).

**napkin**. Dim. from F. *nappe*, cloth, L. *mappa*.

**napoo** [neol.]. For F. *il n'y en a plus*. Cf. the Ger. war-word *napfū*, cognate.

**narcissus**. G. *νάρκισσος*, ? from *νάρκη*, numbness, alluding to narcotic effects.

**narcotic**. G. *ναρκωτικός* (v.s.).

**nard**. G. *νάρδος*, of Oriental origin; cf. Heb. *nerd*, Arab. Pers. *nārdīn*.

**narghileh.** Hookah. Pers. *nārgīlah*, from *nārgīl*, coco-nut, of which the reservoir was orig. made.

**nark** [slang]. As in *copper's nark*, police spy. Romany *nāk*, nose.

**narration.** L. *narratio-n-*, from *narrare*, to relate, from *narus*, for *gnarus*, knowing, acquainted, ult. cogn. with *know*.

**narrow.** AS. *nearu*, *nearw-*; cf. OSax *narū*, narrow, Du. *naar*, sad; also MHG. *nerwen*, to constrict, OHG. *narwa* (Mod. *narbe*), scar, orig. fastening together.

**narthex** [arch.]. Ante-nave. G. *νάρθηξ*, kind of reed. L. *ferula* was used in same sense.

**narwhal.** Sw. Dan. *narhval*, ON. *nāhvalr*, app. corpse whale, from *nār*, corpse, ? in allusion to colour.

**nary** [US. & dial.]. For *ne'er a*.

**nasal.** MedL. *nasalis*, from *nasus*, nose.

**nascent.** From pres. part. of L. *nasci*, to be born.

**nasturtium.** L., nose-twist, from pun-gency. Cf. F. *nasitort*.

**nasty.** ME. also *nasky*, perh. the older form. Cf. Sw. dial. *naskug*, *nasket*. Origin unknown.

**natal.** L. *natalis*, from *nasci*, *nat-*, to be born.

**natation.** L. *nataho-n-*, from *natare*, to swim, frequent. of *nare*.

**nathless** [archaic]. AS. *nā thý læs*, not the less, where *thý*, instrument. of *the*, means thereby.

**nation.** L. *natio-n-*, from *nasci*, *nat-*, to be born.

**native.** L. *nativus*, from *nasci*, *nat-*, to be born.

**natron** [chem.]. Arab. *natrūn*, G. *νίτρον*, nitre, Heb. *neither*.

**natterjack** [dial.]. Kind of toad. Perh. for *\*atterjack*, from *atter*, poison, as in dial. *attercop*, spider, AS. *ātorcoppe*. Cf. *newt*. The ending is the name *Jack* (see *jack*).

**nattier** [neol.]. Colour. ? From *Nattier*, F. painter (18 cent.).

**natty.** Orig. slang. ? From *neat*<sup>2</sup>.

**nature.** F. *nature*, L. *natura*, from *nasci*, *nat-*, to be born.

**naught, nought.** AS. *nāwriht*, no wht. Hence *naughty*, worthless.

**naumachia.** Sham sea-fight. G. *ναυμαχία*, from *ναῦς*, ship, *μάχη*, fight.

**nausea.** L. *nausea*, G. *ναύωλα*, sea-sickness, from *ναῦς* (v.s.).

**nautch.** Urdu, Hind. *nāch*, Prakrit *nachcha*, Sanskrit *nritya*, dancing, acting.

**nautical.** From G. *ναυτικός*, from *ναῦτης*, sailor, from *ναῦς*, ship.

**nautilus.** L. *nautilus*, G. *ναυτίλος*, sailor, from *ναῦτης* (v.s.).

**naval.** L. *navalis*, from *navis*, ship.

**nave**<sup>1</sup>. Of wheel. AS. *nafu*. Aryan; cf. Du. *naaf*, Ger. *nabe*, ON. *nof*, Sanskrit *nābhī*, nave, navel (q.v.).

**nave**<sup>2</sup>. Of church. F. *nef*, L. *navis*, ship, cogn. with G. *navs*. Cf. Ger. *schiff*, in same sense. ? From shape, ? or from early Christian confusion between G. *ναός*, temple, and *ναῦς*, ship.

**navel.** AS. *nafela*. Aryan, cf. Du. *navel*, Ger. *nabel*, ON. *nafla*, Sanskrit *nābhīla*; cogn. with L. *umbilicus*, G. *ὀμφαλός*. See *nave*<sup>1</sup>, the nave being the navel of the wheel.

**nawew.** Wild turnip. F. *naveau*, dim. from L. *napus*. Cf. F. *navet*, turnip.

**navicular.** Boat-shaped. Late L. *navicularis*, from *navicula*, dim. of *navis*, ship.

**navigate.** From L. *navigare*, from *navis*, ship, *agere*, to drive. Hence *navigator*, shortened to *navvy*, in sense of labourer employed in canal construction for inland navigation.

**navvy.** See *navigate*.

**navy.** OF. *navie*, fleet, from L. *navis*, ship.

**nawab.** Urdu form of *nabob* (q.v.).

**nay.** ON. *nei*, for *ne ei*, not ever (see *ay*).

**nazarite** [Bibl.]. One who has taken certain vows of abstinence (*Numb. vi.*). From Heb. *nāzīr* (cf. *Nazirite*, RV.), from *nāzar*, to separate, consecrate oneself.

**N.B.** L. *nota bene*, note well.

**neanderthaloid** [ethn.]. From prehistoric skull found (1857) at *Neanderthal* (Rhenish Prussia).

**neap.** Of tide. AS. *nēp*, in *nēpflōd*. The simplex is recorded only once, app. in sense of helpless, incapable, in phrase *forthganges nēp*, without power of advancing. Origin obscure; ? cf. Norw. dial. *næpen*, hardly touching, *nopen*, hardly enough.

**Neapolitan.** From G. *Νεάπολις*, Naples, lit. new city.

**near.** Orig. adv. AS. *nēar*, compar. of *nēah*, nigh (q.v.); or cogn. ON. *nær*, compar. of *nā*. As adj. has almost supplanted correct *nigh*.

**nearctic** [geog.]. Of arctic regions of N. Amer. Lit. new arctic, from G. *νέος*, new.

**neat**<sup>1</sup>. Noun. AS. *nēat*, cattle. Com. Teut.; cf. obs. Du. *noot*, OHG. *nōz*,

ON. *naut* (whence Sc. *nowt*) From root of AS. *nēotan*, to enjoy, possess, cogn. with Ger. *gemessen*. Cf. hist. of *fee*, *pecuniary*, *cattle*.

**neat**<sup>2</sup>. Adj. F. *net*, "neat, clean, pure" (Cotg.), L. *nitidus*, from *nitēre*, to shine. Cf. *net*<sup>2</sup>.

**neath**. Aphet. for obs. *aneath*, beneath (q.v.).

**neb** [north]. Beak, bill. AS. *nebb*; cogn. with ON. *nef*, Du. *neb*, and ult. with *snab* and Ger. *schnabel*, beak. Cf. *nib*<sup>1</sup>.

**nebula**. L. *nebula*, mist; cogn. with G. *νεφέλη*, Ger. *nebel*, ON. *nífl*.

**necessary**. F. *nécessaire*, L. *necessarius*, from *necesse* (neut. adj.), needful, from *ne* and *cedere*, *cess-*, to give way.

**neck**. AS. *hnacca*, nape of the neck. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *nek*, Ger. *nacken*, *genick*, ON. *hnakki*, all meaning nape.

**necrology**. Obituary. From G. *νεκρός*, dead person, cogn. with L. *necare*, to kill. Cf. *necromancy*, orig. divination by raising the dead, corrupted into MedL. *negromantia*, and translated as *black art*; *necropolis*, cemetery; *necrosis*, mortification, esp. of bones, G. *νεκρωσις*.

**nectar**. G. *νεκταρ*, drink of the Gods, from *nek-*, death (v.s.) and *-rap*, triumphant over. Cf. *ambrosia*. Hence *nectarine*, orig. adj., as in *nectarine peach*. Cf. *nectary*, honey-secreting organ of plant.

**neddy** [slang]. Donkey. From pet-form of *Edward*. Cf. *cuddy*.

**née**. F. *née*, L. *nata*, born.

**need**. AS. *nied*. Com Teut.; cf. Du. *nood*, Ger. *not*, ON. *nauth*, Goth. *nauths*.

**needle**. AS. *nēdl*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *naald* (as E. dial. *neeld*), Ger. *nadel*, ON. *nāl*, Goth. *nēthla*; cogn. with Du. *naaien*, Ger. *nähen*, to sew.

**nefarious**. From L. *nefarius*, from *nefas*, wrong, from *fas*, right, lit. (divinely) spoken, from *far*, to speak.

**negative**. Late L. *negativus*, from *negare*, to say no, deny, from *neg* (= *ne*, as in *negotium*).

**neglect**. From L. *neglegere*, neglect-, not to pick up, *legere*. Older is *negligence*, F. *négligence*. *Négligé* is restored from 18 cent. *neglugee*, loose gown.

**negotiate**. From L. *negotari*, from *negotium*, business, lit. not leisure, *otium*.

**negrillo**. Dwarf negro. Sp., dim. of *negro* (q.v.). Cf. *negrito*, also Sp.

**negro**. Sp. *negro*, L. *niger*, *nigr-*, black. **negus**<sup>1</sup>. Ruler of Abyssinia. Native word for king.

**negus**<sup>2</sup>. First compounded by Col. *Francis Negus* (†1732).

**neigh**. AS. *hnægan*, of imit. origin; cf. ON. *gneggja*.

**neighbour**. AS. *nēahgebur*, lit. nigh boor (q.v.); cf. obs Du. *nageboer*, Ger. *nachbar*, ON. *nābue*.

**neither**. Altered (on *either*) from *nauther*, *nouther*, contr. of AS. *nāhwæther*, not whether (q.v.).

**nek** [geog]. Between hills (SAfr.). Du., neck. Cf. F. *col*, in same sense.

**nelly**. Largest kind of petrel. From name *Nelly* (*Helen* or *Eleanor*).

**nelumbium**. Water-bean. From Sinhalese *nelumbu*.

**nemato-**. From G. *νήμα*, *nḗma*-, thread.

**nem. con.** For L. *nemine contradicente*, no one contradicting.

**Nemean**. Of *Νεμέα*, near Argos, abode of lion killed by Hercules.

**nemert-**. From G. *Νημερτής*, name of a sea-nymph, applied by Cuvier to marine ribbon-worms.

**nemesis**. G. *νέμεσις*, from *νέμειν*, to apportion one's due.

**nemoral**. Of a grove, L. *nemus*, *memor-*.

**nenuphar**. Water-lily. Pers. *nīnūfār*, *nīlūfār*, Sanskrit *nīlotpala*, from *nīl*, blue, *utpala*, lotus.

**neocomian** [geol.]. From *Neocomium*, for Neuchâtel, from G. *κώμη*, village (v.i.).

**neolithic** [geol.]. Of later stone age. From G. *νέος*, new, *λίθος*, stone. Cf. *neologism*, from G. *λόγος*, word, *neophyte*, G. *νεόφυτος* (1 *Tim.* iii. 6), new-planted, from *φυτεύειν*, to plant; *neoteric*, recent, G. *νεωτερικός*, from *νέωτερος*, compar. of *νέος*; also *neon*, chem. element discovered 1898.

**nepenthe**. Earlier *nepenthes*, G. *νηπενθές* (sc. *φάρμακον*, *Odys.* iv. 221), neut. of *νηπενθής*, from *νη-*, neg., *πένθος*, grief.

**nephel-**. From G. *νεφέλη*, cloud.

**nephew**. F. *neveu*, L. *nepos*, *nepot-*, grandson, nephew. Replaced cogn.

AS. *nefa*. Aryan; cf. Du. *neef*, Ger. *neffe*, ON. *nefi*, Sanskrit *napāt*, classical Pers. *nabirah*, colloq. Pers. *navādah*.

**nephritis** [med.]. G. *νεφρίτις*, from *νεφρός*, kidney.

**ne plus ultra**. Trad. inscription on Pillars of Hercules.

**nepotism**. It. *nepotismo*, from *nepote*, nephew (q.v.). Orig. in allusion to

favours conferred by the Pope on his nephews.

**neptunian** [*geol.*]. Of action of water. From L. *Neptunus*, god of the sea.

**neroid**. From G. *Νηρηΐς*, daughter of sea-god *Νηρεΐς*; cf. G. *νηρός* wet.

**neroli**. Oil from flower of bitter orange F. *néroli*, from name (*Neroli*) of It princess to whom its discovery is attributed.

**nerve**. L. *nervus*, sinew. Mod. sense appears in Late G. use of cogn. *νεῦρον* (see *neurotic*).

**nescient**. From pres. part of L. *nescire*, from *ne*, not, *scire*, to know.

**nesh** [*dial.*]. Soft, timid, delicate, etc. AS. *hnesce*; cf. archaic Du *nesch*, soft, damp, Goth. *hnasqus*, tender.

**ness**. Promontory. AS. *næss* or ON. *nes*, cogn. with AS. *nasu*, nose.

**-ness**. AS. *-nes(s)*, *-nis(s)*, cf. Du. Ger. *-nis*, Goth. *-nassus*.

**Nessus, shirt of**. Maddening torture, the cause of which is unknown to the sufferer. From story of Hercules and the Centaurs.

**nest**. AS *nest*; cf. Du. Ger. *nest*; cogn. with L. *nidus*, Sanskrit *nīḍa*, Ir. *nead*, Welsh *nyth*. Supposed to be ult. cogn. with *neither* and *sit*. Hence *nestle*.

**Nestor**. G. *Néorωp*, aged and wise Homeric hero.

**Nestorian** [*theol.*]. Adherent of Nestorius, patriarch of Constantinople (5 cent.).

**net**<sup>1</sup>. Noun. AS. *nett*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *net*, Ger. *netz*, ON. *net*, Goth. *natr*; ? cogn. with L. *nassa*.

**net**<sup>2</sup>. Adj. F., clean, clear, neat<sup>2</sup> (q.v.).

**nether**. AS. *niðer* (adv.), whence *neothera* (adj.). Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *neder*, Ger. *meder*, ON. *niðr*; from OTeut. *ni-*, downwards, with compar. suffix; cf. Sanskrit *nītarām*.

**nettle**. AS. *neteþe*; cf. Du. *netel*, Ger. *nessel*. Dim. of earlier form which appears in OHG. *nazza*.

**neume, neuma** [*mus.*]. MedL. *neuma*, G. *νεῦμα*, breath.

**neuralgia**. From G. *νεῦρον*, nerve, pain. Cf. *neurasthenia*, G. *ἀσθένεια*, weakness; *neuropath*, *neurotic*, etc. See *nerve*.

**Neurope** [*philately*]. For *New Europe*. **neuter**. L. *neuter*, for *ne*, not, *uter*, either. Hence *neutral*.

**névé** [*Alp.*]. Snow not absorbed by glacier. Alpine F. dial. *névé*, VL. *\*nivatum*, from *nix*, *niv-*, snow.

**never**. AS. *nǣfre*, for *ne ǣfre*, not ever.

**new**. AS. *nīwe*. Aryan; cf. Du. *nieuw* Ger. *neu*, ON. *nýr*, Goth. *nīwus*, L. *novus*, G. *véos*, Sanskrit *nava*, Pers. *nā*, Gael. Ir. *nuadh*, Welsh *newydd*; cogn. with *now*. With *news* cf. F. *nouvelles*. *Newfangled* is for earlier *newfangle*, from stem *fang* of AS. *fōn*, to take (cf. Ger. *fangen*), orig. sense being ready to grasp at new things. For suffix cf. *nimble*.

**newel** [*arch.*]. Central pillar of spiral stair. OF. *norel*, *nouel*, kernel, dim from L. *nux*, *nuc-*, nut. Cf. *noyau*.

**newfangled**. See *new*.

**newfoundland**. Dog from *Newfoundland*; cf. synon F. *terre-neuve*.

**Newgate**. Prison (demolished 1902) near one of the old gates of London. Hence *Newgate Calendar*, first issued in 1773.

**newmarket**. Coat of sporting type, as worn at *Newmarket*. Cf. *melton*.

**news**. See *new*.

**newt**. For an *ewt*, which became a *newt* (cf. *nickname*). *Ewt* is for *evet*, *eft*, AS. *efete*.

**next**. AS. *nēahst*, superl. of *nēah*, high; cf. Du. *naast*, Ger. *nächst*, ON. *nēstr*.

**nias** [*obs.*]. See *eyas*.

**nib**<sup>1</sup>. Of pen. Later form of *neb* (q.v.). Hence also cocoa *nibs*.

**nib**<sup>2</sup> [*slang*]. Gentleman App. thinned form of *nob*, whence also obs *nab* (cf. *bulb*). So also for jocular *his nibs*, his lordship, we find earlier *his nabs*.

**nibble**. Frequent. of *nip* (q.v.); cf. Du *knibbelen*.

**niblick** [*golf*]. Origin unknown.

**nice**. OF. *nice*, foolish, weak, simple, etc., L. *nescius*, ignorant; cf. It. *nescio*, "a fool, an idiot, a natural, a dolt" (Flor.), Sp. *neocio*. The sense-development has been extraordinary, even for an adj., and the interpretation of 16-17 cent. examples is often dubious.

**Nicene**. Of *Nicaea* in Bithynia, where eccl. council (325) dealt with *Arian* (q.v.) controversy.

**niche**. F. *niche*, It. *nicchia*, from VL. *\*nidiculare*, to nestle; cf. F. *nicher*, VL. *\*nidicare*.

**nick**. App. cogn. with *nock* (q.v.), of which it may in some senses be a thinned form.

**Nick, Old**. For *Nicholas*. The choice of the name may have been suggested by Ger. *Nickel*, goblin (v.i.).

**nickel**. Sw. abbrev. of Ger. *kupfer-nickel*, copper nickel, in which the second element is Ger. *Nickel*, goblin,



pet-form of *Niklaus*, a name given to the deceptive ore (1751) by the Sw. mineralogist Cronstedt. Cf. *cobalt*.

**nicker.** Clay marble. Also *knicker*. Prob. of Du. origin (see *knickerbocker*).

**nicknack.** For *knick-knack*.

**nickname.** For *eke-name* (see *eke*), an *eke-name* having become a *neke-name*. Cf. ON. *auknafn*.

**nicolo.** Kind of onyx. It. *nicolo*, for \**onnicolo*, dim. from L. *onyx*.

**nicotine.** F., from *Jacques Nicot*, who sent (c. 1560) some tobacco plants to Catherine de Médicis.

**nictitate.** From MedL. *nictitare*, frequent. of *nictare*, to wink.

**niddering** [pseudo-archaic]. Base coward. Incorr. for *nihing*, ON. *nihingr*, from *nīh*, envy, cogn. with Ger. *neid*.

**nide.** Brood of pheasants. L. *nidus*, nest.

**nidification.** From L. *nidificare*, to build a nest, *nidus*.

**nid-nod.** Redupl. on *nod*.

**nidus.** L., nest.

**niece.** F. *nièce*, VL. *nepra*, for *neptis*; cogn. with AS. *nift*, Du. *nicht*, Ger. *nichte*, etc. See *nephew*.

**niello.** In metal-work. It. *niello*, L. *niellus*, dim. of *niger*, black.

**nifty** [US.]. Smart, etc. Said (by Bret Harte) to be formed from *magnificat*.

**nigella.** Plant. L., from *niger*, black.

**niggard.** For earlier *nig*, *nigon*, which are app. of Scand. origin; cf. Norw. dial. *gnikka*, *gnigga*, to be stingy, Ger. *knicker*, "one that would shave an egg or flea a louse for covetousness" (Ludw.).

**nigger.** Earlier *neger*, F. *negre*, Sp. *negro* (q.v.).

**niggle.** Norw. dial. *ngla*, *nugla*, cogn. with *niggard*.

**nigh.** Orig. adv. AS. *nēah*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *na*, Ger. *nah*, *nach*, ON. *nā-* in compds. (see *neighbour*), Goth. *nēhwa*. Hence compar. *near*, superl. *next*.

**night.** AS. *niht*. Aryan; cf. Du. Ger. *nacht*, ON. *nött*, Goth. *nahts*, L. *nox*, noct-, G. *vúg*, *vukr-*, Sanskrit *nakta*, OIr. *nocht*. *Nightingale* is AS. *nihtegale*, from genitive of *niht* and *gale*, singer, from *galan*, to sing, cogn. with *yell*; cf. Ger. *nachtigall*. In sense of jacket for invalid it is from *Florence Nightingale* (†1914). The second element of *nightmare* is an obs. name for demon, AS. *mare*, cogn. with obs. Du. *mare*, Ger. dial. *mahr*, ON. *mara*, Pol. *mara*. This is also the

second element of F. *cauchemar*, nightmare, from OF. *caucher*, to trample (cf. *incubus*).

**nigrescent.** From pres. part. of L. *nigrescere*, to become black, *niger*.

**nilism.** From L. *nil*, nothing, from *ne* and *hilum*, ? the black speck in a bean.

**nilgai.** See *nylgau*.

**nil.** L., contr. of *nilil*, nothing. See *nilism*.

**nil.** Verb. AS. \**nyllan*. Now only in *willy-nilly*, will he, nil he.

**nimble.** Formed with agent. suffix *-el* from AS. *niman*, to take, a Com. Teut. verb; cf. obs. Du. *nemen*, Ger. *nehmen*, ON. *nema*, Goth. *niman*. Cf. *numb*.

**nimbus.** L., cloud, ? due to mixture of *imber*, rain, and *nebula*, cloud.

**nimiety.** Late L. *nimietas*, from *nimis*, too much.

**niminy-piminy.** Imit. of mincing utterance; perh. partly suggested by *namby-pamby* (q.v.). Cf. *minimny*.

**Nimrod.** A "mighty hunter before the Lord" (Gen. x 8-9).

**nincompoop.** Earlier (17 cent.) *nickum-poop*. First element, also used alone, may be from *Nicodemus* (cf. *noddy*), or from *Nicholas*. With second cf. Du. *poep*, fool, slang E. *poop*, duffer. Hence *nincompoop* appears to be formed like *tomfool*. *Poepnoddy* is found in same sense.

**nine.** AS. *nigon*. Aryan; cf. Du. *negen*, Ger. *neun*, ON. *nīu*, Goth. *num*, L. *novem*, G. *énvéa*, Sanskrit *nava*, Pers. *nuh*, OIr. *noī n-*.

**ninny.** Pet-form of name *Innocent*.

**ninon.** Fabric. Prob. from *Ninon de Lenclos*, famous beauty (†1706). Cf. *georgette*.

**Niobe.** Emblem of grief. G. *Νιόβη*, daughter of Tantalus, changed into stone while weeping for her children. Hence chem. *nob-*.

**nip.** Earlier also *gnip*, *knip*; cf. Ger. *kneifen*, *knerpen* (from LG.), also Sw. *knipa*, Dan *knibe*, to pinch. With *nip* (of gin) cf. Du. Ger. *nippen*, to sip, also Ger. *kneipe*, tavern, *knerpen*, to booze. Perh. orig. idea is as in Ger. *schnaps* (q.v.), for which *knips* is used in dial. *Nipper*, small boy, was orig. a thief or pickpocket, one who "pinched" other people's property.

**nipple.** Earlier *neble*. App. dim. of *neb*.

**nirvana.** Sanskrit *nirvāṇa*, blowing out, extinction, from *vā*, to blow.

**nisi** [leg.]. L., unless, lit. if not (other

cause is shown). Cf. *nisi prius (justitiarum ad assisas capiendas venerint)*.

**nit.** Egg of louse. AS. *hnitu*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *neet*, Ger. *niss*, ON. *gnit*; cogn. with G. *kovis*, *kovid*, Czech *knida*, Russ. *gnida*, Welsh *nedd*.

**nothing** [obs.]. See *nodderng*.

**nitid.** L. *nitidus*, from *nitere*, to shine.

**nitre.** F. *nitre*, G. *vitrop* (see *natron*). Hence *nitrogen*.

**nix** [slang]. Colloq. Du. & Ger., for *nichts*, nothing.

**nizam.** Urdu, Arab. *nizām*, order, arrangement. As title of ruler of Hyderabad it is short for *nizām-al-mulk*, governor of the empire. Also adopted in Turk. as name for "regular" troops.

**no.** The adj., as in *nobody*, *no room*, is for earlier *none* (q.v.), the *-n* being dropped before consonant and orig. kept before vowel (e.g. *none other gods*, of *none effect*). The adv. represents ME. *nō*, for *ne ē*, southern form of *nā*, for *ne ā*, not over (see *ay*, *nay*). The neg *ne* is Aryan.

**n°.** Abbrev. of It. *numero*.

**Noachian.** Of Noah.

**nob.** Head, etc. Later spelling of *knob*. In sense of swell, "tuft," it is the same word; hence *nobby*, smart.

**nobble** [slang]. App. a mod. frequent. of *nab*.

**nobby** [slang]. See *nob*.

**Nobel prize.** Established by will of Alfred Nobel, Sw. scientist (†1896).

**noble.** F. *noble*, L. *nobilis*, from root (g)nosc-, to know.

**nock.** Orig. (14 cent.) horn end of a longbow; also, *notch* of an arrow. Perh. ident. with Du. *nok*, Ger. *nock*, tip, point. But the Rom. langs. use derivatives of L. *nux*, nut, both for the *nock* of the longbow and the *notch* of the cross-bow; and in the latter sense we find also Du. *noot*, Ger. *nuss*, and even E. *nut*. Unsolved.

**nocturnal.** Late L. *nocturnalis*, from *nocturnus*, from *nox*, *noct*-, night.

**nod.** Origin unknown. Land of *Nod* is a punning allusion to Gen. iv. 16.

**noddle.** Not orig. jocular (cf. *pate*) ? Evolved from earlier *noll*, AS *hnoll*, crown of the head, by analogy with such pairs of words as *pool*, *puddle*. The *Prompt. Parv.* (1440) gives *nodyl*, or *nodle*, or *nolle*.

**noddy** [archaic]. Simpleton. ? Pet-form of *Nicodemus*. *Nicodème* is used in F. for a fool. Cf. *nnocompoop*.

**node.** L. *nodus*, knot. Also dim. *nodule*.

**Noetian** [theol.]. From *Noetus* (Asia Minor, c. 230 A.D.).

**noetic.** Of the mind. G. *νοητικός*, from *νόησις*, from *νοεῖν*, to perceive. Cf. *nous*.

**nog<sup>1</sup>.** Peg, stump, snag, etc. Cf. ME. *knag*.

**nog<sup>2</sup>.** Strong ale. An EAngl. word of unknown origin. ? Back-formation from *noggin*.

**noggin.** Small drinking vessel or measure. Perh. from *nog<sup>1</sup>*. The Celt. forms are prob. from E.

**noil.** Short refuse wool-combings. ? An OF. dim. of *nœud*, knot (OF. *nou*, *neu*). L. *nodus*.

**noise.** F., now only in *chercher noise*, to pick a quarrel. Of doubtful origin. L. *nausea* fits the form but hardly the sense.

**noisette.** Rose. First raised in America by *Philippe Noisette*.

**noisome.** From obs. *noy* for *annoy* (q.v.).

**noles volens.** L., cf. *willy-nilly*.

**noli me tangere.** L., touch me not (*Vulg. John* xx. 17)

**noll** [dial.]. Head. AS. *hnol*; cf. obs. Du. *nolle*, OHG. *hnol*. See *noadle*.

**nolle prosequi** [leg.]. L., to be unwilling to pursue.

**nomad.** G. *νομάς*, *νομάδ-*, from *νέμειν*, to pasture.

**nomarch** [hist.]. Governor. G. *νομαρχης*, from *νομός*, allotted land.

**nom de plume.** Used in E. for F. *nom de guerre*, pseudonym, lit. war-name.

**nomclator.** L., announcer, from *nomen*, name, *calare*, to proclaim.

**nominal.** L. *nominalis*, from *nomen*, *nomi-*, name Cf. *nommative*, the naming case.

**nomology.** Science of law or rule, G. *νόμος*.

**nomy.** G. *-νομία*, from *νόμος*, law.

**non.** L., not, in some L. phrases, e.g. *non possumus*, we cannot, *non sequitur*, it does not follow, *non est* (*inventus*), he is not (found), *non compos* (*mentis*), not master (of one's mind). With L. *non*, for *\*ne-unum*, cf. Ger. *nern*, no, for *\*ne-ein*, not one.

**nonage.** OF. *non age* (Mod. *âge*), not age.

**nonagenarian.** From L. *nonagenarius*, from *nonagim*, ninety each.

**nonagon.** Irreg. formation (after *pentagon*, etc.) from L. *nonus*, ninth. Cf. *nonary*, L. *nonarius*.

**nonce.** In ME. for the *nanes*, *nones*, where the *nanes* is for earlier *then anes*,

the once (q.v.), then being for AS. dat. *ihām*. Cf. *newt*, *nickname*.

**nonchalant**. F. *nonchalant*, pres. part. of OF. *nonchalour*, not to care, from L. *non* and *calere*, to be hot

**non-com.** For *non-commissioned officer*. Cf. F. *sous-officier*.

**none**. AS. *nān*, for *ne ān*, not one. As adj. reduced to *no* (q.v.).

**nonentity**. Coined (17 cent.) on *entity* (q.v.).

**nones** [eccl.]. F. *nones*, L. *nonae*, ninth day before Ides, from *nonus*, ninth. Also Church service at ninth hour, about 3 p.m. See *noon*.

**nonesuch**. For *none such*. Now usu. *nonsuch*.

**nonpareil**. F. *nonpareil*, for *non pareil*, VL. \**pariculus*, dim. of *par*, equal.

**nonplus**. L. *non plus*, not more. From scholastic disputation.

**non plus ultra**. For *ne plus ultra*.

**nonsense**. Cf. F. *non-sens*, not sense.

**nonsuch**. See *nonesuch*.

**nonsuit**. Orig. cessation of suit by withdrawal of plaintiff (cf. *nolle prosequi*).

**noodle**<sup>1</sup>. Fool. ? Variation on *noddy*.

**noodle**<sup>2</sup> [cook.]. Ger. *nudel*, ball of dough.

**nook**. Orig. corner. Cf. Norw. dial. *nok*, hook, bent figure, ? cogn. with *neck*.

**noon**. AS. *nōn*, L. *nona* (sc. *hora*), orig. about 3 p.m., but early shifted back to midday.

**noose**. App. from pl. of OF. *no*, *nou* (Mod. *nœud*), knot, L. *nodus*; or of cogn. Catalan *nou*

**nopal**. Sp. *nopal*, Mex. *nopalli*, cactus.

**nor**. Contr. of ME. *nother* (see *neither*).

**nordenfelt**. Machine-gun. From name (*Nordenfeld*) of Sw. inventor.

**nordic** [etym.]. ModL. *nordicus*, of the north.

**Norfolk Howard** [slang]. Bug<sup>2</sup>. From assumption of this name by one Joshua Bug (1862).

**normal**. L. *normalis*, from *norma*, carpenter's square

**Norman**. Orig. in pl., OF. *Normanz*, pl. of *Normand*, Teut. *north man*.

**norm**. One of the three Fates in Scand. myth. ON. *norn*, app. cogn. with Sw. dial. *norna*, *nyrna*, to warn secretly.

**Norroy**. Third King of Arms. AF. *nor-roy*, *-vey*, north king.

**norse** [ling.]. Icelandic. Du. *noorsch*, for *noordsch*, from *noord*, north.

**north**. AS. *north*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *noord*, Ger. *nord*, ON. *northr*.

**nose**. AS. *nosu*, cogn. with Du. *neus*. The more usual Teut. form is represented by AS. *nasu*; cf. obs. Du. *nase*, Ger. *nase*, ON. *nōs*, L. *nasus*, Sanskrit *nāsā* (dual), nostrils. *Nose-gay* is from obs. *gay*, bright object, from adj. *gay*.

**nosology**. Science of disease, G. *νόσος*.

**nostalgia**. Home-sickness. From G. *νόστος*, return home.

**nostoc** [bot.]. Genus of algae. Name invented by Paracelsus.

**Nostradamus**. Soothsayer. Latinized name of Michel de Nostredame, F. physician and prophet (†1566).

**nostril**. AS. *nosihȳrl*, nose-hole. Cf. *thrill* and dial. *thiri*, to pierce.

**nostrum**. L., neut. of *noster*, our (unfailing remedy).

**not**. Unstressed form of *naught*, *nought*.

**notable**. F. *notable*, L. *notabilis*, from *notare*, to note.

**notary**. F. *notaire*, L. *notarius*, clerk, secretary, from *notare*, to note. Cf. *notation*, L. *notatio-n*.

**notch**. App. for \**otch*, F. *hoche*, earlier *oche*, *osche*, from *oschier*, to cut, ? L. *absecare*. The *n*- may be the indef. art., as in *newt*, *nickname*, or may be due to association with *nock*.

**note**. F. *note*, L. *nota*, mark, ? cogn. with *nomen*, name

**nothing**. See *no* and *thing*.

**notice**. F. *notice*, L. *notitia*, from *notus*, from (g)nosce, to know. Cf. *notify*, F. *notifier*, L. *notificare*.

**notion**. L. *notio-n* (v.s.).

**noto-**. From G. *νῶτο*, back.

**notorious**. From MedL. *notorius*, from *notus*, known (see *notice*)

**notwithstanding**. From *not* and *withstand*, to oppose, the word now app. governed by the prep. being really the subject of the verb.

**nougat**. Prov. *nougat*, VL. \**nucatum*, from *nux*, *nuc*-, nut; cf. Sp. Port. *nogada*.

**nought**. AS. *nōwht*, var. of *nāwht*. See *naught*, *not*, *ought*.

**noumenon**. G. *νοῦμενον*, neut. of pres. part. pass. of *νοεῖν*, to apprehend.

**noun**. AF. form of OF. *non* (Mod. *nom*), L. *nomen*, name.

**nourish**. F. *nourrir*, *nourriss*-, L. *nutrire*, to feed. See *nurse*.

**nous**. G. *νοῦς*, mind.

**Novatian**. Sect. From *Novatianus*, Roman presbyter (3 cent. A.D.).

**novel**. OF. *novel* (Mod. *nouveau*), L. *novellus*, dim. of *novus*, new. *Novel*, story, is F. fem. *nouvelle*, short story.

**November.** L. *november* or *novembris* (sc. *mensis*), from *novem*, nine.  
**novenary.** L. *novenarius*, from *novem*, nine.  
**novercal.** L. *novercalis*, of a step-mother, *noverca*, ? from *novus*, new.  
**novice.** F. *novice*, L. *novitius*, from *novus*, new. Orig. of probationer in rel. order.  
**now.** AS. *nū*. Aryan; cf. Du. OHG. ON. Goth. Sanskrit *nu*, G. *nū*, L. *nunc*. For nowadays see *a-*.  
**Nowel** [archaic]. F. *noël*, Christmas, L. *natales* (sc. *dies*). The vowel is perh. due to Celt. tendency to change *ā* to *ō* (Prov. has *nadal*).  
**noxious.** From L. *noxius*, from *noxa*, harm, from *nocēre*, to hurt.  
**noyade** [hist.]. Wholesale drowning of royalists at Nantes (1794). F. *noyade*, from *noyer*, to drown, L. *necare*, to kill.  
**noyau.** F. *noyau*, kernel, OF. *noial*, *noiel*, dim. of *noix*, L. *nux*, *nuc-*, nut. Cf. Prov. *nugalh*, corresponding to Late L. *nucalis*.  
**nozzle.** Dim. of nose.  
**nuance.** F. *nuance*, from *nuer*, to shade, from *nue*, cloud, VL. \**nuba* for *nubes*.  
**nub, nubble, nubbly.** Vars. of *knob*, etc. Cf. Ger. *Knubbe*, knot on a tree.  
**nubile.** L. *nubilus*, marriageable, from *nubere*, to marry.  
**nuchal** [anat.]. Of the nape. From MedL. *nucha*, Arab. *nukhā*, spinal marrow.  
**nuci-.** From L. *nux* (v.i.).  
**nucleus.** L., kernel, from *nux*, *nuc-*, nut.  
**nude.** L. *nudus*, ult. cogn. with *naked*.  
**nudge.** Cf. Norw. dial. *nugga*, to push. Perh. cogn. with *knock*.  
**nugatory.** L. *nugatorius*, from *nugae* (pl.), rubbish.  
**nuggar.** Large boat on Upper Nile. Native name.  
**nugget.** App. from E. dial. *nug*, lump, block, ? var. of *nog*¹. Not connected with *nugget*, a misprint for *ingot* in North's *Plutarch*.  
**nuisance.** Archaic F. *nursance*, from *nurre*, *nurs-*, to harm, VL. \**nocere* for *nocēre*, cogn. with *necare*, to kill.  
**null.** F. *null*, L. *nullus*, for *ne ullus*, not any. Cf. *nullify*, *nullifidian*, of no faith.  
**nullah** [Anglo-Ind.]. Hind. *nālā*, water-course, ravine.  
**numb.** AS. *numen*, p.p. of *niman*, to take (see *nimble*); cf. Norw. *nummen*,

numb, Ger. *benommen*, stunned. See also the earlier *benumb*. Hence *num(b)skull*.  
**number.** F. *nombre*, L. *numerus*, cogn. with G. *vómos*, law, *vémeu*, to distribute.  
**numbles** [archaic]. See *humble-pie*.  
**numeral.** Late L. *numeralis*, from *numerus*, number. Cf. *numerate*, *numerical*, *numerous*.  
**numismatic.** F. *numismatique*, from L. *numisma*, *nomisma*, G. *vóμισμα*, current coin, from *vóμίζω*, to have in use, from *vómos*, law, usage, from *vémeu*, to distribute.  
**nummary.** L. *nummarus*, from *nummus*, coin, cogn. with *numerus*, number.  
**nummulite** [zool.]. Disk-shaped fossil. From L. *nummulus*, small coin (v.s.).  
**numskull.** See *numb*.  
**nun.** AS. *nunne*, Church L. *nonna*, fem. of *nonnus*, monk. These are orig. pet terms for elderly people and belong to the baby lang. of remote antiquity; cf. It. *nonno*, *nonna*, grandfather, grandmother, Sanskrit *nanā*, "mammy." Cf. hist. of abbot, *pope*.  
**nunatak** [geog.]. Peak over inland ice of Greenland. Via Sw. from Eskimo.  
**nunc dimittis.** L., now dismisses thou (Vulg. Luke ii. 29).  
**nuncheon** [dial.]. ME. *noneshench*, noon draught, AS. *scenc*; cf. Ger. *schenken*, to pour out, obs. E. *skinker*, drawer, tavern-waiter (from Du.). Shortened *nunch* is also current in dial. See *lunch-eon*, which has been affected by it in form and sense.  
**nuncio.** Archaic form of It. *nunzio*, L. *nuntius*, *nuncius*, messenger.  
**nuncupative.** Of will made orally. From L. *nuncupare*, to mention by name, from *nomen*, name, *capere*, to take. For vowel cf. *occupy*.  
**nundine** [hist.]. Market-day. From L. *nundinae* (pl.), from *novem*, nine, *dies*, day.  
**nunky.** Playful for *uncle*. Cf. obs. *nuncle* (Lear, i 4), *narent*, due to wrong separation of mine *uncle*, mine *aunt* into my *nuncle*, my *naunt*.  
**nuphar.** Shortened form of *nenuphar*.  
**nuptial.** L. *nuptialis*, from *nuptiae*, wedding, from *nubere*, *nupt-*, to wed; cogn. with G. *vúμφη*, bride.  
**nurse.** ME. *nurice*, *norice*, F. *nourrice*, foster-mother, L. *nutrix*, *nutric-*, from *nutrire*, to nourish.  
**nurture.** F. *nourriture*, nourishment, also in OF. training, education.

**nut.** AS. *hnutu*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *noot*, Ger. *nuss*, ON. *hnót*; cogn. with OIr. *cnū*, Gael. *cnò*, but not with L. *nux*. Slang use seems to have arisen from earlier contemptuous sense, an old nut, where nut prob. means head (cf. a silly chump). Nut-hatch, ME. *notehach*, means nut-hacker. Nutmeg is ME. *notemugge*, of which second element is OF. *mugue*, usu. *muguette* (now *noix muscade*), musk nut; cf. Ger. *muscatnuss*. The phonetic relation of *mugue* to *musc* is obscure.

**nutrition.** L. *nutatio-n-*, from *nutare*, to nod, frequent. of *nuere*, cogn. with G. *νένειν*.

**nutriment.** L. *nutrimentum*, from *nutrire*, to nourish. Cf. *nutrition*, *nutritious*.

**nux vomica.** MedL., irreg. from *vomere*, to vomit.

**nuzzle.** Frequent. formation from *nose*, but associated also with *nursle*, frequent. of *nurse*.

**nyctalopia.** From G. *νυκτάλωψ*, orig. blind by night, from G. *νύξ*, *νυκτ-*, night, *ἄλαός*, blind, *ὤψ*, eye.

**nylgau, nilgai.** Pers. *nīl*, blue (cf. *anīl*), *gāw*, ox, cow (q.v.).

**nymph.** G. *νύμφη*, bride, nymph. From first sense comes med. *nymphomania*. Cf. *nympholepsy*, enthusiasm, modelled on *epilepsy*. Also *nymphæa*, flower.

**nystegmus** [med.]. Disease of the eye. G. *νυσταγμός*, from *νυστάζειν*, to nod.

**o, oh.** Partly a natural interj., partly adopted from L.

**o'** [prep.]. Represents both of (*o'clock*) and on (*o' nights*).

**O'.** Ir. *ó*, *ua*, descendant, grandson; cf. Gael. *ogha*, whence Sc. *oe*, *oy*, grandchild.

**oaf.** Earlier *auph*, ON. *álfr*, elf (q.v.). Orig. changeling.

**oak.** AS. *ác*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *eik*, Ger. *eiche*, ON. *eik*.

**Oaks.** Race founded in 1779, named from an estate near Epsom.

**oakum.** AS. *ācumbæ*, *æcumbæ*, off combing; cf. OHG. *āchambi*. First element is *ā-*, *æ-*, privative prefix.

**oar.** AS. & ON. *ár*.

**oasis.** G. *οἶσις*, of Egypt. origin; cf. Coptic *ouahe*, dwelling-place.

**oast** [local]. Kiln. AS. *ást*, cogn. with Du. *eest*, and ult. with L. *aestas*, summer, OIr. *aed*, fire.

**oat.** AS. *āte*, with no known cognates. Orig. sense was prob. the single grain and not the plant. The Com. Teut. name for the cereal is represented by Sc. *haver* (see *haversack*).

**oath.** AS. *āth*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *eed*, Ger. *eid*, ON. *eithr*, Goth. *athus*; cogn. with OIr. *oeth*.

**ob-** L. prep. *ob*, with gen. sense of towards, against. Also *oc-*, *of-*, *op-*.

**obligato** [mus.]. It., obliged, i.e. indispensable accompaniment.

**obdurate.** L. *obduratus*, p.p. of *obdurare*, to make hard, *durus*.

**obeah, obi.** A Waf. word.

**obedient.** From pres. part. of L. *oboedire*, to obey (q.v.).

**obeisance.** F. *obéissance*, obedience, from *obéir*, to obey.

**obelisk.** G. *ὀβελίσκος*, dim. of *ὀβελός*, spit, pointed pillar.

**obese.** L. *obesus*, p.p. of *obedere*, to eat all over. For transition of sense cf. *drunk(en)*.

**obey.** F. *obéir*, L. *oboedire*, from *audire*, to hearken (cf. Ger. *gehörchen*, to obey, from *hörchen*, to hearken).

**obfuscate.** From L. *obfuscare*, *offuscare*, to darken, from *fuscus*, dark.

**obi.** See *obeah*.

**obit.** L. *obitus*, departure, decease, lit. a going to meet, from *obire*. Obs. exc. in *post-obit(um)*.

**obiter.** L., by the way, *ob iter*. Hence *obiter dictum* (leg.), expression of opinion not regarded as binding.

**obituary.** MedL. *obituarium*. See *obit*.

**object.** First as noun. MedL. *objectum*, thrown in the way, from *obicere*, *object-*, from *jacere*, to throw.

**objurgate.** From L. *objurgare*, from *jurgare*, to scold, quarrel, from *jus*, *jur-*, law, *agere*, to do, etc.

**oblate**<sup>1</sup>. Person devoted to religious work. L. *oblatus*, used as p.p. of *offerre*, to offer.

**oblate**<sup>2</sup>. Flattened at poles. MedL. *oblatus*, formed on its opposite *prolate*.

**oblation.** L. *oblatio-n-*, from *offerre*, *oblat-*, to offer.

**oblige.** F. *obliger*, L. *obligare*, from *ligare*, to bind.

**oblique.** F. *oblique*, L. *obliquus*, slanting, indirect. Cf. L. *vicinus*, bent.

**obliterate.** From L. *obliti(t)erare*, to blot out, efface, from *liti(t)era*, letter, script.

**oblivion.** L. *oblivio-n-*, from *oblivisci*, to forget.

**oblong.** L. *oblongus*, from *longus*, long.

**obloquy.** Late L. *obloquium*, speaking against, from *loqui*, to speak.

**obmutescence.** From L. *obmutescere*, from *mutescere*, to become dumb, *mutus*.

**obnoxious.** From L. *obnoxius*, exposed to harm, *noxa*. Still occ. in orig. passive sense.

**obnubilate.** To dim, etc. From L. *obnubilare*, from *nubes*, cloud.

**oboe.** It. *oboe*, F. *hautbois*, hautboy (q.v.).

**obol, obolus.** Coin. G. ὀβολός.

**obscene.** F. *obscène*, L. *obscaenus*, ? from *caenum*, mud.

**obscure.** F. *obscur*, L. *obscurus*, from root *scu*, Sanskrit *sku*, to cover; cf. L. *scutum*, shield, G. σκεπή, dress.

**obsecrate.** From L. *obsecrare*, to entreat in the name of something holy, *sacer*.

**obsequies.** F. *obsèques*, MedL. *obsequiae*, due to confusion between L. *exequiae*, exequies (q.v.), and *obsequium*, service (v.i.).

**obsequious.** F. *obsequieux*, L. *obsequiosus*, from *sequi*, to follow.

**observe.** F. *observer*, L. *observare*, from *servare*, to guard, keep. Orig. to attend to a law, custom, religious practice, etc.

**obsess.** From L. *obsidere*, *obsess*-, to sit down (*sedere*) before, besiege.

**obsidian.** Volcanic glass. L. *obsidianus*, for *obsianus*, trad. from resemblance to stone found in Ethiopia by one *Obsius* (Pliny).

**obsolete.** L. *obsoletus*, p.p. of *obsolescere*, to grow out of use, from *solere*, to be accustomed.

**obstacle.** F. *obstacle*, L. *obstaculum*, from *obstare*, to stand in the way.

**obstetric** [med]. From L. *obstetrrix*, *obstetric*-, midwife (q.v.), from *obstiter*, *obstiter*-, to stand by.

**obstinate.** L. *obstinatus*, p.p. of *obstinare*, to persist, ult. from *obstare* (cf. *obstacle*).

**obstreperous.** From L. *obstreperus*, from *obstreperare*, to make a noise (*streptus*) against.

**obstruct.** From L. *obstruere*, *obstruct*-, to build up against.

**obtain.** F. *obtenir*, VL. *\*obtenire*, for *obtinere*, from *tenere*, to hold.

**obtest.** From L. *obtestari*, to call to witness, *testis*.

**obtrude.** L. *obtrudere*, from *trudere*, to thrust.

**obturate.** From L. *obturare*, to stop up.

**obtus.** L. *obtusus*, p.p. of *obtundere*, to beat against, blunt, from *tundere*, to beat, strike.

**obumbrate.** From L. *obumbrare*, to overshadow, from *umbra*, shade.

**obverse.** L. *obversus*, p.p. of *obvertere*, to turn towards.

**obviate.** From Late L. *obviare*, to meet, from *via*, way. Cf. *obvious*, from L. *obvius*, what meets one in the way.

**oc-.** For L. *ob-* before *c-*.

**ocarina.** Mus. instrument. From It. *oca*, goose, L. *avca* (\**avica* from *avis*, bird), in allusion to shape.

**occasion.** L. *occasio-n-*, falling towards, juncture, from *occidere*, *occas-*, to fall, from *ob* and *cadere*, to fall.

**occident.** From pres. part. of L. *occidere*, to fall, set (v.s.).

**occiput.** L., back of the head, from *ob* and *caput*.

**occlude.** From L. *occludere*, from *ob* and *claudere*, to close.

**occult.** L. *occultus*, p.p. of *occulere*, to conceal, from *ob* and an unrecorded verb cogn. with *celare*, to conceal.

**occupy.** From F. *occuper*, L. *occupare*, to take possession of, from *ob* and *capere*, to seize, with vowel change as in *nuncupate*. For -y cf. *bandy*<sup>1</sup>, *levy*, *parry*.

**occur.** L. *occurrere*, to run against, from *ob* and *currere*, to run. *Occurrence*, incident, was orig. pl. of *occurrent* (cf. *accidence*).

**ocean.** F. *océan*, G. Ὠκεανός, stream supposed to encompass the world.

**ocellus** [biol.]. L., dim. of *oculus*, eye.

**ocelot.** Tiger-cat. F. *ocelot*, Mexican *ocelotl*, jaguar.

**och.** Interj. (Ir. Gael.). Cf. *ochone*, *ohone*, Gael. *ochdhn*, Ir. *ochdhn*, alas.

**ochlocracy.** Rule by the mob, G. ὄχλος.

**ochre.** G. ὄχρα, from ὤχρος, pale yellow.

**-ocracy.** See *-cracy*; -o- is from first element of compds.

**octad.** Eight G. ὀκτάς, ὀκτάδ-. Cf. *octagon*, from *γωνία*, angle; *octahedron*, from ἑδρα, seat.

**octant.** Late L. *octans*, *octant*-, from *octo*, eight; cf. *quadrant*, *sextant*. Oldest sense of *octave*, L. *octavus*, eighth, is the eighth day after a Church festival. *Octavo* is for *in octavo* (cf. *folio*, *quarto*).

**October.** L. *october*, eighth (month).

**octogenarian.** From L. *octogenarius*, from *octogeni*, eighty each.

**octopus.** G. ὀκτώπους, from ὀκτώ, eight, πούς, foot.

**octoroon.** Having one eighth negro blood. Irreg. formed (on *quadroon*) from L. *octo*, eight.

**octroi.** Town duties. F *octroi*, from *octroyer*, to grant, VL. \**auctoricare*, to authorize.

**ocular.** L *ocularis*, from *oculus*, eye; cf. *oculist*.

**od.** Hypothetical force supposed to pervade nature and explain mesmerism, etc. Arbitrary coinage of Reichenbach (†1869). Also *odyl*.

**odalisque.** F. *odalisque*, Turk. *odahq*, female slave in seraglio, from *odah*, chamber, hall.

**odd.** ON. *odda-*, as in *odda-mathr*, odd man, umpire (q.v.), *odda-tala*, odd number, from *oddi*, point, angle, triangle; cogn. with AS. *ord*, point, tip, OHG. *ort*, point, angle, whence Ger. *ort*, place. Sense-development starts from the unpaired one of three, extends to the general opposite of *even*, and finally to what appears solitary or unique.

**ode.** F *ode*, G. *ὕδῃ*, for *λοιδῃ*, from *ἀείδειν*, to sing. Cf. *odeum*, theatre for music, L. *odeum*, G. *ὕδειον*, whence F. *odéon*.

**odic.** From *od* (q.v.).

**odious.** F. *odieux*, L. *odiosus*, from *odium*, from *odu*, I hate.

**odont.** From G. *δόντις*, *δόντιν*, tooth.

**odour.** F. *odeur*, L. *odor-em*; cf. G. *ὀζειν*, to smell.

**odyl.** From *od* (q.v.).

**odynameter.** Measurer of pain, G. *ὀδύνη*.

**odyssey.** Long adventurous journey. G. *Ὀδύσσεια*, Homeric poem relating adventures of *Ὀδυσσεύς*, Ulysses.

**oecist** [*hist*]. Founder of ancient G. colony. G. *οἰκιστής*, from *οἶκος*, house.

**oecology.** See *ecology*.

**oecumenical.** Universal, esp. of councils of early Church. From G. *οἰκουμενικός*, belonging to *ἡ οἰκουμένη*, the inhabited (earth), from *οἶκος*, house, dwelling.

**oedema** [*med.*]. G. *οἰδημα*, from *οιδεῖν*, to swell.

**Oedipus.** G. *Οἰδίπους*, lit. swollen (v.s.) foot, Theban hero who solved riddle of Sphinx.

**oenor.** From G. *οἶνος*, wine.

**oenomel.** Drink of wine and honey. Also fig. G. *οἶνόμελι*, from *οἶνος*, wine, *μέλι*, honey.

**oenothera.** Plant. G. *οἰνοθήρας*, lit. wine catcher (v.s.), from *θηρᾶν*, to hunt.

**oesophagus.** G. *οἰσοφᾶγος*, gullet, of which second element is app. cogn. with *φαγεῖν*, to eat.

**oestrum.** Frenzy, impulse. MedL. for *oestrus*, G. *ὄστρος*, gadfly.

**of, off.** AS. *of*. Aryan; cf. Du. *af*, off, Ger. *ab*, off, away, ON. Goth. *af*, L. *ab*, G. *ἀπό*, Sanskrit *apa*, away from. *Off* is the stressed form.

**of-.** For L. *ob-* before *f*.

**offal.** For *off fall*; cf. Du. *afval*, Ger. *abfall*, "the garbage in butchers-shops" (Ludw.).

**offend.** L. *offendere*, to strike against, stumble, from *ob* and *-fendere*.

**offer.** AS. *offrian*, L. *offerre*, from *ob* and *ferre*, to bear. Early WGer. loan-word; cf. Du. *offeren*, Ger. *opfern*, to sacrifice. Gen. senses rather from F. *offrir*, VL. \**offerre*, for *offerre* (cf. *proffer*). *Offertory*, Late L. *offertorium*, is from Late L. *offertus*, for *oblatus*.

**office.** F. *office*, L. *officium*, service, duty, prob. from *opus*, work, *facere*, to do.

**official.** Of herbs, drugs. From L. *officina*, workshop, laboratory, for *opificina*, from *opifex*, *opific-*, workman, from *opus*, work, *facere*, to do.

**offing** [*naut.*]. From *off*.

**offuscate.** See *obfuscate*.

**oft, often.** AS. *oft*. Com. Teut.; cf. obs. Du. *ofte*, Ger. *oft*, ON. *oft*, *opt*, Goth. *ufta*. Lengthened in ME. to *ofte*, *often*.

**ogdoad.** Set of eight. G. *ὀγδοάς*, *ὀγδοᾶδ-*, from *δράδ*, eight.

**ogee.** Curve (~). From F. *ogive* (q.v.).

**ogham, ogam.** Ancient Ir. alphabet. Ir. *ogham*, from myth. inventor *Ogma*.

**ogive** [*arch.*]. F. *ogive*, earlier also *augive*, ? from Sp. *auge*, highest point, Arab. *auj*, apogee, G. *ἀπόγαιον*, ? or ult. from L. *alveus*, channel, trough (whence F. *auge*, trough), ? from grooving.

**ogle.** LG. *oegeln*, frequent. of *oegen*, to look at, from *oeg*, eye (q.v.). Cf. Ger. *hebeln*, "to ogle, to look amorously, to cast sheep's-eyes" (Ludw.).

**ogre.** F., first used, and prob. invented, by Perrault in his *Contes de Fées* (1697).

**oh.** See *o*.

**ohm.** Unit of electrical resistance. From Ger. physicist *Ohm* (†1854). Cf. *ampère*.

**oho.** See *o*, *ho*.

**-oid.** G. *-οειδής*, from *είδος*, form.

**oidium.** Fungus attacking vine. ModL. dim. from G. *ὄων*, egg.

**oil.** OF. *oile* (Mod. *humble*), L. *oleum*, orig. oil of olive (q.v.).

**ointment.** ME. *oynement*, OF. *oynement*, from *oindre*, *oign-*, to anoint, L. *ungere*. Altered from obs. *oint*, to anoint, from p.p. of above verb.

**o.k.** For *ork* correct. US. since 1790.

**okapi.** Central Afr. animal resembling zebra and giraffe. Native name.

**-ol** [chem.]. Extended use of ending of *alcohol*.

**old.** AS. *eald* (Merc. *ald*). Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *oud*, Ger. *alt*, ON. *ellri* (compar.), Goth. *alithers*. Orig. a p.p., cogn. with L. *alere*, to nourish, whence *altus*, high, orig. nourished, grown.

**oleaginous.** F. *oléagineux*, from L. *oleaginus*, from *olea*, olive tree. See *oil*.

**oleander.** MedL. *oleander* (whence F. *oléandre*, It. *oleandro*, OSp. *eloandro*), Late L. *lorandrum*, explained by Isidore as a corrupt. (influenced by *laurus*, laurel) of *rhododendrum*; cf. F. *laurier rose*, oleander. Further affected by assim. to L. *olea*, olive tree.

**oleaster.** L., from *olea*, olive tree.

**olefant.** Coined by Du. chemists to mean oil-producing.

**olent.** From pres. part. of L. *olère*, to smell.

**oleo-.** From L. *oleum*, oil.

**olfactory.** From L. *olfacere*, to cause to smell, *olère*; from *odor*, smell, with Sabine *-l-* for *-d-* (cf. *lingua*, *lacrima*).

**olibanum.** Aromatic gum. MedL. *olibanum*, corrupt., ? by association with L. *olère*, to smell, of Late L. *libanus*, frankincense, G. *λίβανος*.

**oligarchy.** G. *ὀλιγαρχία*, from *ὀλίγος*, few.

**olio** [cook.]. Altered from Sp. *olla* or Port. *olha*, hotch-potch, L. *olla*, pot, jar. Cf. *olla podrida*.

**olive.** F. *olive*, L. *oliva*, olive, olive-tree; cogn. with G. *ἐλαία*.

**oliver** [techn.]. Tilt-hammer. ? From surname *Oliver*.

**Oliver.** See *Roland*.

**oliveine** [min.]. From *olive*.

**olland** [dial.]. Ploughland lying fallow. For *old land*.

**olla podrida.** Sp, lit. rotten pot; hence, hotch-potch, lit. or fig. From L. *olla*, pot, *putridus*, rotten. Cf. *pot-pourri*.

**-ology.** G. *λογία*, from *λόγος*, word, with connecting *-o-* of first element. Cf. *-dory*, *-ism*.

**Olympian, Olympic.** Of *Olympus*, mountain in Thessaly, abode of gods; or of *Olympia*, in Elis, scene of games. Hence also *olympiad*, space of four

years between celebrations of *Olympic games*.

**omadhaun** [Anglo-Ir.]. Ir. *amadān*, fool.

**ombre** [archaic]. Card game F. *ombre*, *hombre*, Sp. *hombre*, L. *homo*, *homin-*, man.

**omega.** Last letter of G. alphabet (Rev. i. 8). G. *ὦ μέγα*, big o.

**omelet-te.** F., earlier *amelette* (still in dial.), metath. of *alemette*, altered from *alemelle*, *alamelle*, due to wrong separation of *la lamelle* (cf. F. *la boutique* for *l'aboutique*, L. *apotheca*), L. *lamella*, dim. of *lamina*, thin plate. For sense cf. F. *flan*, thin disk of metal, also omelet, flawn (q.v.).

**omen.** L. *omen*, OL. *osmen*. Origin unknown.

**omer.** Tenth part of ephah (*Ex* xvi. 33). Heb.

**omit.** L. *omittere*, from *ob* and *mittere*, to send.

**omnibus.** From F. *voiture omnibus*, carriage for all, dat. pl. of L. *omnis*.

**omnifarious.** From L. *omnifarius*, as *multifarious* (q.v.).

**omnipotent.** From L. *omnipotens*, *omnipotent-*, from *omnis*, all, *potens*, powerful.

**omniscience.** MedL. *omniscientia*, all knowledge. See *science*.

**omnium gatherum.** For earlier *omnigatherum*, mock-L., from *gather*.

**omnivorous.** See *-vorous*.

**omophagous.** Eating raw flesh. From G. *ὀμός*, raw.

**omoplate.** Shoulder-blade. G. *ὀμοπλάτη*, from *ὀμος*, shoulder, *πλάτη*, blade.

**omphalo-.** From G. *ὀμφαλός*, navel, centre, hub.

**on.** AS. *an*, *on*. Aryan; cf. Du. *aan*, Ger. *an*, ON. *ā*, Goth. *ana*, G. *ανά*, Zend *ana*. See *a-*.

**onager.** L. *onager*, G. *ὄναγρος*, from *ὄνος*, ass, *ἄγριος*, wild.

**onanism.** From name *Onan* (Gen. xxxviii. 9).

**once.** ME *ones*, *anes*, genitive of *one* (q.v.).

**onco-.** From G. *ὄγκος*, mass, tumour.

**on dit.** F., one says.

**one.** AS. *ān*, of which unstressed form gave E. *an*, *a*. W. Aryan; cf. Du. *een*, Ger. *ein*, ON. *ein*, Goth. *ains*, L. *unus*, G. dial. *oivós*, OIr. *den*. The use of *one* as indef. pron. has been influenced by unrelated F. *on*, L. *homo*.

**oneiromancy.** Divination by dream, G. *ὄνειρος*.



**onerous.** F. *onereux*, L. *onerousus*, from *onus*, *oner-*, burden.  
**onion.** F. *oignon*, L. *unio-n-*, unity, also a large pearl, an onion, from the successive layers being regarded as forming unity.  
**only.** First as adj. AS. *ānlic*, one like.  
**onomasticon.** Vocabulary of names. G. *ὀνομαστικόν* (sc. *βιβλίον*), from *ὄνομα*, name.  
**onomatopoeia.** G. *ὀνοματοποιία*, from *ποιεῖν*, to make (v.s.).  
**-onomy.** See *-nomy*.  
**onslaught.** Du. *aanslag* or Ger. *anschlag*, enterprise, from *slagen*, *schlagen*, to strike, slay. The *-t* is excrement.  
**onto.** For *on to*, indicating motion. Cf. *into*.  
**ontology.** Study of being. From *ὄν*, *ὄντ-*, pres. part. neut. of *εἶναι*, to be.  
**onus.** L., burden.  
**onymous.** Having a name. Coined by analogy with *anonymous*.  
**onyx.** L. *onyx*, G. *ὄνυξ*, finger-nail, onyx-stone.  
**oof** [*slang*]. Short for Yiddish *oof-ish*, for Ger. *auf* (*dem*) *insch(e)*, on the table (cf. to *plank down*).  
**oolite** [*geol.*]. Concretionary limestone. F. *oolithe*, from G. *ὄον*, egg, *λίθος*, stone.  
**oology.** Study of birds' eggs (v.s.).  
**oolong.** Tea. Chin. *wu-lung*, black dragon.  
**oom.** Du. *oom*, uncle, as in *Oom Paul*, President Kruger. Cf. Ger. *oheim*, E. dial. *eme*, AS. *ēam*, and see *uncle*.  
**oomiak.** Eskimo, woman's boat. Cf. *kayak*.  
**oorali.** One of the many forms of *curare* (q.v.).  
**Oordoo** [*ling.*]. See *Urdu*.  
**ooze.** The noun represents (1) AS. *wōs*, juice, sap, now only of tan-vat, whence verb to *ooze*, (2) AS. *wāse*, mud, cogn. with ON. *veisa*, stagnant pool, whence Norw. dial. *veisa*, mud-bank. For loss of *w-* cf. dial. *'ooman*.  
**op-** For L. *ob*. before *p*.  
**O.P.** [*theat.*]. Side of stage *opposite* *prompter*.  
**opah.** Fish. Prob. native name (Guinea).  
**opal.** G. *ὀπάλλιος*; cf. Sanskrit *upala*, gem.  
**opaque.** F. *opaque*, L. *opacus*.  
**ope, open.** *Ope* is shortened (cf. *awake*) from AS. *open* (adj.). Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *open*, Ger. *offen*, ON. *opinn*; prob. cogn. with *up*.

**opera.** It. *opera*, L. *opera*, cogn. with *opus*, *oper-*, work.  
**operation.** L. *operatio-n-*, from *operari*, from *opus*, *oper-*, work.  
**operculum** [*biol.*]. L., lid, from *operire*, to cover.  
**operose.** L. *operosus*, laborious, from *opus*, *oper-*, work.  
**ophicleide.** F. *ophicleïde*, from G. *ὄφης*, serpent, *κλεις*, *κλειδ-*, key, the instrument being a development of the earlier "serpent."  
**ophidian.** Of snakes. From G. *ὀφίδιον*, dim of *ὄφης* (v.s.). Cf. *ophiophagus*, snake-eater, scient. name of hamadryad (snake); *ophite*, serpentine rock, also name of early Christian sect reverencing serpent.  
**ophthalmia.** G. *ὀφθαλμία*, from *ὀφθαλμός*, eye.  
**opiate.** MedL. *opriatus*, from *oprium*.  
**opinion.** L. *opinio-n-*, from *opinari*, to be of opinion; cf. *inopinus*, unexpected.  
**opistho-** From G. *ὀπισθεν*, behind.  
**opium.** L. *opium*, G. *ὀπιον*, poppy-juice, dim. of *ὀπός*, vegetable juice.  
**opodeldoc.** Medical plaster. Coined by Paracelsus (16 cent.), perh. from above. Cf. *nostoc*.  
**opoponax.** Gum-resin. G. *ὀποπάναξ*, from *ὀπός*, vegetable juice, *πανακής*, all healing (cf. *panacea*).  
**opossum.** Namer. Ind. name, variously spelt from c. 1600. With *possum* cf. *coon*.  
**oppidan.** L. *oppidanus*, from *oppidum*, town.  
**opilate** [*med.*]. To obstruct. From L. *oppilare*, from *ob* and *pilare*, to ram.  
**opponent.** From pres. part. of L. *opponere*, to place against, from *ob* and *ponere*.  
**opportune.** L. *opportunus*, from *ob* and *-portunus* as in *importune* (q.v.).  
**oppose.** F. *opposer*, compd. of *poser*; see *pose*. *Opposite* is immediately from L. *oppositus*, p.p. of *opponere*.  
**oppress.** MedL. *oppressare*, from L. *opprimere*, *oppress-*, from *ob* and *premere*, to press.  
**opprobrium.** L., from *ob* and *probrum*, infamy.  
**oppugn.** L. *oppugnare*, from *ob* and *pugnare*, to fight.  
**opsimathy.** Learning late in life. G. *ὀψιμαθία*, from *ὀψέ*, late, *μανθάνειν*, to learn.  
**opt.** L. *optare*, to choose; cf. *adopt*, *co-opt*. Hence *optative*, *option*.  
**optic.** G. *ὀπτικός*, from *ὀπτός*, visible,

from stem  $\delta\pi$ -, as in  $\delta\psi$ , eye,  $\delta\psi\omicron\mu\alpha\iota$ , I shall see.

**optime.** L., best (adv.).

**optimism.** From L. *optimus*, best. Cf. *pessimism*.

**option.** See *opt*.

**opto-**. See *optic*.

**opulent.** L. *opulentus*, from *ops*, *op*-, resources, wealth; cf. Sanskrit *apnas*, wealth.

**opusculum.** L., dim. of *opus*, work.

**or<sup>1</sup>.** Conj. Contr. of ME. *other*, replacing AS. *oththe*, cogn. with OHG. *edo*, *odo* (Mod. *oder*), Goth. *arithihau*. Cf. *nor*.

**or<sup>2</sup>** [*archarc*]. Ere (*Dan.* vi. 24). ON. *ār*, ere (q.v.).

**or<sup>3</sup>** [*her*]. Gold, yellow. F. *or*, L. *aurum*.

**orache.** Plant. ME. also *orage*, *arache*, etc., F. *arroche*, L. *atriplex*, *atriplic*-, G. *ἀρραπάξ*.

**oracle.** F. *oracle*, L. *oraculum*, divine pronouncement, from *orare*, to speak, pray, from *os*, *or*-, mouth.

**oral.** From L. *os*, *or*-, mouth.

**orange.** F. *orange*, Sp. *naranja* (cf. Port. *laranja*), Arab. *nāranj*, Pers. *nārang*; cf. It. *arancia*, earlier *narancia*, Hind. *nārangī*, Sanskrit *nāraṅga*; also MedL. *aranga*, *arantha*, altered to *aurantha* by association with *aurum*, gold, which perh. also explains F. *orange* for *\*arange*. Loss of *n*- is due to confusion with indef. art.; cf. *adder*, *apron*, etc.

**Orangeman** [*hol*]. Partisan of William III of Orange, from a small F. town (Vaucluse).

**orang-outang.** Malay *orang utan*, man of the woods.

**orator.** L., from *orare*, to speak, from *os*, *or*-, mouth.

**oratorio.** It. Orig. (16 cent.) mus. service in the *oratory*, chapel for prayer, of St Philip Neri at Rome, Church L. *oratorium*, from *orare*, to speak, pray (v.s.).

**orb.** F. *orbe*, L. *orbis*, circle, disk, etc. Hence *orbit*, *orbicular*.

**orc, ork.** L. *orca*, cetacean. Vaguely used, by association with L. *Orcus*, hell, of myth. monsters in gen.

**Orcadian.** From L. *Orcades*, the Orkneys.

**orchard.** AS. *orþgeard*, ? pleon. formation from VL. *ortus*, for *hortus*, garden, and cogn. AS. *geard*, yard<sup>2</sup>, garth (cf. Goth. *aurtigards*), ? or first element from Teut. by-form of *wort*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.); cf. AS. *wyrþgeard*.

**orchestra.** G. *ὀρχήστρα*, space where chorus danced, from *ὀρχέσθαι*, to dance.

**orchid.** From ModL. *orchideae*, from G. *ὄρχις*, testicle, from shape of tuber.

**orchil.** See *archil*.

**ordain.** From tonic stem (*ordein*-) of OF. *ordener* (replaced by *ordonner*), L. *ordinare*, from *ordo*, *ordin*-, order. Cf. *ordination*.

**ordeal.** AS. *ordāl*, *ordēl*, judicial test. Second element is ident. with *dealt*<sup>1</sup>, *dole*<sup>2</sup>, first is only E. survival of prefix *or*-, out, cogn. with Du. *oor*-, Ger. *ur*-, Goth. *us*-; cf. Du. *oordeel*, Ger. *urteil*, judgment, decision.

**order.** F. *ordre*, L. *ordo*, *ordin*-, from *ordin*, to begin (to weave). For ending cf. *coffer*.

**ordinal.** Late L. *ordinalis*, from *ordo*, *ordin*-(v.s.).

**ordinance.** OF. *ordenance* (replaced by *ordonnance*), from *ordener*, to ordain (q.v.).

**ordinary.** OF. *ordinarie* (Mod. *ordinaire*), L. *ordinarius*, from *ordo*, *ordin*-(v.s.).

**ordination.** See *ordain*.

**ordnance.** Contr. of *ordinance* in spec. senses.

**ordure.** F. *ordure*, from OF. *ord*, disgusting, L. *horridus*.

**ore.** Sense from AS. *ōra*, ore, cogn. with Du. *oer*; form from AS. *ār*, brass, bronze, cogn. with obs. Du. *eer*, MHG. *ēr*, ON. *eir*, Goth. *air*; cf. L. *aes*, *aer*-, brass.

**oread.** From G. *ὀρειάς*, *ὀρειάδ*-, mountain nymph, from *ὄρος*, mountain.

**orectic.** Appetitive. G. *ὀρεκτικός*, from *ὀρέγειν*, to stretch out.

**orfray.** See *orphrey*.

**organ.** F. *organe*, L. *organa*, neut. pl., from G. *ὄργανον*, instrument, cogn. with *ἔργον*, work.

**organdie.** Muslin. F. *organdi*, ? connected with *organzine*.

**organzine.** Silk thread. F. *organzin*, It. *organzino*, from *Urgendj*, Turkestan, early mart for Chin. silks.

**orgasm.** F. *orgasme*, from G. *ὄργαν*, to swell, be excited.

**orgeat.** F. *orgeat*, sirup, from *orge*, barley, L. *hordeum*. A Prov. word.

**orgies.** From G. *ὄργια* (pl.), secret rites, esp. of Dionysos.

**orgulous** [*archarc*]. F. *orgueilleux*, from *orgueil*, pride, of Teut. origin; cf. It. *orgoglio*.

**oriel.** OF. *oriol*, MedL. *aureolum*, by

dissim. for Late L. *aulaeolum*, from *aulaeum*, curtain (q v.), but used rather as dim. of *aula*, hall. The *oriel* was orig. a side chapel or little sanctum.

**orient.** From pres. part. of L. *oriri*, to rise. *Orientation* is adapted from F. *s'orienter*, to take one's bearings, prop. to face the east.

**orifice.** F. *orifice*, Late L. *orificium*, from *os*, *or*-, mouth, *facere*, to make.

**oriflamme** [hist.]. F. *oriflamme*, OF. *ore flame*, L. *aurea flamma*, golden flame, name of sacred banner of St Denis.

**origan-um.** Wild marjoram. L. *origanum*, G. *ὀρίγανον*, ? from *ὀρος*, mountain, *γάνος*, brightness.

**origin.** F. *origine*, L. *origo*, *origin*-, from *orn*, to rise

**oriole.** Bird. OF. *orol*, L. *aureolus*, golden. Cf. *loriot*.

**Orion.** G. *Ὠρίων*, giant slain by Artemis.

**orison** [poet]. AF. *oreison*, F. *oraison*, as *orathon* (see *orator*).

**ork.** See *orc*.

**orle** [her]. F. *orle*, VL. *\*orulum*, dim. from *ora*, border, hem.

**Orleanist** [hist.]. F. *orléaniste*, partisan of Duke of Orleans, younger brother of Louis XIV, and his descendants.

**orlop** [naut.]. Orig. deck covering whole of hold. Earlier *overlop*, Du. *overloop*, from *overloopen*, to run over (see *leap*).

**ormer.** Mollusc, "sea-ear." Channel Isl. F. *ormer*, L. *aureus maris*. Also called *oreille de mer*.

**ormolu.** F. *or moulu*, lit. ground gold, from p.p. of *moudre*, OF. *moldre*, L. *molere*.

**ornament.** L. *ornamentum*, from *ornare*, to adorn, ? contr. of *ordinare*.

**ornithology.** From G. *ὄρνις*, *ὄρνιθ*-, bird. Cf. *ornithorhynchus*, duck-billed platypus (Austral.), from G. *ὄρνις*, bill.

**orography, orology.** From G. *ὄρος*, mountain.

**oronoco, oronoko.** Tobacco, from Virginia, and prob. not connected with river Orinoco.

**orotund.** Playful coinage from L. *ore rotundo*, with round mouth (Hor. *Ars Poet.* 323).

**orphan.** G. *ὀρφανός*, from *\*ὀρφός*, bereft, cogn with L. *orbus*.

**Orphic.** G. *Ὀρφικός*, from *Ὀρφεύς*, myth. musician of Thrace, later regarded as philosophical adept.

**orphrey, orfray** [archaic]. Rich embroidery. False sing. from OF. *orfreis* (Mod *orfroi*), from L. *aureum*, ? and *Phrygium* (see *frieze*).

**orpiment.** Yellow arsenic. F. *orpiment*, L. *aureipigmentum*, pigment of gold.

**orpin.** Plant. App shortened from *orpiment*, with which it is synon. in OF.

**orpington.** Fowl from *Orpington*, Kent.

**orrery.** Invented (c. 1700) by George Graham and named after Charles Boyle, Earl of Orrery (Cork).

**orris.** Esp. in *orris-root*. Ident. with *iris*, form having perh. been affected by association with *liquorice*, *licoris*, both plants having sweet root. The It. is *ireos*, app. from G. *ἰριος ῥίζα*, where *ῥιριος* is a var. genitive of *ῥιρις*.

**ort** [archaic]. Fragment of food. Cf. archaic Du. *orete*, *oorate*, LG. *ort*, Sw. dial. *oråte*, in which first element is cogn. with *or*- of *ordeal* and second with *eat*.

**orthodox.** G. *ὀρθόδοξος*, from *ὀρθός*, straight, right, *δόξα*, opinion, from *δοκέω*, to seem. Cf. *orthoepey*, G. *ἔπος*, *ἔπε*-, word; *orthography*, G. *γράφειν*, to write; *orthopaedy*, G. *παίδιον*, child, *παίδεια*, rearing, *orthopterous*, G. *πτερόν*, wing.

**ortolan.** F. *ortolan*, It. *ortolano*, lit. gardener, L. *hortulanus*, from *hortus*, garden.

**orvietan** [hist.]. Antidote, "Venice treacle." F. *orvietan*, It. *orvietano*, from *Orvieto* (It.), where inventor lived.

**oryx.** Scient. name of gemsbok. G. *ὄρυξ*, pick-axe, earlier applied to N Afr. antelope with pointed horns.

**Oscan** [ling.]. Ancient It. dial. akin to L.

**oscillate.** From L. *oscillare*, to swing. **oscitant.** Drowsy. From pres. part. of L. *oscitare*, to yawn, from *os*, mouth, *citare*, to put in motion, frequent. of *ciere*, to stir.

**osculate.** From L. *osculari*, from *osculum*, kiss, lit. little mouth (v s.).

**osier.** F. *osier*, of unknown origin. Cf. Late L. *ausaria*, *osaria*, bed of willows.

**-osis.** G. *-ωσις*, suffix of condition.

**Osmanli.** Of *Osman*, Turk. pronunc. of Arab. *Othmān*. See *Ottoman*.

**osmium** [chem.]. From G. *ὀσμή*, odour.

**osmosis.** Intermixture, diffusion. From G. *ὠσμός*, thrust, push

**osmund.** Fern. F. *osmonde*, of unknown origin.

**osprey.** Ult. L. *ossifraga*, lit. bone-breaker (cf. *sawfrage*), whence also F. *orfraie*, for \**osfraie*.

**osram** [neol.]. Electric lamp with filament of osmium and wolfram.

**osseous.** From L. *osseus*, from *os*, *oss*, bone.

**Ossianic.** Of *Ossian*, anglicized by MacPherson from Gael. *Oisín*, name of bard whose works he claimed to have collected and translated (1760-3).

**ossifrage** [Bibl.]. See *osprey*.

**ossuary.** After *mortuary* from L. *os*, *oss*, bone.

**ostensible.** MedL. *ostensibilis*, from *ostendere*, *ostens-*, to show, compd. of *tendere*, to stretch. With *ostensory*, monstrence, cf. F. *ostensor*, MedL. *ostensorium*.

**osteology.** From G. *ὀστέον*, bone.

**ostia** [eccl.]. Doorkeeper. L. *ostarius*, from *ostium*, door, cf. *usher*.

**ostler.** Ident. with *hostler*, OF. *hostelier*, from *hostel* (q.v.). Orig. inn-keeper, but early associated with 'osses.

**ostracize.** G. *ὀστρακίζειν*, from *ὀστρακον*, earthen vessel, potsherd, because name of person whose banishment was voted was written on piece of pottery. Perh. orig. shell (see *oyster*).

**ostreo-**. See *oyster*.

**ostrich.** OF. *austruce*, *austruche* (Mod. *autruche*), VL. *avis struthio*, from Late G. *στρουθίον*, ostrich; cf. Sp. *avestruz*. The simplex appears in It. *struzzo*, Ger. *strauss*, AS. *strȳta*. In class. G. usu. *ὁ μέγας στρουθός*, lit. the big sparrow.

**Ostrogoths** [hist.]. Late L. *Ostrogothi*, East Goths.

**other.** AS. *ōther*. An Aryan compar. formation; cf. Du. Ger. *ander*, ON. *annarr*, Goth. *anþar*, Sanskrit *antara*, and prob. L. *alter*, *alvus*, G. *ἄλλος*. For dial. *otherguess* see *guess*<sup>2</sup>.

**otiose.** L. *otiosus*, from *otium*, ease.

**otology.** Study of the ear, G. *ὠτς*, *ὠτ-*.

**ottava rima** [metr.]. It., lit. eighth rime.

**otter.** AS *oter*, *ottor*. Aryan; cf. Du. Ger. *otter*, ON. *otr*, G. *ῶδωρ*, water, *ῶδρα*, hydra, water-snake, OPers. *udra*, otter; ult. cogn. with *water*.

**otto.** Obs. bicycle. From inventor's name (1877).

**Ottoman.** From *Othmān*, founder (c. 1300) of Turk. dynasty. Cf. *Osmanli*. Hence *ottoman* (c. 1800), suggesting an oriental couch.

**otto of roses.** See *attar*.

**oubliette** [hist.]. Secret dungeon. F., from *oublier*, to forget, VL. \**oblitare*, from *oblivisci*, *obliti*, to forget.

**ouch** [Bibl.]. Brooch, clasp, etc. For *nouch* (cf. *auger*, *apron*), OF *nouche*, OHG. *nuscha*. Of Celt. origin; cf. Ir. *nasc*, ring.

**ought.** Verb. Past tense of *owe* (q.v.).

**ouija board** [spirit.]. Arbitrarily formed from F. *oui*, yes, Ger. *ja*, yes.

**ounce**<sup>1</sup>. Weight. F. *once*, L. *uncia*, twelfth of pound or foot; cf. *inch*<sup>1</sup>.

**ounce**<sup>2</sup>. Animal. F. *once*, for OF. *lonce* (taken as *l'once*), VL. \**lyncea*, for *lyncea*, from *lynx*; cf. It. *lonza*, "a beast called an ounce" (Flor.).

**our.** AS *ūre*, for *ūsera* (cf. *us*), genitive of *wē*. Com. Teut.; cf. OSax. *ūser*, Ger. *unser*, Goth. *unsara*.

**ourali.** See *curare*.

**ousel.** See *ousel*.

**oust.** AF. *oustier*, OF. *oster* (Mod. *ôter*), ? VL. \**absistere*, from *absitus*, out of sight, remote.

**out.** AS. *ūt*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *ut*, Ger. *aus*, ON. Goth. *ūt*.

**outcaste.** From *caste* (q.v.). Formation influenced by *outcast*.

**out-Herod.** To exaggerate a part (*Hamlet*. iii. 2), *Herod* being stock braggart and bully of early rel. drama.

**outland.** AS. *ūtiland*, out land, foreign country. Hence *outlandish*, orig. foreign. Cf. *outlander*.

**outlaw.** ON *ūtlagi*, from *ūtlagi*, outlawed, banished.

**outrage.** F. *outrage*, from *outr*, beyond, L. *ultra*; cf. It. *oltraggio*.

**outrance.** F., only in *à outrance*, from *outrer*, to go beyond (v.s.). Altered in E. to *utterance* (*Macbeth*. iii. 1).

**outré.** F., exaggerated (v.s.).

**outrecuidance** [archaic]. Arrogance. Archaic F. *outrecuidance*, from *outrécuidier*, L. *ultra cogitare* (cf. *overweening*).

**outtrigger** [naut.]. Altered (on *rig*<sup>1</sup>) from earlier *outligger* (15 cent.), Du. *uitlegger*, lit. outlyer.

**outspan** [SAfr.]. Du. *uitspannen*, to out span, unharness team.

**outstrip.** See *strip*<sup>2</sup>.

**ousel, ouzel.** AS. *ōsle*, blackbird, cogn. with Ger. *amsel*, OHG. *amsala*, of which first element may be cogn. with (yellow)-hammer (q.v.).

**oval.** F. *oval*, from L. *ovum*, egg, cogn. with G. *ᾠόν*. Cf. *ovate*, L. *ovatus*;

*ovary*, F. *ovaire*.

**ovation.** L. *ovatio-n-*, triumph on

smaller scale, from *ovare*, to exult, rejoice, prob. imit. of shout.

**oven.** AS. *ofn*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *oven*, Ger. *ofen*, ON. *ofn*, Goth. *auhns*; cogn. with G. *imós*, oven, furnace, Sanskrit *ukha*, cooking-pot, which was no doubt orig. meaning.

**over.** AS. *ofer*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *over*, Ger. *ober*, *über*, ON. *yfer*, Goth. *ufar*; cogn. with G. *úpér*, L. *super*, Sanskrit *upari*. These are all comparative formations from element which appears in E. *up*.

**overhaul.** Orig. naut., to slacken a rope so as to take off strain; later, to pull rigging apart for examination. In sense of overtaking it replaces earlier *overhale*. See *hale*<sup>2</sup>, *haul*.

**overlap.** See *lap*<sup>1</sup>.

**overplus.** Partial transl. of F. *surplus* (q.v.).

**overslaugh** [*ml.*]. Passing over one's ordinary turn of duty. Du. *overslag*, from *slagen*, to strike (cf. Ger. *überschlagen*, to omit, skip). In gen. sense in US.

**overt.** OF. *overt* (Mod. *ouvert*), p.p. of *ouvrir* (Mod. *ouvrir*), app. L. *aperire*, to open, early influenced by opposite *couvrir* (Mod. *couvrir*), to cover (q.v.).

**overture.** OF. *overture* (Mod. *ouverture*), opening. See *overt*.

**overween.** Now usu. in adj. *overweening*, from AS. *oferwenian*, to become insolent. See *ween*, and cf. *outrageance*.

**overwhelm.** See *whelm*.

**oviparous.** From L. *oviparus*, from *ovum*, egg, *parere*, to bring forth.

**ovo-.** From L. *ovum* (v.s.).

**owe.** AS. *āgan*, to have, own. Com. Teut.; cf. OSax. *ēgan*, OHG *eigan*, ON. *eiga*, Goth. *agan*. Survives only in E. & Scand. (Sw. *āga*, Dan. *eie*, to have, own). See *own*, *ought*.

**Owenism.** System of Robert Owen, communistic theorist (†1858).

**owl.** AS. *ūle*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *uil*, Ger. *eule*, ON. *ugla*. Orig. imit. of cry; cf. L. *ulula*, owl, *ululare*, to screech. *Owlet* is altered (on owl) from earlier *howlet* (q.v.).

**own.** AS. *āgen*, *āgen*. Orig. p.p. of *owe* (q.v.); cf. OSax *ēgan*, Ger. *eigen*, ON. *eiginn*, Goth. *agans*. Verb to own is AS. *āgnian*, from adj.

**ox.** AS. *oxa*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *os*, Ger. *ochse*, ON. *uxe*, Goth. *auhsa*; cogn. with Welsh *ych*, Sanskrit *ukshan*.

**oxalic.** F. *oxalique*, from G. *ὀξύς*, from *ὀξύς*, sour, acid.

**oxgang** [*hist.*]. AS. *oxangang*, bovine (q.v.).

**oxide.** F. *oxide*, from G. *ὀξύς*, sour, with ending of *acide*.

**oxlip.** For *oxslip*, AS. *oxanslyppe*. See *cowslip*.

**Oxon.** Signature of bishop of Oxford (v.i.).

**Oxonian.** From MedL. *Oxonia*, from *Oxenford*, Oxford. Cf. *Cantab*.

**oxygen.** From G. *ὀξύς*, sour, *γεν-*, producing.

**oxymoron** [*rhet.*]. Association of incongruous terms. Neut. of G. *ὀξύμωρος*, pointedly foolish, from *ὀξύς*, sharp, *μωρός*, foolish.

**oxytone** [*gram.*]. Accented on last syllable. G. *ὀξύτονος*, with acute (v.s.) accent. See *tone*.

**oyer and terminer** [*leg.*]. Commission of judges, to hear and decide. AF. *oyer*, OF. *oir* (Mod. *ouïr*), L. *audire*. Hence also the crier's *oyez* or *o yes!*

**oyster.** OF. *oistre*, *ustre* (Mod. *huître*), G. *ὀστρεον*, cogn. with *δοτέον*, bone, shell.

**ozokerit.** Fossil resin. From G. *ὀζευ*, to smell, *κηρός*, bees-wax.

**ozone.** F. *ozone*, from G. *ὀζευ*, to smell.

**Ps and Qs, to mind one's.** App. from confusion between *p* and *q* of children learning to write. ? Or for *pints* and *quarts*.

**pa.** Cf. *papa*.

**paauw.** Bustard (SAfr.). Du., peacock (q.v.).

**pabulum.** L., cogn. with *pasci*, to feed.

**paca.** SAMer. rodent. Sp., from Brazil.

**pacable.** L. *pacabilis*, from *pacare*, to appease, from *pax*, *pac-*, peace.

**pace.** Step. F. *pas*, L. *passus*, from *pandere*, *pass-*, to stretch.

**pace<sup>2</sup>.** Abl. of L. *pax*, *pac-*, peace, as in *pace tua*, with all deference to you.

**pacha.** See *pasha*.

**pachisi.** Board-game in India. From Hind. *pach(ch)īs*, twenty-five.

**pachyderm.** G. *παχύδερμος*, from *παχύς*, thick, *δέρμα*, skin.

**pacific.** F. *pacifique*, L. *pacificus*, peace-making, from *pax*, *pac-*, peace, *facere*, to make. The ocean was named (c. 1500) by Magellan. Cf. *pacifist*, incorr. for *pacifist*.

**pack.** Early loan from Du., due to the wool-trade with Flanders; cf. Du

LG *pak*, whence also Ger. *pack*; ? ult. cogn. with *bag*. Cf. *package*, orig. the act of packing, *packet*, AF. dim. of *pack*.

**pact**. F. *pacte*, L. *pactus*, from *paci-scere*, *pacti*-, to covenant, cogn. with *pangere*, *pacti*-, to fasten.

**Pactolian**. From G. Πακτωλός, river of Lydia with golden sands.

**pad<sup>1</sup>**. Cushion, etc. Sense of elastic cushion of foot (of camel, etc.) is app. cogn. with obs. Du *pad*, *patte*, "palma pedis, planta pedis" (Kil.), LG. *pad*. This sense is late in E. and can hardly have given the gen. meaning.

**pad<sup>2</sup>**. In *footpad* (q.v.). Du *pad*, road, path (q.v.), whence *gentleman of the pad*, i.e. highwayman. With *pad*, horse, cf. *roadster*.

**pad<sup>3</sup>**. Basket. Var. of dial. *ped* (see *pedlar*).

**paddle<sup>1</sup>**. Noun. Orig. (c. 1400) spade-like implement (*Deut.* xxiii. 13). Origin unknown.

**paddle<sup>2</sup>**. Verb. ? From *pad<sup>1</sup>* in sense of foot, paw, ? or from *pad<sup>2</sup>*, path. Cf. LG. *paddeln*, to tramp, and synon. F. *patrouiller*, *patauger*, app. from *patte*, paw (see *patrol*).

**paddock**. Alteration of earlier *parrock*, AS. *pearroc* (see *park*). For change of consonant cf. *pediment*.

**paddy**. Malay *pādī*, rice in the straw.

**Paddy**. Irishman. Short for *Padraig*, *Patrick*, patron saint of Ireland. Also used of (presumably Irish) frenzy of rage.

**paddymelon**. Small kangaroo. Corrupt. of Austral. native name.

**padishah**. Pers. *pādshāh* (in Turk *pādīshāh*), of which first element is Sanskrit *pati*, lord, ruler. See *shah*.

**padlock**. From 15 cent. First element is of unknown origin.

**padre**. Port. *padre*, L. *pater*. Its use in E. comes from Port. via Urdu *padri*, Christian priest.

**padrone**. It. *padrone*, MedL. *patro-n-*, for L. *patronus*. Cf. F. *patron*, the gov'nor.

**paduasoy** [archaic]. Alteration of earlier *poudesoy*, F. *pou-de-soie*, *pout-de-soie*, with first element of unknown origin. The alteration is due to confusion with obs. *Padua say*, from obs. *say<sup>2</sup>*, serge, manufactured at *Padua*.

**paean**. L. *paean*, G. *παῖν*, hymn, chant, from Ἰὼ Παῖν, imit. words of invocation to Apollo under name Παῖν, Homeric name of physician of gods.

**paederast**. G. παιδεραστής, from παῖς, παιδ-, boy, ἐραστής, lover.

**paean** [metr.]. Attic G. παιών, paean (q.v.).

**pagan**. L. *paganus*, rustic, from *pagus*, canton, district. The Roman soldier used *paganus*, "yokel," as contemptuous name for a civilian, or for an incompetent soldier, and, when the early Church adopted *miles* (*Christi*) in the fig. sense of soldier (of Christ), *paganus* was also taken over from colloq. L., as its natural opposite, to connote one who was not a good soldier of Christ.

**page<sup>1</sup>**. Lad, etc. F. *page*; cf. It. *paggio*, Sp. *page*, MedL. *pagius* Origin obscure. ? L. *pathicus*, G. παθικός, boy kept for unnatural vice, lit. sufferer. The word was app. at first contemptuous.

**page<sup>2</sup>**. Of a book. F. *page*, L. *pagina*, from root *pag* of *pangere*, to fasten.

**pageant**. ME. *pagyn* (Wyc.), AL. *pagina*. App. *pagina* (v.s.) assumed the sense of the related L. *pegma*, G. πῆγμα, movable scaffold for theatrical use (roots *pag*, *πηγ*, to make fast).

**pagination**. F., from *pagner*, to number pages (see *page<sup>2</sup>*).

**pagne**. Loin-cloth. F. *pagne*, Sp. *pañó*, L. *pannus*, cloth.

**pagoda**. Earlier *pagod*, Port *pagode*, prob. corrupted from Pers. *but-kadah*, idol house.

**pagri**. See *puggaree*.

**pagurian**. Hermit crab. From G. *πάγουρος*, lit. hard tail.

**pah<sup>1</sup>**. Interj. Natural exclamation of disgust.

**pah<sup>2</sup>, pa**. Native fort in New Zealand. Maori.

**Pahlavi, Pehlevi** [ling.]. Archaic Persian. Pers. *Pahlavi*, Parthian, name given by followers of Zoroaster to lang of their sacred books.

**pail**. AS. *pægel*, small measure, would give mod. form; but OF. *paele* (Mod. *poêle*), frying-pan, etc., L. *patella*, dim. of *patina*, dish, would explain final -e always found in ME. Neither etymon will account for sense.

**paillasse, palliasso**. F. *paillasse*, from *paille*, straw, L. *palea*. Cf. *pallet<sup>1</sup>*

**paillette**. Spangle. F, dim of *paille*, straw (v.s.).

**pain**. F. *peine*, L. *poena*, penalty. See *pine<sup>2</sup>*.

**paint**. F. *peint*, p p. of *peindre*, L. *pingere*.

**painter** [naut.]. ME. *peyntour*, rope or

chain by which anchor is held to ship's side (now called *shank-painter*). Current sense from c. 1700. OF. *pentour*, *penoir*, *penoirre*, etc., used in naut. lang. of various suspensory tackle, ult. from *pendre*, to hang, from L. *pendere*.

**pair.** F. *paire*, L. *paria*, neut. pl. of *par*, equal, peer.

**pal.** E. Gipsy *pal*; cf. Turk. Gipsy *pral*, *phral*, brother, ult. cogn. with Sanskrit *bhrātri*, brother.

**palabra.** Sp., word. See *palaver*.

**palace.** F. *palais*, L. *palatium*. Orig. applied to imperial residences on *Mons Palatinus* at Rome, prob. from stake (*pālus*) enclosure.

**paladin.** F. *paladin*, It. *paladino*, L. *palatinus*, of a palace. Orig. applied to Charlemagne's twelve peers.

**palaeography, paleography.** From G. *palaiós*, ancient. Cf. *palaeohitic*, from *lithos*, stone; *palaeontology*, from G. *ōnta*, neut. pl. of *ōn*, being; *palaeozoic*, from *ζωή*, life.

**palaestra.** G. *palaiōstra*, from *palaiēin*, to wrestle.

**palafitte.** Lake-dwelling. F. *palafitte*, It. *palafitta*, from *palo*, stake, *pale*<sup>1</sup>, *fitto*, fixed.

**palanquin.** Port. *palanquin*, supposed to be nasalized from Hind *pālkhī* (whence E. *palkee*), Sanskrit *paryāṅka*, *palyāṅka*, bed. The Port. form is app. due to association with Sp. *palanca*, pole for carrying weights, cowlstaff, VL. *palanga*, G. *φαλάγγη* (in pl. only), whence also F. *palan*, lifting tackle, etc.

**palate.** L. *palatum*, cogn. with *palear*, dewlap.

**palatial.** From L. *palatium*, palace (q.v.)

**palatine** [hist.]. F. *palatin*, L. *palatinus*, from *palatium*, palace. Orig. of the imperial palace of the Caesars. In sense of fur tippet, F. *palatine*, from the *Princess Palatine*, wife of Duke of Orleans (17 cent.).

**palaver.** Port. *palavra*, word, speech, L. *parabola*, parable (q.v.), whence also Sp. *palabra*, F. *parole*.

**pale**<sup>1</sup>. Noun. F. *pal*, L. *pālus*, stake, ult. cogn. with *pangere*, to fix. Hence *palings*.

**pale**<sup>2</sup>. Adj. F. *pâle*, from L. *pallidus*, from *pullere*, to be pale.

**paleo-**. See *paleo-*.

**palestra.** See *palaestra*.

**paletot.** F. *paletot*, OF. *paltoc*, *palletoc*, which is prob. ME. *paltok*; cf.

Sp. *paletoque* (from F.). Origin obscure. First element may be OF. *palle*, cloak, L. *palla*.

**palette.** F. *palette*, dim. of *pale*, shovel, oar-blade, L. *pala*.

**palfrey.** OF. *palefrei* (Mod. *palefroi*), Late L. *palafredus*, by dissim. from Late L. *parafredus*, *paraveredus*, from G. *παρά*, beside, L. *veredus*, light horse, of Celt. origin and cogn. with Welsh *gorwydd*, horse. Cf. It. *palafrreno*, Sp. *palafrén*, both corrupted by association with L. *frenum*, bridle; also Du. *paard*, Ger. *pferd* (OHG. *pharifrūd*).

**Pali** [ling.]. Short for Sanskrit *pāli-bhāṣā*, lang. of canonical texts, lit. line language.

**palikar** [hist.]. Greek or Albanian mil. chief. ModG. *παλικάρ*, lad, from G. *πάλλαξ*, youth.

**palimpsest.** Parchment twice written on. G. *παλινψηστος*, from *πάλιν*, again, *ψήν*, to rub smooth.

**palindrome.** Word or phrase spelt alike backward or forward. G. *παλινδρομος*, from *πάλιν*, again, *δραμεῖν*, to run. Cf. *palingenesis*, re-birth; *palinode*, re-creation.

**paling.** See *pale*<sup>1</sup>.

**palisade.** F. *palissade*, formed by analogy with other mil. words in *-ade* (q.v.) from *palisser*, to fence, from *pālis*, pale, from *pal*, stake. See *pale*<sup>1</sup>.

**palkee.** See *palanquin*.

**pall**<sup>1</sup>. Noun. AS. *þæll*, cloak, pall, L. *pallium*.

**pall**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. Aphet. form of *appal* (q.v.), in etym. sense of losing colour, and hence flavour. Cf. *peal* for *appeal*.

**Palladian** [arch.]. Of *Andrea Palladio*, Roman architect (†1580).

**palladium**<sup>1</sup>. L. *palladium*, G. *παλλάδιον*, image of *Pallas* Athene, supposed to protect citadel of Troy.

**palladium**<sup>2</sup> [chem.]. Metal. Named (1803) in honour of recently discovered asteroid *Pallas*.

**pallet**<sup>1</sup>. Straw mattress. AF. *paillette*, dim. of F. *paille*, straw, L. *palea*. Cf. *paillasse*.

**pallet**<sup>2</sup>. In various techn. senses; ident. with *palette*.

**palliasse.** See *paillasse*.

**palliate.** From Late L. *palliare*, to disguise, from *pallium*, cloak.

**pallid.** L. *pallidus*. See *pale*<sup>2</sup>.

**pallium.** L., cloak, etc. See *pall*<sup>1</sup>.

**pall-mall** [hist.]. OF. *palemail*, It. *pallamaglio*, lit. ball mallet (from a Lombard form of Teut. *ball*), name of game popular in 16-17 cents.; also

applied to path or walk where it was played. Cf. *mall*.

**pallor**. L., see *pale*<sup>2</sup>.

**palm**<sup>1</sup>. Tree. AS. *palm*, L. *palma*, a transferred use of *palma*, palm of the hand (v.i.), from the spreading fronds.

**palm**<sup>2</sup>. Of hand. L. *palma* (v.s.), cogn. with G. *παλμῆ* and AS. *folm* (see *fumble*). To *palm* (off) is from juggling, cheating at cards, etc. *Palmistry* is for *palm mystery*<sup>2</sup> (q.v.).

**palma Christi**. Castor-oil plant. From shape of leaves. See *palm*<sup>1</sup>.

**palmate** [bot.]. Web-footed. L. *pal-matus*, from *palma*, *palm*<sup>2</sup>.

**palmier** [hist.]. OF. *palmier*, *paumier*, MedL. *palmarius*, from *palma*, *palm*<sup>1</sup>. Orig. pilgrim returning with palm-branch gathered in Holy Land. The *palmier-worm* (Joel 1. 4) is nicknamed from wandering habits.

**palmetto**. Altered, as though It., from Sp. *palmito*, dwarf fan-palm (see *palm*<sup>1</sup>).

**palmiped** [bot.]. L. *palmipes*, -ped-, palm-footed. Cf. *palmate*.

**palmey**. From *palm*<sup>1</sup>.

**palmeyra**. Kind of palm-tree. Port. *palmeira* or Sp. *palmera*, from L. *palma*, erron. associated with *Palmyra* (Syria).

**palpable**. F. *palpable*, Late L. *pal-pabilis*, from *palpare*, to feel, handle gently.

**palpebral** [anat.]. Late L. *palpebralis*, from *palpebra*, eyelid, cogn. with *palpitare*.

**palpitate**. L. *palpitare*, frequent. of *palpare*. See *palpable*.

**palsgrave** [hist.]. Count palatine. Arch-aic Du. *paltgrave* (Mod. *paltsgraaf*), MHG. *pfalzgrave* (Mod. *pfalzgraf*), lit. palace count. Cf. *landgrave*, *margrave*.

**pallstave** [antig.]. Kind of celt. ON. *pálstafr*, lit. spade stave, but this may be folk-etym. for AS. *pálstr*, spike.

**palsy**. Contr. of OF. & ME. *paralysie*, VL. \**paralysisia*, for *paralysis* (q.v.).

**palter**. From 16 cent. App. frequent. of an unrecorded verb to \**palt*. Both this word and *paltry* belong to a word *palt*, rag, app. of LG. origin, and occurring in Fris., Dan., Sw., etc. Cf. \*dial. E. *palt*, rubbish.

**paltry**. Orig. noun, rubbish, etc. For adj. use and sense-development cf. *trumpery*. See *palter*.

**paludal** [med.]. Of a marsh, L. *palus*, *palud-*. Cf. *palustral*, from L. *palustris*.

**paly** [her.]. F. *palé*, from *pal*, *pale*<sup>1</sup>.

**pam** [archaic]. Short for F. *pamphile*, card-game, knave of clubs. L. *Pamphilus* is G. *Πάμφιλος*, beloved of all. Cf. *pamphlet*. *Pam* was also used as nickname of Lord Palmerston (†1865).

**pampa**. Sp. *pampa*, Peruv. *bamba*, *pampa*, steppe, flat. Usu. in pl.

**pamper**. Orig. to cram with food. Frequent. of obs. *pamp*, *pomp*; cf. Ger. dial. *pampen*, Bav. *pampfen*, to gorge W.Flem. *pamperen* has same meaning. ? Ult. cogn. with *pap*.

**pampero**. SAMer. wind. Sp., from *pampa* (q.v.).

**pamphlet**. AL. *panfletus* (14 cent.), from OF. *Pamphlet*, name of MedL. amatory poem *Pamphilus, seu de Amore* (12 cent.), taken as type of small book.

**pampin-**. From L. *pampinus*, tendril. **pan**. AS *panne*. WGer.; cf. Du. *pan*, Ger. *pfanne*. Some authorities consider it a very early loan from VL. *panna* for L. *patina*.

**Pan**. See *pan-*.

**pan-**. G. *pān*, neut. of *pās*, all; also *pant-*, *panto-*. The association of this word with the name of the Arcadian god Πάν has led to his being later regarded as personification of nature.

**panacea**. L. *panacea*, G. *πανάκεια*, from *πανακής*, all-healing, from *ἰασθαι*, to heal.

**panache** [archaic]. Plume. F. *panache*, It. *pennacchio*, from *penna*, feather.

**panada**. Pulped food. Sp. *panada* or It. *panata*, from L. *panis*, bread.

**panama**. Misnomer for hat made in SAMer., not at Panama.

**panax**. Plant. L. *panax*, from G. *πανακής*, all-healing.

**pancratium**. Athletic contest. L. *pancratium*, G. *παγκράτιον*, from *παν-*, all, *κράτος*, strength.

**pancreas**. Sweetbread. G., lit. all flesh, *κρέας*.

**panda**. Raccoon-like animal from Nepal. Native name.

**pandanus**. Tree. Latinized from Malay *pandan*.

**pandean**. In *pandean pipes* Irreg. from *Pan*. See *pan-*.

**pandect**. F. *pandecte*, L. *pandectes*, G. *πανδέκτης*, all receiver, from *δέχεσθαι*, to receive. Orig. compendium of Roman law compiled under Justinian.

**pandemic**. Cf. *endemic*, *epidemic*, and see *pan-*.

**pandemonium**. Coined by Milton (*Par. L.* i. 756). See *pan-*, *demon*.



**pander.** G. Πάνδαρος, prince who trad. acted as amatory agent between his niece Chryseis (Cressida) and the Trojan Trolius.

**pandit.** See *pundit*.

**pandora** [*archaic*]. It. *pandora*, L. *pandura*, G. πανδοῦρα, mus. instrument ascribed to the god *Pan*, but prob a perversion of some Eastern word. See *banjo*, *mandolin*.

**Pandora.** First mortal woman, made by Vulcan and endowed with gifts by all the gods and goddesses. The gift of Zeus was a box, containing, according to the earlier version, all human ills, according to the later, all blessings, of which only hope was saved at the opening of the box by Epimetheus. G. Πανδώρα, all-gifted

**pandour** [*hist*]. Croatian soldier. Serbo-Croat. *pandur*, earlier *bandur*, found in most SSLav. langs, and ult. from MedL. *banderius*, one under a banner (q.v.).

**pandy** [*chiefly Sc.*]. Stroke on hand with cane, etc. Short for L. *pande palmam* (*manum*), hold out your hand.

**Pandy** [*hist*]. Rebel sepoy (Indian Mutiny, 1857). *Pande*, a Brahmin name very common among high-caste sepoys, one of the name being the first to kill an officer at Barrackpur (March 29, 1857).

**pane.** F. *pan*, L. *pannus*, cloth, rag. Used in ME., like F. *pan*, of any flat section or surface. Cf. *panel*.

**panegyric.** G. πανηγυρικός, from πανήγυρις, general assembly, from παν-, all, ἀγορά, assembly.

**panel.** OF. *panel* (Mod. *panneau*), dim. of *pan* (see *pane*). In ME. esp. used of strip of parchment containing names of jurymen (*Piers Plowm.* B. iii. 315).

**pang.** Altered (15 cent.) from *prang*, for earlier *prong* (q.v.). Used esp. of pangs of death (*childbirth*); cf. ME. *prongys* of death.

**Pangloss.** Incurable optimist. Character in Voltaire's *Candide* (1759).

**pangolin.** Scaly ant-eater. Malay *peng-gōling*, roller, with ref. to habit of rolling itself into a ball.

**panic**<sup>1</sup>. Kind of grass. L. *panicum*.

**panic**<sup>2</sup>. Terror, etc. Orig. adj., as in *panic terror*. G. πανικός, of *Pan* (see *pan*-). From belief that mysterious sounds causing groundless fear were due to *Pan*.

**panicle** [*bot.*]. Cluster. L. *panicula*, dim. of *panus*, swelling, ear of millet.

**panification.** F. *panification*, from *panifier*, to make into bread, L. *panis*.

**panjandrum.** Burlesque title coined (1775) by Foote in the nonsense story, "She went into the garden to cut a cabbage-leaf, etc.," extemporized to test Macklin's memory.

**panlogism.** Ger. *panlogismus*, expressing Hegel's philosophy.

**pannage** [*hist*]. Right of pasturing swine. AF. *panage*, OF. *pasnage*, Late L. *pastionaticum*, from *pastio*-n-, from *pascere*, *past*-, to feed.

**pannier.** F. *panier*, L. *panarium*, bread-basket, from *panis*, bread. Also applied to basket-like contrivances for enlarging the hips. With *pannier*, walter in Inner Temple, cf. "boots," "buttons," etc.

**pannikin.** Coined from *pan* after *man-nikin*. Cf. *cannikin*.

**panoply.** G. πανοπλία, complete suit of armour of the δαλτης (see *hoplite*).

**panopticon.** Circular prison in which captives can be always watched. See *pan*-, *optic*.

**panorama.** From G. δράμα, view, from *ὄραν*, to see

**pan-pipe.** See *pan*-, *pandean*.

**pansophy.** Universal knowledge. From G. πάνσοφος, all wise.

**pansy.** F. *pensée*, "a thought, . . . also, the flower paunsie" (Cotg.), from *penser*, L. *pensare*, frequent of *pendere*, to weigh.

**pant.** App. shortened from OF. *pan-taisier*, later also *pantiser*, ? VL. \**phantasiare*, to have the nightmare. Cf. synonym. F. *pantelier*, also of obscure formation.

**pant-**. See *pan*-.

**Pantagruelian.** From *Pantagruel*, hero of Rabelais' burlesque romance (16 cent.).

**pantalettes.** Dim. formation from *pantaloon*.

**pantaloon.** F. *pantalon*, It. *pantalone*, name of comic old Venetian in the stock It. comedy, from *Pantaleone*, popular saint in Venice and favourite Venet. name. Hence *pantaloon*s, from costume of character (cf. *knickerbockers*). In US. of trousers in gen. and often shortened to *pants*.

**pantechnicon.** Coined (1830) from G. παν- and τεχνικός, relating to the arts, as name of bazaar in Motcomb St., Belgrave Sq., later converted into a storehouse for furniture.

**pantheist.** From G. παν-, all, θεός, god.

**pantheon.** G. *πάνθειον*, temple dedicated to all the gods (v.s.).

**panther.** G. *πάνθηρ*, pop explained as all-animal, but prob. of Oriental origin.

**pan tile.** Prop tile curved in such a way that the roof presents alternately ridges and channels, or "pans." Cf. Ger. *pfannenziegel*. In 18 cent applied to country dissenting chapels, roofed like cottages.

**pantisocracy.** Community of universal equality. See *pan-*, *iso(bar)*, *-cracy*.

**pantler** [*archaic*]. Altered (on *butler*) from ME. *panterer*, from *panter*, OF. *panetier*. See *pantry*.

**panto-**. See *pan-*.

**pantofle** [*archaic*]. F. *pantoufle*, whence also Du. Ger. *pantoffel*; cf. It. *pantofola*, Sp. *pantuflo*. Origin unknown.

**pantograph.** Copying-machine. Also incorr. *pentagraph*, as though from G. *πεντα*, five.

**pantomime.** F. *pantomime*, actor in dumb show, G. *παντόμιμος*, all mimic.

**pantoum** [*metr.*]. Malay *pantun*.

**pantry.** OF. *paneterie*, MedL. *panetaria*, from *pams*, bread, cogn. with *pasci*, to feed.

**pants.** See *pantaloon*.

**pap.** In both senses, breast-nipple, child's food, from baby lang. Cf. *papa*, *mamma*.

**papa.** F. *papa*; cf. It. *pappa*, "pap for children. Also the first word children use, as with us dad or daddie or bab" (Flor.). Orig. a baby word. Cf. Turk. *baba*, father, and see *pap*, *pope*.

**papacy.** MedL. *papatia*. Cf. *papal*, Church L. *papalis*; *papist*, MedL. *papista*. See *pope*.

**papaverous.** Of the poppy, L. *papaver*.

**papaw.** Wind fruit. Sp. Port. *papayo*, of Carib origin.

**paper.** F. *papier*, G. *πάπυρος*, Nile rush from which paper is made. Of Egypt. origin.

**Paphian.** Courtesan. Lit., inhabitant of *Paphos*, in Cyprus, sacred to Venus.

**papier-mâché.** F. for "chewed paper," from *mâcher*, L. *masticare*. An E. trade-word, unknown in F., and prob intended to mean "mashed" paper.

**papilionaceous.** Of the butterfly, L. *papilio-n-*.

**papilla** [*anat.*]. Nipple, etc. L., dim. of *papula*, blister, etc., of imit. origin (cf. *bubble*).

**papist.** See *papacy*.

**papoose.** Red Ind. baby. Native (Algonkin) word.

**papoosh.** Var. of *babouche* (q.v.).

**pappus** [*bot.*]. Downy appendage. G. *πάππος*.

**paprika** [*cook.*]. Used in Yugo-Slav. and Hung. From G. *πέπερι*, pepper.

**papyrus.** See *paper*.

**papula.** See *papilla*.

**par<sup>1</sup>.** L., equal.

**par<sup>2</sup>.** Journalistic for *paragraph*.

**par-**. F. *par-*, L. *per-*, through. Now usu. altered back to *per-*, e.g. *perfect* replaces ME. *parfit*.

**para.** Coin. Turk. *pārah*, piece.

**pará.** Rubber from *Pará*, Brazil.

**para<sup>-1</sup>.** G. *para-*, from *παρά*, by the side of, cogn. with E. *far*.

**para<sup>-2</sup>.** F. *para-*, It. *para*, imper. of *parare*, to ward off, parry, L. *parare*, to make ready.

**parabasis.** G. *παράβασις*, digression, from *παράβαιναι*, to step aside.

**parable.** OF. *parabole*, L. *parabola*, G. *παραβολή*, comparison, putting beside, application, from *παραβάλλειν*, to throw beside.

**parabola** [*math.*]. See *parable*.

**Paracelsian.** Of *Paracelsus*, name assumed by Hohenheim, Swiss physician, etc. (†1541), as a kind of transl. (L. *celsus*, high) of his own name.

**parachute.** F. See *para<sup>-2</sup>*, *chute*.

**Paraclete.** F. *paraclet*, G. *παράκλητος*, intercessor, lit. one called to help, from *παρακαλεῖν*, to call in.

**parade.** F. *parade*, It. *parata*, "a warding or defending; aighting or garish setting forth" (Flor.), from L. *parare*, to prepare, etc.

**paradigm.** F. *paradigme*, G. *παράδειγμα*, pattern, from *παradeiknύnai*, to show side by side.

**paradise.** F. *paradis*, L. *paradisus*, G. *παράδεισος*, OPers. *pairidaēza*, from *pairi*, around, *dis*, to form, whence ModPers. *firdaus*, garden. The two elements are cogn. with G. *περί*, around, and E. *dough*.

**parados** [*fort*]. Rear parapet. F., from *para<sup>-2</sup>* and *dos*, back.

**paradox.** G. *παράδοξος*, contrary to opinion, *δόξα*.

**paradoxure.** Palm cat. From its incredible (v.s.) tail, *οὐρ*.

**paraenesis** [*theol.*]. Exhortation. G. *παραίνεσις*, from *παραινεῖν*, from *αἰνεῖν*, to commend.

**paraffin.** From L. *parum*, too little, *affinis*, related, because of its little affinity with other bodies.

**paragoge** [*gram*]. Addition to word of letter or syllable. G. *παρὰγωγῆ*, leading past, from *ἀγέω*, to lead.

**paragon.** OF. *paragon* (Mod. *paragon*). It. *para(n)gone*. Of obscure origin. Oldest sense (14 cent. It.) appears to be touchstone. Perh. ult. from G. *παράκοναν*, to sharpen one thing against another, from *ἀκόνη*, whetstone.

**paragraph.** G. *παράγραφος*, written beside. Orig. the sign indicating a new section.

**parakeet, paroquet.** F. *perroquet* (OF. *paroquet*), It. *parrocchetto*, which is explained as a dim. of *parroco*, parson, VL. *\*parochus* (see *parish*); cf. F. *moineau*, sparrow, from *moine*, monk. Sp. *periquito* is a dim. of earlier *perico*, ident. with *Perico*, familiar for *Pedro*, Peter; cf. *parrot*. Prob. both are of one origin, but, as it is not known which is the older, it is impossible to say in which of the two langs. folk-etym. has been at work.

**parakite** [*aeron.*]. Coined from *para-* (*chute*), *kite*.

**paralipomena.** Supplementary matter. G., from *παράλειπειν*, to leave aside.

**parallax** [*astron.*]. Apparent displacement of object caused by change in view-point. G. *παράλλαξις*, from *παράλλασσεν*, to alter, from *ἄλλος*, other.

**parallel.** G. *παράλληλος*, beside one another, *ἄλληλος* (pl. only). Hence *parallelepipèd*, from *ἐπί*, upon, *πέδον*, ground; *parallelogram*, from *γραμμή*, line.

**paralogism.** Bad logic, fallacy. G. *παρολογισμός*, from *παρολογίζεσθαι*, to reason beside.

**paralysis.** G. *παράλυσις*, from *παράλυειν*, to loose from beside. See *palsy*.

**paramatta.** Fabric. ? From *Parramatta* (New South Wales); but perh. only fancy trade-name.

**paramo** [*geog.*]. S.Amer. plateau. Sp. *páramo*, of native origin.

**paramount.** F. *par amont*, upwards, lit. by uphill, L. *per ad montem*. Orig. an adv. in OF. & AF.

**paramour.** F. *par amour*, by love, L. *per amorem*. In ME. esp. in to love *par amour*, i.e. sexually, as a lover, as compared with other types of affection.

**parang.** Sheath-knife. Malay *pārang*.

**paranoia.** Insanity, esp. megalomania. G. *παράνοια*, beside mind, *νόος*, *νοῦς*.

**paranymph.** G. *παράνυμφος*, (m.) best man, (f.) bridesmaid, from *νύμφη*, bride.

**parapet.** F. *parapet*, It. *parapetto*,

guard breast, *petto*, L. *pectus*. See *para*-. Cf. *parados*.

**paraph.** Flourish after signature. F. *paraphe*, It. *parafo*, contracted from L. *paragraphus*.

**paraphernalia.** MedL. *paraphernalia*, neut. pl. of *paraphernalis*, from G. *παράφερα*, from *φενή*, dowry. Orig. articles belonging to wife in addition to her dowry.

**paraphrase.** G. *παράφρασις*, lit. beside phrase.

**parasang.** Pers. measure of length. G. *παρασάγγης*, from OPers. Cf. ModPers. *farsang*.

**parasite.** G. *παράσιτος*, from *σιτος*, food.

**parasol.** F. *parasol*, It. *parasole*, ward off sun, sole. Cf. F. *parapluie*, umbrella, *paratonnerre*, lightning conductor. See *para*-.

**paravane** [*naut.*]. Device against mines (1915). From *para*- and *vane*, with which the device is provided. The formation is illogical.

**parboil.** OF. *parboillir*, to boil thoroughly, Late L. *perbullire*. In ModE. usu. to boil incompletely, the prefix being understood as *part*.

**parbuckle** [*naut.*]. To hoist or lower, as brewers' draymen do casks. Earlier also *parbuncle*. ? Connected with *buckle*.

**parcel.** F. *parcelle*, small part, VL. *\*particella*, from *pars*, *part*, part.

**parcener** [*leg.*]. Archaic for *partner* (q.v.).

**parch.** ME. *perche*, contr. of *perish* (q.v.), which is in ME. often *pershe*, *persche*. Though now referring esp. to effects of heat, it is still used in dial. of effects of cold (cf. *perished with cold* and see *Par. L. II. 594*). For contr. cf. ME. *norshe*, nourish, *chirche*, cherish. OF. *perr* is common in required sense. See also *pierce*.

**parchment.** F. *parchemin*, ult. from *Pergamum*, city of Mysia in Asia Minor (now *Bergamo*), where it was first adopted (2 cent. B.C.) as substitute for papyrus; cf. It. *pergamena*, Sp. *pergamino*, Du. *perkament*, Ger. *pergament*.

**parclose** [*antiq.*]. Screen (in a church). OF. *parclos*, p.p. of *parclore*, from L. *per* and *claudere*, to close.

**pard** [*poet.*]. Leopard. G. *πάρδος*, of Eastern origin; cf. Pers. *pārs*, panther.

**pard** [*US.*]. Supposed to be short for *pardner*, partner. But perh. suggested by Du. *paard*, horse; cf. US. *old hoss*, as term of endearment.

**pardon.** F. *pardonne*, Carolingian L. *perdonare*, transl. of OHG. *forgeben* (Mod. *vergeben*), to "for-give"

**pare.** F. *parer*, to make ready, L. *parare*, cogn. with *parere*, to bring forth.

**paregoric.** G. *παρηγορικός*, encouraging, comforting, from *παρηγορεῖν*, to exhort (in the *ἀγορά*, public assembly).

**parenchyma** [biol.]. Fundamental tissue. G. *παρέγχυμα*, something poured in beside, from *ἐγγεῖν*, to pour in.

**parenesis.** See *paraenesis*.

**parent.** F. *parent*, from pres. part. of L. *parere*, to beget, bring forth.

**parenthesis.** G. *παρένθεσις*, from *παρενθέναι*, to put in beside. Cf. *thesis*.

**paresis** [med.]. Partial paralysis. G., from *παρίεναι*, to let go (cf. *aphesis*).

**par excellence.** F., on account of pre-eminent fitness.

**parget** [archaic]. To plaster, daub, etc. OF. *parjeter*, from *jeter*, to throw (see *jett*). Cf. synon. Ger. *bewerfen*, from *werfen*, to throw, and similar use of *cast* in rough-cast.

**parhelion.** Mock sun. G. *παρήλιον*, from *παρά*-, beside, *ἥλιος*, sun.

**pari-.** From L. *par*, equal.

**pariah.** Tamil *paraiyan*, pl of *paraiyan*, name of largest of lower castes of Southern India; ? orig. drum-beater, from *parai*, drum. Current E sense is unknown in India.

**parian.** Marble from *Paros*, one of the Cyclades.

**parietal** [anat.]. Late L. *parietalis*, from *paries*, *pariet*-, wall.

**parish.** F. *paroisse*, Late L. *parochia*, for Church L. *paroecia*, G. *paroikia*, from *oikos*, house; equivalent to *diocese* (q.v.). *Parishoner* is lengthened from earlier *parishen* (Chauc. A. 482), F. *paroisien*.

**parity.** F. *parité*, Late L. *paritas*, -*tat*-, from *par*<sup>1</sup>.

**park.** F. *parc*, of Teut. origin and ult. ident. with E. dial. *parrock*, AS. *pearroc* (see *paddock*); cf. Du. *park*, pen, Ger. *pferch*, sheepfold

**parkin** [north]. Kind of ginger-bread. ? From surname *Parkin*.

**parlance.** OF., from *parler*, to speak (v.i.).

**parle** [poet.]. Parley. From obs verb *parle*, F. *parler*, VL. *parabolare*

**parlementaire** [mil.]. F., see *parley*, *parliament*

**parley.** OF. *parlée*, p.p. fem. of *parler*, to speak (v.s.). Or it may be directly

from the verb, with ending as in *bandy*<sup>1</sup>, *levy*, *occupy*.

**parleyvoo.** F. *parlez-vous*? do you speak? For sense of Frenchman cf. archaic F. *goddam*, Englishman

**parliament.** F. *parlement*, from *parler*, to speak. The E. form is due to MedL. *parliamentum*. *Parliament*, kind of ginger-bread, is for earlier *parliament-cake*, reason for name being unknown.

**parlour.** OF. *parlour* (replaced by *parlor*), from *parler*, to speak; cf. MedL. *parlatorium*, It. *parlaiono*. See *parle*.

**parlous** [archaic]. Contr. of *perilous*.

**parmesan.** F. *parmesan*, It. *parmegiano*, of *Parma*.

**Parnassian.** Of *Parnassus*, mountain of central Greece, sacred to Apollo and Muses.

**Parnellite** [hist.]. Follower of C. S. Parnell, Ir. politician (†1891)

**parochial.** See *parish*

**parody.** G. *παρωδία*, from *παρά*-, beside, *ᾠδή*, ode (q.v.).

**parole.** F., in sense of *parole d'honneur*, word of honour. Late L. *paraula*, *parabola*, G. *παράβολή*. Cf. *palaver*, *parable*, *parle*

**paronomasia.** Word-play. G. *παρονομασία* from *παρά*-, beside, *ὀνομασία*, naming, from *ὄνομα*, name

**paronymous.** Cognate. G. *παρώνυμος*. (v.s.)

**paroquet.** See *paraquet*.

**parot-** [anat.]. From G. *παρωτίς*, from *παρά*-, beside, *ὤς*, *ὠτ*-, ear

**-parous.** From L. *-parus*, from *parere*, to produce, bring forth.

**paroxysm.** G. *παροξυσμός*, from *παροξύνειν*, from *ἔξύνειν*, to sharpen, goad, from *ἔξυς*, sharp.

**paroxytone.** See *para*<sup>1</sup>-, *oxytone*

**parquet.** F., orig. small compartment, dim. of *parc*, park (q.v.).

**parr.** Young salmon. Origin unknown, app. Sc.

**parramatta.** See *paramatta*.

**parricide.** F. *parricide*, L. *parricida*, for earlier *paricida*, the first element of which is an Aryan word for kin cogn. with *pater*, *patr*-, father, but not ident. with it. See *-cide*.

**parrot.** Ident. with *Perrot*, *Parrot*, a common ME. dim of F. *Pierre*, Peter. Cf. F. *pievrot*, sparrow. See also *para-keet*.

**parry.** From F. *parer*, It. *parare*, "to ward or defend a blow" (Flor.), spec. sense of *parare*, to prepare. For E. -y, cf. *bandy*<sup>1</sup>, *levy*, *occupy*.

**parse.** L. *pars*, in school question *Quæ pars orationis?* What part of speech?

**Parsee.** Descendant of Zoroastrians who fled to India after Mohammedan conquest of Persia (7-8 cents.). OPers. *pārsi*, Persian.

**parsimony.** F. *parcimonie*, L. *parcimonía*, also *pārsi-*, from *parcere*, *pars-*, to spare.

**parsley.** AS. *petersilve*, Late L. *petrosilium*, for *petroselinum*, G. *πετροσέλινον*, rock parsley (see *celery*); cf. F. *persil*, whence ME. *persil*, *parsil*, which has contributed to mod. form.

**parsnip.** ME. *pasnep*, altered (on *turnep*, turnip) from OF. *pastenague* (replaced by *panas*), L. *pastinaca*, from *pastinare*, to dig up, from *pastinum*, "spud" (q.v.).

**parson.** ME. also *persone*. Ident. with *person* (q.v.). Sense of holder of parochial benefice appears from 11 cent., but its origin is obscure.

**part<sup>1</sup>.** Noun. F. *part*, L. *pars*, *part-*, orig. share (v.i.).

**part<sup>2</sup>.** Verb. F. *partir*, which in OF. meant to divide, separate, from L. *partiri*, from *pars*, *part-*, part.

**partake.** Back-formation from *partaker*, earlier *part-taker*, a hybrid compd. Cf. L. *particeps*.

**parterre.** F. for *par terre*, on the ground, L. *per terram*.

**parthenogenesis.** Lit. birth from a virgin, G. *παρθένος*. Cf. *Parthenon*, temple of virgin goddess, Pallas Athene.

**Parthian.** In *Parthian shot*, etc., from skill of horsemen of *Parthia* (WAsia) in shooting backwards while retreating.

**partial.** F. *partial*, prejudiced, *partiel*, incomplete, both representing Late L. *partialis*, from *pars*, *part-*, part.

**participate.** From L. *participare*, from *pars*, *part-*, and *capere*, to take.

**participle.** F. *participe*, L. *participium*, sharing (v.s.), as partaking of nature both of verb and adj. For intrusive -l- cf. *syllable*.

**particle.** F. *particule*, L. *particula*, dim. of *pars*, *part-*, part.

**parti-coloured.** Earlier simply *party*, divided, p.p. of F. *partir*, to divide, part<sup>2</sup>. Cf. F. *mi-parti*, lit. half divided. See *moitley*.

**particular.** L. *particularis*, concerning a *particula*.

**Partington, Mrs.** Trad. attempted to keep out an Atlantic high tide with a

mop. The story comes from Devon (early 19 cent.).

**partisan<sup>1</sup>.** Adherent. F. *partisan*, It. *partigiano*, from *parte*, part<sup>1</sup>.

**partisan<sup>2</sup>** [hist.]. Weapon. OF. *partisane*, It. *partigiana*. Prob. connected with OHG. *parta*, *barta*, halberd (q.v.). In ModF. corrupted to *pertuisane*, as though from *pertuis*, hole.

**partition.** L. *partitio-n-*, from *partiri*, to divide, from *pars*, *part-*, part. Cf. *partitive* (gram.), F. *partitif*, L. *\*partitivus*.

**Partlet.** OF. *Perteloite*, female personal name, wife of Chanticleer in *Roman de Renard*. This has affected archaic *partlet*, woman's ruff, earlier *patlet*, OF. *patelete*, dim. of *patte*, paw, in OF. also a band of stuff.

**partner.** Appears in 13 cent. as var. of *parcener* (still in leg. use), OF. *parconer*, MedL. *partionarius*, for *\*partitionarius*, from *partitio-n-*, division. Usu. explained as alteration of *parcener* due to influence of *part* or to common scribal confusion between -c and -t. But the words are of equal age, and AF. *partener* may represent an OF. *part tenour*, part holder; cf. *partner* and such native compds. as *share-holder*.

**partridge.** ME. *pertrich*, *partrich*, F. *perdrix*, L. *perdix*, *perdic-*, G. *πέδιξ*. For intrusive -r- of F. word cf. *treasure*.

**parturient.** From pres. part. of L. *parturire*, desiderative of *parere*, to bring forth.

**party.** Represents both F. *partie*, part, p.p. fem. of *partir*, to divide, and *parti*, party, faction, p.p. masc. With *party* (her.) cf. *parti-coloured*.

**parure.** F., from *parer*, to adorn, L. *parare*.

**parvenu.** F. *parvenu*, p.p. of *parvenir*, to arrive, L. *pervenire*.

**parvis** [archaic]. Enclosed area in front of cathedral, etc. F. *parvis*, OF. *parevis*, for *parais*, L. *paradisus*, medieval name for court in front of St Peter's, Rome.

**pas.** F. *pas*, step, L. *passus*, from *pandere*, *pass-*, to stretch.

**paschal.** Late L. *paschalis*, from G. *πάσχα*, Heb. *pesakh*, from *pāsakh*, to pass over.

**pash** [dial]. To strike. Prob. imit.; cf. *bash*, *smash*.

**pasha, pacha.** Turk. *pāshā*, also *bāshā*, from *bāsh*, head. Cf. obs. *bashaw*, via It. *bassa*; see also *bash-bazouk*, *bim-bashi*. Hence *pashalik*, jurisdiction

of pasha, formed with *-lkh*, suffix of condition.

**pasque-flower.** See *paschal*.

**pasquil** [*archaic*]. As *pasquinade* (v.i.).

**pasquinade.** F. *pasquinade*, It. *pasquinata*, from *Pasquino* or *Pasquillo*, nickname of a mutilated statue disinterred at Rome (1501), to which it was usual to attach lampoons and satirical compositions

**pass<sup>1</sup>.** Noun. In sense of mountain passage it is F. *pas*, whence also *pace* (q.v.). But in most senses from F. *passé*, back-formation from *passer*, to pass<sup>2</sup> (q.v.).

**pass<sup>2</sup>.** Verb. F. *passer*, VL. \**passare*, from *passus*, step, pace (q.v.).

**passage.** F., orig. act of passing.

**passé.** F., p.p. of *passer*, to pass.

**passementerie.** F., from *passement*, braid, from *passer*, to pass, from the passing or interlacing of the thread.

**passenger.** F. *passager*, from *passage*, with intrusive *-n-* as in *messenger*, *scavenger*, etc.

**passpartout.** F., master-key, lit pass everywhere. Also used in F. of an engraved plate with vacant centre, whence E. sense of frame.

**passerine.** From L. *passer*, sparrow.

**passible.** See *impassible*.

**passim.** L., everywhere, from *pan-dere*, *pass-*, to stretch.

**passimeter** [*neol.*]. Automatic booking-office. From *pass<sup>2</sup>*.

**passion.** F. *passion*, L. *passio-n-*, from *pati*, *pass-*, to suffer; also used in Late L. to render G. *πάθος*, feeling, emotion.

**passive.** L. *passivus*, from *pati*, *pass-*, to suffer.

**passover.** See *paschal*.

**passport.** F. *passport*, from *passé*, imper. of *passer*, and *port*, port<sup>1</sup>.

**past.** For *passed*, p.p. of *pass<sup>2</sup>* (v.i.). With prep. use, e.g. *past ten o'clock*, cf. F. *passé dix heures*, *dix heures passées*.

**paste.** OF. *paste* (Mod. *pâte*), G. *μάση*, barley porridge, from *μαστός*, sprinkled, from *μάσσω*, to strew.

**pastel.** F. *pastel*, It. *pastello*, dim. from *pasto*, paste.

**pastern.** OF. *pasturon* (Mod. *paturon*), tethering rope (for grazing horse), from *pasture* (Mod. *pâtûre*), pasture (q.v.). In both F & E. the name was later extended to the part of the leg to which the tether was attached. Cf. *pester*.

**pasteurize.** To sterilize by method of Louis Pasteur (†1895).

**pastiche.** F. *pastiche*, It. *pasticcio*, medley, jumble, from *pasta*, paste.

**pastille.** F. *pastille*, L. *pastillus*, little loaf or roll, cf. *paste*.

**pastime.** For *pass-time*, transl. of F. *passetemps*.

**pastor.** L., shepherd, from *pasceve*, *past-*, to feed.

**pastry.** Formed in E. from *paste*.

**pasture.** OF. *pasture* (Mod. *pâtûre*), food, Late L. *pastura*, from *pasceve*, *past-*, to feed.

**pasty.** OF. *pasté* (Mod. *pâté*), pie, from *paste* (Mod. *pâte*), paste. Cf. *patty*.

**pat.** Imit. of light flat blow; cf. *dab<sup>1</sup>*. Hence *pat* of butter, shaped by patting; cf. *pat-a-cake*. Sense of opportunely, in nick of time, etc., is from to *hit pat*.

**Pat.** Irishman. See *Paddy*.

**patag-** [*zool.*]. Of wing-membranes. From G. *παταγιον*, edging.

**Patagonian.** Gigantic, in allusion to early travellers' tales of the stature of the *Patagonians*, earlier *Patagons*, from Sp. *patagón*, large clumsy foot. Cf. F. *patte*, paw.

**Patavinian.** Livy, born at *Patavium*, Padua; cf. *Mantuan*, *Stagvrie*.

**patch.** Essential senses, orig. piece of cloth, plot of ground, coincide exactly with those of F. *pièce*. It must therefore represent OF dial. \**peche* for *peche*, a common form. See *piece*. The form *peche* occurs in ME. (*Ancren Riwle*), and *Patch*, the fool (v.i.), is called *Peche* in *Excerpta Historica* (1492). For vowel cf. dial. *cratch*, manger, F. *crèche*, *match<sup>2</sup>*, F. *mèche*. The early Latin-English glossaries treat *patch*, *pece* as interchangeable terms. Obs. *patch*, fool, booby (still in *crosspatch*), is It. *pazzo*, fool, associated with *patch*, with suggestion of parti-coloured garments.

**patchouli.** Perfume from EInd. plant. Said to come from Tamil *pach*, green, *ilai*, leaf.

**pate.** Org. in dignified sense (*Ps.* vii. 16). Origin unknown.

**pâté.** F., see *pasty*, *patty*. *Pâté de foie gras*, patty of fat liver (of geese).

**patella** [*anat.*]. Knee-cap. L., dim. of *patina*, pan (v.i.).

**paten.** OF. *patène*, L. *patina*, G. *παράνη*, flat dish.

**patent.** First in *letters patent*, F. *lettres patentes*, L. *litterae patentes*, from pres. part. of *patère*, to lie open. Orig. royal open letter conferring any right, privilege, etc.

**pater.** L., father (q.v.). Also short for *paternoster* (q.v.)

**paterfamilias.** From *familias*, OL. genitive of *familia*, family.

**paternal.** From L. *paternus*, from *pater*, father.

**paternoster.** L. *pater noster*, our father.

**path.** AS. *þæth*. WGer. ; cf. Du. *pad*, Ger. *pfad*.

**pathetic.** G. *παθητικός*, from root *παθ* of *πάσχειν*, to suffer; cf. *πάθος*, feeling. Orig. sense of *pathos* appears in *pathology*, lit. study of suffering.

**-pathy.** G. *-παθεια* (v.s.).

**patibulary.** From L. *patibulum*, gibbet.

**patient.** F. *patient*, from pres. part. of L. *pati*, to suffer.

**patina, patine.** Vessel. See *paten*. *Patina*, incrustation on old bronze, is adapted from F. *patine*. Its connection with the vessel sense is doubtful.

**patio.** Sp., open court of house. ? From L. *patere*, to lie open.

**Patlander.** Cf. *Paddy, Pat*.

**patois.** F., of obscure origin. ? From imit. root *pat*, suggesting chatter; cf. OF. *gabois*, jesting, from imit. root *gab*. See *patter*.

**patriarch.** G. *πατριάρχης*, from *πατριά*, family, *-αρχης*, ruler. See *father, arch*².

**patrician.** F. *patricien*, from L. *patricius*, one sprung from the *patres conscripti*, or senators.

**patrimony.** F. *patrimoine*, L. *patrimonium*, from *pater, patr-*, father. In sense a curious contrast with *matrimony*.

**patriot.** G. *πατριώτης*, from *πατρίς*, fatherland.

**patristic** [theol.]. Adapted from Ger. *patristisch*, from G. *πατήρ, πατρ-*, father.

**patrol.** F. *patrouiller*, app. altered from earlier *patouiller* (see *paddle*²). It is supposed to have been orig. soldier slang, "going the rounds", being described as tramping through the mire.

**patron.** L. *patronus*, from *pater*, father.

**patronymic.** G. *πατρωνυμικός*, from *πατήρ*, father, *ὄνομα*, name (see *eponymous*).

**patroon** [US.]. Du. form of *patron* (q.v.)

**patten.** F. *patin*, earlier clog, now skate². Cf. MedL. *patinus*, It. *patino*, clog. Prob. cogn. with F. *patte*, paw, foot.

**patter**¹. To mumble rapidly, etc. From *pater*, short for *paternoster*, from hurried repetition of familiar prayers ;

but synon. Dan. *þjadre*, Sw. dial. *patra* point rather to connection with *patter*².

**patter**². Of rain, etc. Frequent. of *pat*. **pattern.** F. *patron* L. *patronus*, in sense of archetype, model.

**patty.** F. *pâté* (q.v.). *Pasty, patty, pâté* represent three successive borrowings of the same word from F.

**patulous.** From L. *patulus*, from *patere*, to spread.

**paucity.** F. *paucité*, L. *paucitas, -tat-*, from *paucus*, few (q.v.).

**paulo-post-future** [gram.]. ModL. *paulo post futurum*, rendering G. *ὁ μετ' ὀλίγον μέλλον* (*χρόνος*), the future after a little.

**Paul Pry.** Title-rôle of comedy by John Poole (1825).

**paunch.** ONF. *panche* (Mod. *panse*), L. *pantex, pantic-*.

**pauper.** L., poor, from *paucus*, little, *parere*, to produce.

**pause.** F. *pause*, L. *pausa*, G. *παῦσις*, from *παύειν*, to make cease.

**pavan** [archaic]. Stately dance. F. *pavane*, It. or Sp. *pavana*, prob. from L. *pavo*, peacock. Cf. Ger. *pfauen-tanz*, lit. peacock-dance.

**pave.** F. *paver*, back-formation from OF. *pavement*, L. *pavimentum*, from *pavire*, to beat down, ram.

**pavid.** L. *pavidus*, frightened, from *pavere*, to quake.

**pavilion.** F. *pavillon*, L. *papilio-n-*, butterfly, used in MedL. also for tent, though the reason is not clear.

**pavise** [hist.]. Large shield. F. *pavois*, It. *pavese*, prob. from *Pavia*.

**pavonazzo.** Marble. It. *pavonazzo*, from L. *pavo-n-*, peacock, from markings.

**pavonine.** L. *pavoninus*, from *pavo-n-* (v.s.).

**paw.** ME *powe*, OF. *poë*, ? of Teut. origin and cogn. with Du. *poet*, Ger. *pfote* ; cf. Prov. *pauta*, F. *patte*, paw, ? also from Teut.

**pawky** [Sc.]. Sly, etc. From Sc. *pawk, palk*, trick, of unknown origin.

**pawl** [naut.]. Device to prevent capstan from recoiling. Falc. derives it from F. *épaule*, shoulder, and is prob. right.

**pawn**¹. Pledge. OF. *pan* ; cf. Du. *pand*, Ger. *pfand*. Primitive sense and relation of Rom. & Teut. forms unknown.

**pawn**². At chess. OF *paon* (Mod. *pron*), L. *pedo-n-*, in MedL. foot-soldier, from *pes, ped-*, foot.

**pawnee, brandy** [*Anglo-Ind.*]. Brandy and water. See *brandy*.

**pax** [*eccl.*]. Tablet engraved with sacred subject L., peace.

**paxwax**. Tendon uniting spine and occiput. App. altered from earlier *faxwax*, from AS. *feax*, hair (as in name *Fairfax*), and *weaxan*, to grow, wax. Cf. synon Ger. *haarwachs*.

**pay<sup>1</sup>**. To hand over money. F. *payer*, L. *pacare*, to appease, from *pax*, *pac*, peace.

**pay<sup>2</sup>** [*naut.*]. OF. *perer*, L. *picare*, from *pix*, *pic*-, pitch, whence F. *poix*.

**paynim** [*poet.*]. OF. *paenime*, Late L. *paganismus*, heathendom. See *pagan*. Incorr. use for *pagan* (Wyc. *Matt* v. 47) prob. arose from attrib. use in *paynim land*, *paynim knight*, etc., and may have been helped by *cherubim*.

**paynize**. To impregnate wood with preservatives. From *Payne*, inventor of process. Cf. *kyanize*.

**pea**. False sing. from *pease* (q.v.). Cf. *cherry*, *burgee*, etc.

**peace**. OF. *pais* (Mod. *paix*), L. *pax*, *pac*-, cogn. with *pangere*, *pac*-, to fix.

**peach<sup>1</sup>**. Fruit. F. *pêche*, OF. *pesche*, VL. *pessica*, for *Persica* (sc. *arbor*).

**peach<sup>2</sup>** [*slang*]. To inform against. Aphet. for *appeach*, cogn. with *impeach* (q.v.).

**peacock**. ME. *pecok*, *pacok*, *pocok*, extended from *pa*, *po*, etc., AS. *pāwa*, L. *pavo*; cf. F. *paon* (L. *pavo-n*), Du. *paauw*, Ger. *pfau*. Said to be ult. from Tamil

**pea-jacket**. Pleon. for earlier *pea*, *pee*, Du. *pij*, rough coat. Perh. ident. with *pie<sup>2</sup>* (q.v.), ? from orig. colour.

**peak<sup>1</sup>**. Point, etc. Var. (from 16 cent.) of *pike* (q.v.), in sense of sharp or projecting part of anything, e.g. of hat, ship, etc. E. naut. *apeak*, for F. *à pic*, perpendicular, shows identity of the two words. The Derbyshire *Peak*, AS. *Pēaclond*, perh. from a demon named *Pēac* (cf. *Puck*), is quite unconnected with the above.

**peak<sup>2</sup>**. To dwindle. Chiefly in to *peak and pine*, echo of *Macb.* i. 3. Hence also dial. *peaky*, *peakish*, sickly. Origin unknown.

**peal**. Aphet. for *appeal* (q.v.), F. *appel*.

**pear**. AS. *pere*, L. *pira*, pl. of *pirum*; cf. F. *povre* (OF. *pevre*), It. Sp. *pera*; also Du. *peer*, OHG. *birra* (Mod. *birne*).

**pearl<sup>1</sup>**. Gem. F. *perle*; cf. It. Sp. *perla*; also Du. *paarl*, Ger. *perle*, from Rom. VL. *\*pirula*, dim. of *pira* (v.s.), has been suggested; cf. OHG. *perala*,

Port. *perola*. But Sicilian *perna*, Neapolitan *perne*, point rather to L. *perna*, kind of shell-fish, lit. ham; cf. It. *permocchia*, pearl shell

**pearl<sup>2</sup>**. Loop in embroidery. For *pur<sup>1</sup>* (q.v.).

**pearmain**. Kind of apple, but in ME. synon. with *warden pear* (q.v.). OF. *parmain*, *permain*, from OF. *parmarndre*, to endure, VL. *\*permanere*, for *permanere*, whence also ME. verb to *permain*. For formation of adj. from verb-stem cf. *demure*, *stale*.

**peasant**. F. *paysan*, from *pays*, country, Late L. *pagensis*, from *pagus*, canton, district. For -i cf. *tyrant*.

**pease**. AS. *pise*, L. *pisa*, pl. of *pisum*, G. *pisum*. See *pea*. Cf. F. *pois*, OF. *pers*, partly the origin of the E. word.

**peat**. ME. *pete*, Anglo-L. *petia*. As the earliest sense is not the substance, but the cut piece of turf, it is prob. of Celt. origin and cogn. with *piece* and F. *petit*.

**peavey** [US.]. Lumberman's hook. Name of inventor.

**pebble**. For earlier *pebble-stone*, rounded stone found on beach. AS. *papolstān*, *popelstān*, whence ME. *pebble*, *puble*, the uncertainty of the vowel, and the analogy of *boulder* (q.v.), suggesting that the name is imit. of rattling sound. Cf. *shingle<sup>2</sup>*.

**peccable**. MedL. *peccabilis*, back-formation from L. *impeccabilis*, impeccable, from *peccare*, to sin.

**peccadillo**. Sp. *pecadillo*, dim. of *pecado*, sin, L. *peccatum* (v.s.).

**peccant**. From pres. part. of L. *peccare*, to sin.

**peccary**. SAMer. animal. From Carib of Guiana

**peccavi**, to cry. L., I have sinned

**peck<sup>1</sup>**. Measure. AF. *pek*, chiefly in connection with oats for horses. Perh. cogn. with *peck<sup>2</sup>*, *pick<sup>2</sup>*; cf. F. *picotin*, "a (French) pecke; or, the fourth part of a *bousseau*" (Cotg.), which is app. cogn. with *picoter*, to peck, pick. The phrase *peck of troubles* (c. 1535) also suggests an orig. sense of dose, allowance, "feed," rather than a fixed measure.

**peck<sup>2</sup>**. Verb. Collateral form of *pick<sup>2</sup>* (q.v.). Hence colloq. *peckish*, hungry. Ult. cogn. with *beak*, *peak<sup>1</sup>*, *pike*. To keep up one's pecker (19 cent.) is app. from the figure of the alert sparrow

**Pecksniffian**. From *Pecksniff*, unctuous hypocrite in *Martin Chuzzlewit* (1844).



**pectin-**. From L. *pecten*, *pectin-*, comb.  
**pectoral**. L. *pectoralis*, from *pectus*, *pector*, breast.

**peculate**. From L. *peculari*, to embezzle, from *peculium*, private property, from *pecu*, cattle, money.

**peculiar**. L. *peculiaris*, from *peculium* (v.s.). Orig. sense survives in *peculiar* to, belonging exclusively to.

**pecuniary**. F. *pecunaire*, L. *pecunarius*, from *pecunia*, money, from *pecu*, cattle. See *fee*.

**pedagogue**. F. *pédagogue*, L. *paedagogus*, G. *παιδαγωγός*, lit. boy-leader, from *paîs*, *παῖδ-*, boy, *ἀγεῖν*, to lead; orig. slave leading Athenian boy to school.

**pedal**. F. *pédale*, It. *pedale*, L. *pedalis*, from *pes*, *ped-*, foot.

**pedant**. F. *pédant*, It. *pedante*, "a pedante or a school-master, as *pedagogo*" (Flor.), app. a slang perversion of *pedagogo*.

**pedate** [*bot.*]. L. *pedatus*, from *pes*, *ped-*, foot.

**peddle**. Back-formation from *pedlar* (q.v.).

**pederast**. See *paederast*.

**pedestal**. F. *piédestal*, It. *predistallo*, lit. foot stall<sup>1</sup> (q.v.). Cf. synon. Ger. *fussgestell*.

**pedestrian**. From L. *pedester*, from *pes*, *ped-*, foot.

**pedicel** [*bot.*]. Dim. of *pedicle*, L. *pediculus*, foot-stalk (v.s.).

**pediculous**. L. *pediculosus*, from *pediculus*, louse.

**pedicure**. F. *pédicure*. See *pedate*, *cure*<sup>1</sup>.

**pedigree**. ME. *pe de gru*, F. *ped de grue*, foot of crane, L. *grus*, *gru-*, from sign  $\blacktriangle$  used in indicating descent. By early etymologists associated with *degree* (of relationship), whence mod. spelling.

**pediment** [*arch.*]. Triangular space over Greek portico. Earlier *periment*, no doubt for *pyramid*, in which sense *periment* is still in dial. use. For change of consonant cf. *paddock*.

**pedlar**. For earlier *pedder* (Wyc.), from EAngl. *ped*, basket; cf. dial. *tnikler* for *tniker*.

**pedometer**. F. *pédomètre*, from L. *pes*, *ped-*, foot, and *mètre* (see *-meter*).

**peduncle** [*bot.*]. L. *pedunculus*. See *pedicel*.

**peek** [*archaic*]. To peep. ME. *piken*. In earlier E *keek*, *peek*, *peep*<sup>2</sup> are interchangeable. Their relation to each other is obscure.

**peel**<sup>1</sup>. To strip. F. *peler*, L. *pilare*, to

strip of hair (*pilus*), but associated in sense with OF. *pel* (Mod. *peau*), skin, L. *pellis*.

**peel**<sup>2</sup> [*hist.*]. Small fortified house on Border. In ME. palisade; earlier stake. OF. *pel* (Mod. *pieu*), stake, L. *pālus*; cf. *pale*<sup>1</sup>.

**peel**<sup>3</sup>. In *salmon peel*. Synon. with *grilse*. Origin unknown.

**peel**<sup>4</sup>. Baker's shovel. F. *pelle*, L. *pala*.

**peeler** [*slang*]. Policeman, orig. Ir. From *Robert Peel*, secretary for Ireland (1812-18). Cf. *bobby*.

**Peelite** [*hist.*]. Tory seceding (1846) to Sir Robert Peel in support of repeal of corn laws.

**peep**<sup>1</sup>. Of cry of young birds. Imit. ; cf. F. *pépier*, Ger. *piepsen*.

**peep**<sup>2</sup>. To look out, etc. Tends to replace (from 15 cent.) earlier *keek*, *peek* (q.v.), with the former of which cf. Du. *kijken*. Of obscure origin, perh. from interj. *pip*, *peep*. Primitive sense was prob. that of bobbing up, breaking through; cf. F. *point en point du jour*, peep of day (see *pip*<sup>2</sup>). For *peep-bo* see *bo-peep*.

**peepul**, **pipal**. Sacred fig-tree, bo-tree, Hind. *pīpal*, Sanskrit *pippala*, ? cogn. with *poplar*.

**peer**<sup>1</sup>. Noun. OF. *per* (Mod. *pair*), L. *par*, equal.

**peer**<sup>2</sup>. To look narrowly. Altered from earlier *pire* (cogn. with LG. *pīren*) under influence of *peer*<sup>3</sup>, which it often approaches closely in sense.

**peer**<sup>3</sup>. To come into view. Earlier *pear*, apphet. for *appear* (q.v.).

**peevish**. Now in sense of ill-tempered and with suggestion of querulous whining, but orig. synon. with *froward*, *perverse*. Earliest form *pey-vesshe* (*Piers Plowm.*) suggests F. *pervers* or fem. *perverse*; cf. ME. *traves(s)* for *traverse*. Colloq. *peevied* is a back-formation.

**peewit**. See *peewit*.

**peg**. ME. *pegge*, or *pyn* of *tymbre*, "cavilla" (*Prompt. Parv.*). Cf. dial. Du. *peg*, LG. *pigge*, in same sense. ? Ult. cogn. with F. *pique*, pike; cf. *piquet*, tent-peg, picket.

**pegamoid**. Fabric. ? For \**pegmamoid* (see *pegmatite*).

**Pegasus**. G. *Πήγασος*, winged horse which sprang from blood of Medusa slain by Perseus. From G. *πηγή*, spring, in allusion to springs of Ocean near which this took place (so Hesiod).

**pegmatite** [*min.*]. From G. *πηγμα*, fixed

framework, in allusion to closeness of texture.

**Pehlavi.** See *Pahlavi*.

**peignoir.** F. *peignoir*, from *peigner*, to comb, from *peigne*, comb, L. *pecten*.

**Peishwa.** See *Peshwa*.

**pejorative** [*ing.*]. F. *péjoratif* (neol.), from L. *pejor*, worse.

**peke.** Dog. See *pekin*.

**pekin.** Fabric. F. *pekin*, Jesuit spelling of Chin. *Pē-king*, lit. northern capital (cf. *nankeen*). Cf. *pekingese* (*peke*), breed of dog orig. property of Chin. imperial family.

**pekoe.** Tea. Cantonese form of Chin. *par-hao*, white tips.

**pelage.** "Coat" (of animal). F. *pelage*, from OF. *peil* (Mod. *poil*), hair, L. *pilus*.

**Pelagian** [*iheol.*]. Follower of *Pelagius*, latinized name of British monk *Morgan* (4-5 cents.). *Morgan* is prob. from Welsh *môr*, sea.

**pelagian, pelagic.** Of the open sea, G. *πέλαγος*.

**pelargonium.** From G. *πελαργός*, stork; cf. *geranium*.

**Pelagian, Pelagic** [*hist.*]. Of the *Pelasgi*, G. *Πελασγοί*, ancient race supposed to have preceded Hellenes in Greece.

**pelerine.** Cloak. F. *pèlerine*, fem. of *pèlerin*, pilgrim (q.v.).

**pelf.** OF. *pelfre*, plunder. Cf. *pulfer*.

**pelican.** Late L. *pelicanus*, G. *πελεκάν*, cogn. with *πελεκας*, woodpecker, from *πέλεκυς*, axe, with allusion to power of bill.

**Pelion upon Ossa.** See *Titan*.

**pelisse.** F. *pelisse*, L. *pellicia* (sc. *vestis*), from *pellis*, skin.

**pellagra** [*med.*]. Skin-disease. It, ? from *pelle*, skin, on model of *podagra* (q.v.), ? or for orig. *pelle agra*, hard skin.

**pellet.** F. *pelote*, dim. from L. *pila*, ball; cf. Sp. *pelota*.

**pellice.** L. *pellícula*, dim. of *pellis*, skin.

**pellitory.** Two distinct plant-names, (1) "pellitory of the wall," alteration of *parietary*, F. *pariétaire*, L. *parietaria*, from *paries*, *pariet*, wall, (2) "pellitory of Spain," alteration of *pyrethrum* (q.v.), whence ME. *peleter*. In both cases the *-l-* is due to dissim. of *r-r*.

**pell-mell.** F. *pêle-mêle*, redupl. on *mêler*, to mix, OF. *mésler*. Cf. *melky*, *mêlée*.

**pellucid.** L. *pellucidus*, for \**perlucidus*.

**Pelmanism.** System of mind-training originated (late 19 cent.) by W. J. Ennever. L. *Poehlmann*, of Munich, was an earlier advertiser of a similar system.

**peloric** [*biol.*]. Anomalous. From G. *πέλωπος*, monstrous.

**pelota.** Basque game. Sp. *pelota*, ball. See *pellet*.

**pelt<sup>1</sup>.** Skin. For obs. *pell*, OF. *pel* (Mod. *peau*), L. *pellus*. Back-formation from *peltury*, F. *pelleteerie*, from *pelleteur*, furrier, from OF. *pel* (v.s.), with intrusive *-et-* common in such F. formations.

**pelt<sup>2</sup>.** Verb. Orig. to strike with repeated blows, now with a shower of missiles ? F. *peloter*, to maltreat, in OF. to strike, from *pelote*. See *pellet*, which has given latest sense-development.

**peltate** [*biol.*]. L. *peltatus*, from *pelta*, shield, G. *πέλη*.

**peltury.** See *pelt<sup>1</sup>*.

**pelvis** [*anat.*]. L., basin.

**pembroke.** Table. ? From *Pembroke*, Wales.

**pemmican.** N.Amer. Ind. (Cree) *pimecan*, from *pime*, fat.

**pen<sup>1</sup>.** Enclosure. AS. *penn*; also verb *pennian*, in compd. only, whence p.p. *penti*. ? Cf. LG. *pennen*, to bolt a door, from *penn*, pin, peg.

**pen<sup>2</sup>.** For writing. OF. *penne*, L. *penna*, feather.

**penal.** L. *penalis*, from *poena*, punishment, G. *ποινή*, fine.

**penance.** OF. *penance* (replaced by learned *penitence*), L. *paenitentia*. See *repent*.

**penates.** Household gods. L., from *penus*, sanctuary of temple; cogn. with *pentus*, within.

**pence.** ME. *pens*, contr. of *pennies*.

**penchant.** Pres. part. of F. *pencher*, VL. \**pendicare*, from *pendere*, to hang, lean.

**pencil.** Orig. paint-brush. OF. *pincel* (Mod. *pinceau*), painter's brush, from L. *penicillus*, dim. of *penus*, tail.

**pendant.** F., pres. part. of *pendre*, to hang, from L. *pendere*. In naut. sense of flag perh. orig. corrupt. of *pennon* (q.v.). Cf. *pennant*.

**pendent.** Latinized spelling of *pendant* (q.v.).

**pending.** From obs. *pend*, to hang, F. *pendre*, from L. *pendere*.

**Pendragon** [*hist.*]. Welsh *pen*, head, and *dragon*, as symbol on standard. Title of Uther in the *Morte Artur*.

**pendulum.** Neut. of L. *pendulus*, hanging, from *pendere*, to hang

**Penelope.** Wife of Ulysses, who, beset by suitors in absence of her husband, promised to make a choice when her web was completed, and deferred this by unravelling every night what she had woven during the day. G. Πηνελόπεια (Hom.).

**penetrate.** From L. *penetrare*, from *penes*, *penitus*, within, *penus*, sanctuary. Cf. *penetrata*, inmost recesses. See *enter*.

**penfold.** See *pinfold*

**penguin.** Applied (16 cent.) both to the great auk and the penguin, and prob. to other sea-birds. Welsh *pen gwyn*, or Breton *pen gwen*, white head. The fact that the penguin has a black head is no serious objection, as bird-names are of very uncertain application (cf. *albatross*, *grouse*, *pelican*).

**penicillate** [biol.]. Tufted. See *pencil*.

**peninsula.** L., from *paene*, almost, *insula*, island

**penis** [anat.]. L., lit. tail.

**penitent.** F. *pénitent*, from pres. part. of L. *paenitēre*, to repent.

**pennant** [naut.]. Corrupt. of *pennon* (q.v.).

**pennate.** For *pinnate* (q.v.).

**penniform** [biol.]. From L. *penna*, feather.

**pennill.** Extemporized verse sung at Eisteddfod Welsh, ? from *pen*, head.

**pennon.** Knight's swallow-tail flag. F. *penon*, from L. *penna*, feather, plume; cf. It. *pennone*, Sp. *pendón*. See *pendant*, *pennant*. But OF. var. *panon*, and analogy of *drapeau*, flag, from *drap*, cloth, suggest influence of L. *pannus*, cloth.

**penny.** AS. *penning*, earlier *pening*; cf. Du. *penning*, Ger. *pfennig*. For suffix cf. *farthing*, *shilling*. Origin obscure, perh. from *pan*, early coins being sometimes shaped like shallow pans.

**pennyroyal.** App. arbitrary corrupt. of *pukioi royal*, OF. *pouliol*, from L. *pulegium*, flea-bane, from *pulex*, flea. Perh. confused with *pennywort*, said to be named from round leaves, with which Palsg wrongly identifies it.

**penology.** Science of punishments See *penal*.

**pensile.** L. *pensilis*, from *pendere*, *pens*-, to hang.

**pension.** F. *pension*, L. *pensio-n*-, from *pendere*, *pens*-, to pay, orig. to weigh.

**pensive.** F. *pensif*, from *penser*, to

think, L. *pensare*, frequent. of *pendere*, to weigh.

**penstemon.** See *pentstemon*.

**penstock.** Floodgate. From *pen*<sup>1</sup> and *stock*.

**pent.** Orig. p.p. of *pen*<sup>1</sup>.

**penta-.** G. *πεντα-*, from *πέντε*, five (q.v.). Hence *pentagon*, *pentameter*, *pentarchy*, etc.

**pentacle, pentagram.** Five-pointed star used in sorcery (v.s.).

**pentad.** The number five. G. *πεντάς*, *πεντάδ*-.

**pentagram.** See *pentacle*.

**pentagraph.** See *pantograph*.

**pentateuch.** G. *πεντάτευχος*, of five books, from G. *τεῦχος*, implement, in Late G. book.

**Pentecost.** G. *πεντηκοστή* (sc. *ἡμέρα*), fiftieth (day) G. name for Jewish Feast of Weeks, celebrated seven weeks after the second day of Pass-over.

**penthouse.** Folk-etym. for earlier *penitice*, *penitis*, apheet. for F. *appentis*, from *appendre*, to hang to; cf. a *lean-to*. Association with F. *penite*, slope, has introduced idea of sloping, whence *pent-roof*.

**pentstemon.** Flower. From G. *πέντε*, five, *στήμων*, for *stamen* (q.v.).

**penultimate.** From L. *paene*, almost, *ultimus*, last

**penumbra.** From L. *paene*, almost, *umbra*, shade.

**penury.** F. *pénurie*, L. *penuria*, want, cogn. with *paene*, hardly.

**peon.** In India, police-man, servant, etc. Port. *peão* or F. *piom*. In Sp. Amer., labourer. Sp. *peón*. Both are MedL. *pedo-n*-, footsoldier (see *pawn*<sup>2</sup>).

**peony.** AS. *peonie*, L. *paeonia*, G. *παιωνία*, from *Παίων*, physician of the gods, in allusion to med. properties.

**people.** ME. *peple*, F. *peuple*, nation, race, L. *populus*.

**pep** [US.]. ? For *pepper*.

**peperino** [geol.]. Porous rock. It., from *pepe*, pepper, in allusion to small grain.

**peperomia.** Plant. From G. *πέπερι*, pepper.

**peplum.** Overskirt. L. *peplum*, from G. *πέπλος*, robe.

**pepper.** AS. *þīpor*, L. *þīper*, G. *πέπερι*, of Eastern origin; cf. Sanskrit *pip-pālī*. For *peppermint*, see *mint*<sup>1</sup>.

**pepsin.** Ger. *pepsin*, from G. *πέψις*, digestion, from *πέπτειν*, to ripen, cook. Cf. *peptic*, *dyspepsia*.

**peptone.** Ger. *pepton* (v.s.). Hence *peptonize*, to pre-digest by means of pepsin.

**per, per-.** L., through, by, in MedL. also with distributive sense. As prefix also intens in L., as in *perturb*, and this sense appears in chem terms in *per-*, e.g. *peroxide*, *perchloride*. Many E. words in *per-* are latinized from earlier forms in *par-*, borrowed from F., e.g. *perfect*, ME. & OF *parfit*, L. *perfectus*.

**peradventure.** Restored spelling of ME. & OF. *par aventure*.

**perai.** S.Amer. fresh-water fish. Brazil. *piraya*, lit. scissors.

**perambulate.** From L. *perambulare*, from *ambulare*, to walk, travel

**percale.** Fabric. F. *percale*; cf. It. *percallo*, Sp. *percal*. Of Eastern origin; cf. Pers. *parqālah*, a rag

**perceive.** F. *percevoir*, VL \**percipere*, for *percipere*, from *capere*, to take. See *conceive*.

**per cent.** Short for L. *per centum*.

**perception.** L. *perceptio-n-*. See *perceive*.

**perch**<sup>1</sup>. Fish. F. *perche*, L. *perca*, G. *πέγκη*, cogn. with *πεγκνός*, dark-spotted. **perch**<sup>2</sup>. Pole, etc., in various senses F. *perche*, L. *perica*, staff, measuring-rod.

**perchance.** ME. *par chance*; cf. *peradventure*.

**percheron.** F., horse from *Le Perche* (Normandy)

**percipient.** From pres. part. of L. *percipere*, to perceive.

**percolate.** From L. *percolare*, from *colare*, to flow, from *colum*, strainer. Cf. *colander*.

**percussion.** L. *percussio-n-*, from *percussere*, *percuss-*, to strike, from *quater*, to shake, strike

**perdition.** L. *perditio-n-*, from *perdere*, *perdit-*, to lose, from *dare*, to give.

**perdu.** F., p p of *perdre* (v.s.).

**perdurable.** See *per-* and *durable*.

**peregrine.** L. *peregrinus*, foreigner, from *pereger*, abroad on journey, from *per* and *ager*, field. Hence *peregrine falcon*, caught in passage. See *pilgrim*.

**peremptory.** L. *peremptorius*, destructive, from *perimere*, *perempt-*, to take away utterly, from *emere*, to buy, obtain.

**perennial.** From L. *perennis*, lasting through the year(s), from *per* and *annus*, year.

**perfect.** L. *perfectus*, from *perficere*, *perfect-*, to do thoroughly.

**perfidy.** F. *perfidie*, L. *perfidia*, from *perfidus*, treacherous, from *fidus*, faithful, from *fides*, faith. For pejorative sense of *per-* cf. *perjure*.

**perfoliate** [bot] From L. *per* and *folium*, leaf

**perforate.** From L. *perforare*, from *forare*, cogn. with *bore*<sup>1</sup>.

**perforce.** F. *par force*. Cf. *peradventure*

**perform.** AF. *parfourmer*, altered (by association with other words in *-form*) from AF. *parfourner*, OF. *parfournir*, from *fournir*, to furnish (q v.)

**perfume.** F. *parfumer*, L. *perfumare*, from *fumus*, smoke, fume.

**perfunctory.** Late L. *perfunctorius* (leg.), from *perfungi*, to get done with, from *fungi*, *func-*, to perform.

**perfuse.** From L. *perfundere*, *perfus-*. See *fuse*<sup>1</sup>.

**pergameneous.** From L. *pergamenum*, parchment (q v.)

**pergola.** It. *pergola*, arbour, L. *pergula*, projecting roof, from *pergere*, to go forward, from *per* and *agere*.

**perhaps.** Coined from *hap*, chance, after *peradventure*, *perchance*

**peri.** F. *péri*, Pers. *parī*, *perī*, orig. malevolent spirit

**peri-.** G. *περί*, around.

**periagua.** See *piragua*.

**perianth** [bot] F. *péranihe*, coined (on *pericarp*) from G. *ἄνθος*, flower.

**periapt.** Amulet G. *περίαπτον*, from *ἄπτειν*, to fasten

**pericardium** [anat] G. *περικάρδιον*, (membrane) round the heart, *καρδία*

**pericarp** [bot]. G. *περικάρπιον*, pod, from *καρπός*, fruit.

**pericope.** Paragraph. G. *περικοπή*, from *κόπτειν*, to cut

**pericranium** [anat]. G. *περικράνιον*, round the skull

**peridot.** Kind of chrysolite. F. *péridot*, OF *peridot* (13 cent.); cf. MedL. *peradota*. ? From Arab. *farīdat*, gem.

**periegesis.** Descriptive tour. G, lit. leading round.

**perigee** [astron]. F. *périgée*, Late G. *περίγειον*, neut of *περίγειος*, round (near) the earth, γῆ. Cf. *apogee*.

**perihelion** [astron]. From G. *ἥλιος*, sun, as *perigee* Cf *aphelion*

**peril.** F. *péril*, L. *periculum*, from root of *experiri*, to try, experiment, *peritus*, experienced. Ult cogn. with *fare*

**perimeter.** G. *περίμετρος*, from *μέτρον*, measure.

**period.** F. *période*, G. *περίοδος*, circuit, from *ὁδός*, way.

**peripatetic.** G. περιπατητικός, given to walking about, from πατεῖν, to tread.

**periphery.** G. περιφέρεια, lit carrying round, from φέρειν, to bear. Cf. *circumference*.

**periphrasis.** G. περίφρασις, from φράζειν, to speak.

**periplus** [hist]. L. *perplus*, G. περίπλους, sailing round, from πλός, πλοῦς, voyage.

**perique.** Tobacco (from Louisiana). Said to be named from *Pierre Chenet*, who introduced tobacco-growing among the Acadian exiles.

**periscope.** Coined (on *telescope*, etc.) from G. σκοπεῖν, to look.

**perish.** F. *périr*, *périss*-, L. *perire*, lit to go through.

**peristeronic** [neol]. Of the pigeon, G. περιστερὰ.

**peristyle.** F. *péristyle*, G. περίστυλον, neut of περίστυλος, having pillars all round, from στύλος, pillar.

**peritoneum** [anat.]. Inner membrane of abdomen. L. *peritoneum*, G. περιτόναιον, what stretches round, from τείνειν, to stretch. Hence *peritonitis*.

**periwig.** Earlier *perwike*, for *peruke* (q.v.).

**periwinkle**<sup>1</sup>. Plant. AS. *perwince*, L. *peruinca*, perh. orig. a climbing plant and cogn. with *vincere*, to bind.

**periwinkle**<sup>2</sup>. Mollusc, winkle. AS. *pinewincle*, explained as sea-snail, with first element app. from L. *pina*, G. πῖνα, mussel. This word and *periwinkle*<sup>1</sup> have app. influenced each other.

**perjure.** L. *perjurare*, from *jurare*, to swear, from *jus*, *jur*-, law, etc. For pejorative force of *per*- cf. *perfidy*.

**perk** [colloq.]. To be jaunty, hold up the head, whence adj. *perky*. Forms are those of obs. or dial. *perk*, perch (noun and verb), ONF. *perque*, and the only ME. record has to do with the popinjay; so that orig. sense may have been suggested by the attitude of the parrot on its perch.

**perks.** Colloq. for *perquisites*.

**permanent.** From *prés* part. of L. *permanēre*, from *manēre*, to dwell, remain.

**permeate.** From L. *permeare*, from *meare*, to pass.

**permian** [geol.]. Strata named from *Perm*, E. Russ., where they are well exemplified.

**permit.** L. *permittere*, from *mittere*, *miss*-, to send.

**permute.** L. *permutare*, to change thoroughly.

**pern.** Honey-buzzard. Incorr. from G. *πέρων*, kind of hawk.

**pernicious.** F. *pernicieux*, L. *perniciosus*, from *pernecies*, destruction, from *nex*, *nec*-, slaughter, death.

**pernickety** [Sc.]. Fussy, particular. Origin unknown. It is synon. with Sc. *pernick*, and both words may be childish or uneducated perversions of *particular*. Cf. synon. Norw. Dan. *pernitlig*, thought to be corrupted from \**pedantlig*, pedantic.

**peron**-. From G. *περόνη*, pin, fibula (small bone of the leg).

**peroration.** L. *peroratio*-, from *perorare*, to speak right through, from *orare*, to speak, pray, from *os*, *or*-, mouth.

**perpend.** L. *perpendere*, to weigh thoroughly, from *pendere*, to weigh.

**perpendicular.** L. *perpendicularis*, from *perpendicularum*, plummet, from *pendere*, to hang.

**perpetrate.** From L. *perpetrare*, to accomplish, from *patrare*, to bring about.

**perpetual.** L. *perpetuus*, from *perpetuus*, ? from *petere*, to seek, aim at.

**perplex.** First as adj. (Wyc.). L. *perplexus*, entangled, from *plectere*, *plex*-, to weave, plait. Cf. *complex*.

**perquisite.** L. *perquisitum*, thing eagerly sought, from *perquirere*, *perquisit*-, from *quaerere*, to seek.

**perron** [arch.]. Platform with steps before building. F. *perron*, augment of *pierre*, stone, L. *petra*.

**perruque.** See *peruke*.

**perry.** OF. *peré* (Mod. *poiré*), from *peire* (Mod. *poire*), pear (q.v.).

**perse** [archaic]. A dark colour, purplish blue. Archaic F. *pers*. MedL. *perseus*, *persicus* point to popular association with *Persia*, or perh. with *peach*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.).

**persea.** Tree (NAm. & WInd.). Orig. sacred tree of Egypt and Persia. G. *περσέα*.

**persecute.** From L. *persequi*, *persecut*-, from *sequi*, to follow.

**persevere.** F. *persévérer*, L. *perseverare*, from *severus*, earnest.

**persicaria.** Plant, peach-wort. MedL. (see *peach*<sup>1</sup>).

**persiflage.** F. *persiflage*, from *persifler*, to banter, from *siffler*, to hiss, whistle, L. *sibilare*.

**persimmon.** Amer. date-plum. Earlier *putchamin*, from NAm. Ind. (Algonkin of Virginia), with suffix *-min* as in other names of grains and fruits.

- persist.** L. *persistere*, from *sistere*, to stand.
- person.** F. *personne*, L. *persona*, character in play (*dramatis persona*), ? from *personare*, to sound through, with allusion to actor's mask, ? or of Etruscan origin
- persona.** L. (v.s.); esp. in Late L. *persona grata* and *in propria persona*.
- personnel.** F, from *personne* (v.s.). Orig. contrasted with *matériel*.
- perspective.** MedL. *perspectiva* (sc. *ars*), from *perspicere*, *perspect-*, to see through.
- perspicacious.** From L. *perspicax*, *perspicac-*, clear-sighted, from *perspicere* (v.s.) Cf. *perspicuous*, from L. *perspicuus*, transparent.
- perspire.** L. *perspire*, to breathe through, blow gently.
- persuade.** L. *persuadere*, from *suadere*, to advise
- pert.** Aphet. for ME & OF. *aperi*, L. *aperius*, open, but used in sense of *expertus*. Orig. ready, skilled, etc., but the current meaning is almost that of the opposite *malapert*.
- pertain.** ME. *parteyne*, OF *partenir*, VL. *\*partenire*, for *partenere*, from *tenere*, to hold. Cf. *pertinent*.
- pertinacious.** From L. *perstinax*, *perstinac-*, from *tenax*, from *tenere*, to hold.
- pertinent.** F., from pres. part. of L. *perstinere*, to pertain, belong to.
- perturb.** L. *perturbare*, from *turbare*, to disturb, from *turba*, crowd.
- peruke.** F. *perruque*, It. *perruca*, *parruca*. Origin unknown Sp. *peluca* has suggested connection with L. *pilus*, hair, but Port. has *peruca* and the *-r-* may be original. The popular E. form was *peruque*, whence *periwig*.
- peruse.** There is an obs. *peruse*, to use up, wear out, but this can hardly be connected, though it may have influenced the form. Earliest sense, to go through, survey, hence, inspect, examine critically, points to *\*pervise*, from L. *pervidere*, *pervis-*, to look through, scrutinize (cf. *revise*, *survey*). It has always been a word rather written than spoken, and such words sometimes acquire spelling pronounc., *u* and *v* not being distinguished in MS. and print till recent times.
- pervade.** L. *pervadere*, to go through.
- perverse.** F. *pervers*, L. *perversus*, from *pervertere*, to turn away, whence *pervert*.
- pervious.** From L. *pervius*, from *via*, way.

- peseta.** Sp. coin, dim. of *pesa*, weight. See *poise*.
- peshitta** [theol.]. Syriac Vulgate. Syriac *p'shittā*, simple, plain (sc. *mappaḡā*, version).
- Peshwa, Peishwa.** Hereditary title of Mahratta prince. Pers. *ṣhishwā*, chief.
- pesky** [US.]. App. from *pest* (cf. *plaguy*).
- peso.** Sp. *peso*, dollar, lit. weight, L. *pensum*, from *pendere*, *pens-*, to weigh.
- pessary** [med.]. MedL. *pessarum*, from *passum*, from G. *πεσρός*, oval stone.
- pessimism.** Coined (on *optimism*) from L. *pessimus*, worst.
- pest.** F. *peste*, L. *pestis*, plague, pestilence. Cf. *pestilence*, F. *pestilence*, L. *pestilentia*.
- Pestalozzian.** Of Pestalozzi, Swiss educationist (†1827).
- pester.** Orig. to hamper, entangle. Aphet. for OF. *empêstrev* (Mod. *empêtrer*), "to pester, entangle, in-tangle, trouble, incumber" (Cotg.), orig. to fasten (at pasture) with a tether, MedL. *pastorum* (see *pastern*), and representing a VL. type *\*im-pastoriare*.
- pestilence.** See *pest*.
- pestle.** OF. *pestel*, L. *pestillum*, from *pinserere*, *pest-*, to pound.
- pet<sup>1</sup>.** Darling. Orig. (16 cent.) Sc. and applied to tame or household animals and birds as well as to children. Prob. this is the earlier meaning (cf. *ducky*, *my lamb*, etc.). App. related to obs. *peat*, in same senses, esp. in *proud peat* (*Heart of Midlothian*, ch. li.). Origin unknown.
- pet<sup>2</sup>.** Temper. App. from phrase to *take the pet*, which began to replace (c. 1600) the earlier to *take pepper in the nose*. It appears to be from *pet<sup>1</sup>*, in sense of animal, like F. *prendre la chèvre*, "to take the pet" (Cotg.), though the metaphor is not clear.
- petal.** G. *πέταλον*, thin plate, neut. of *πέταλος*, outspread. Cf. *patulous*.
- petard.** F. *pétard*, from *péter*, to break wind, from *pet*, L. *peditum*, from *pedere*.
- petasus.** Broad-brimmed hat as worn by Mercury. G. *πέτασος*, from root *pet*, to spread; cf. *petal*.
- petaurist.** Flying marsupial. G. *πεταυριστής*, lit. performer on the spring-board, *πέταυρον*.
- Peter, blue** [naut.]. The choice of the name may be arbitrary (cf. *jolly Roger*).
- Peterloo** [hist.]. Attack by military

(1817) on Manchester operatives in *St Peter's Fields*, Manchester. The ending was suggested by *Waterloo*. Cf. *Bakerloo*.

**petter out.** Orig. US., of stream or lode of ore. ? From *F. pétier* (see *petard*) ; ? cf. to fizzle out.

**petersham.** Coat, fabric. From *Viscount Petersham* (c. 1812).

**petiole.** Footstalk of plant. *F. pétiole*, *L. petiolus*, from *pes*, *ped-*, foot.

**petit.** *F.* see *petty*.

**petition.** *L. petitiō-n*, from *petere*, *petit-*, to seek, ask for.

**petrel.** App. from *St Peter* (who walked on the water), with suffix as in *cockerel*. Cf. Norw. *Pedersfugl*, Ger. *Petersvogel*, prob. suggested by the *E.* word. *F. pétrel* is also from *E.*

**Petriburg.** Signature of bishop of *Peterborough*.

**petrify.** *F. pétrifier*, as though from *L. \*petrificare*, from *petra*, rock.

**petrol.** *F. pétrole*, refined petroleum. The latter is *MedL.*, from *petra*, rock, *oleum*, oil.

**petrology.** Science of rocks. From *L. petra*, *G. πέτρα*.

**petronel** [*hist.*]. Horse-pistol, carbine. The earliest (16 cent.) forms are *F. petrinal*, *It. petrinale*, *pietronello*, *petronello*, *Sp. pedreñal*, all from *L. petra*, stone, the derivatives of which, *It. pietra*, *Sp. piedra*, mean gun-flint. The *E.* form is prob. from *It.* A later *F.* form *poitrinal* is due to folk-etym. (*poitrine*, chest).

**petrosal** [*anat.*]. From *L. petrosus*, stony, from *petra*, stone.

**petticoat.** Orig. (15 cent.) *pety cote*, i.e. *petty coat*, small coat.

**pettifogger.** From 16 cent. First element is *petty* (q.v.), second may be obs. *Du. focher*, monopolist ; cf. *fochen*, to cheat, in *Flem.* pedlar lang. These words are connected by some with *Fugger*, name of family of merchant princes at Augsburg (15-16 cents.).

**pettish.** Now associated with *pet<sup>1,2</sup>*, but it is earlier than these words and is prob. aphet. for *impetuous*, with suffix-change as in *squeamish* (q.v.). In its earliest occurrences it is glossed *impetuosus* (Huloet, 1552), *effraenis*, *vacundus* (Levins, 1570). Current sense is due to *pet<sup>2</sup>*, partly perh. to *petulant*.

**pettitoes** [*dial.*]. Now pig's trotters, but orig. "giblets" of a pig or other animal. Mod. sense is due to associa-

tion with *toe*. OF. *petite oe* (Mod. *oie*), lit. little goose, applied to goose-giblets, gave *E.* (*pygges*) *petytoe* (*Rutland MSS.* 1539).

**petto, in.** *It.*, in the breast, *L. pectus*. **petty.** ME. *pety*, *F. petit*, prob. of Celt. origin and cogn. with *piece*.

**petulant.** *F. pétulant*, *L. petulans*, *petulant-*, wanton, malapert, etc., as though from *L. \*petulare*, dim. of *petere*, to seek.

**petunia.** From archaic *F. pétun*, tobacco, Port *petum*, Brazil *pety*.

**petuntse.** Porcelain earth. Chin. *pai-tun-tz'*, white stone, with formative suffix.

**pew.** ME. *puwe*, OF. *puie*, balcony, balustrade, from *podia*, pl. of *podium*, elevated balcony, imperial seat in theatre, *G. πόδιον*, base, pedestal, dim. of *πούς*, *ποδ-*, foot.

**pewit, peewit.** Imit. of cry ; cf. *Du. krevt*, Ger. *kriebitz*, *E. dial. peeweeep*.

**pewter.** OF. *peutre*, for earlier *\*pettre* ; cf. *It. pettro*, *Sp. pettre*. There are also later OF. forms in *esp-*, with which cf. *E. spelter*. Origin unknown.

**pfennig.** Ger. penny (q.v.).

**ph-** *L.* transliteration of *G. φ*, and found prop. only in words of *G.* origin. This *ph-* was replaced in VL. by *f-*, so that in OF. we find *filosofo*, *fiscien*, etc., which passed into ME. ; but these have nearly all been restored. Occ. there are doublets, e.g. *fancy*, *phantasy*, *frantic*, *phrenetic*.

**phaeton.** *F. phaéton*, coachman, vehicle, *G. φαέθων*, lit. shining, used as name of son of Helios who tried to drive his father's chariot.

**-phagous.** *G. -φαγος*, from *φαγέιν*, to eat. Also *-phagy*, *G. -φαγία*.

**phalaen-.** From *G. φάλανα*, moth.

**phalange** [*anat.*]. Finger-bone. Back-formation from *phalanges*, pl. of *phalanx* (q.v.).

**phalanger.** Austral. marsupial. From *G. φάλαγγιον*, spider's web, in allusion to webbed toes.

**phalanstery.** Socialist community. From *F. phalanstère*, coined by Fourier (†1837) from *G. φάλαγξ*, phalanx.

**phalanx.** *L. phalanx*, *G. φάλαγξ*, esp. used of the Macedonian formation.

**phalarope.** Bird. *F. phalarope*, from *G. φάλαρις*, coot, *πούς*, *ποδ-*, foot.

**phallic.** *G. φαλλικός*, from *φάλλος*, penis.

**Phanariot.** ModG. *Φαναριώτης*, inhabitant of *Phanar*, district of Constantinople, Turk. *fanar*, *G. φανάριον*, light-house dim. of *φάνος*, lamp.

**phanerogamous** [bot]. Opposite of *cryptogamous*. From G *φανερός*, visible, from *φαίνω*, to show.

**phantasm.** OF *fantasme*, G. *φάντασμα*, from *φανράζειν*, to display, from *φαίνω*, to show, cf. *phantom*. Cf. *phantasmagoria*, F *fantasmagorie*, coined c. 1800, with ending suggested by *allégorie*.

**phantom.** F. *fantôme*, as *phantasm* (q.v.), with unexplained change of vowel.

**Pharisee.** OF *pharisé* (replaced by *pharisien*), G. *Φαρισαῖος*, Aram *ḥarīšarāyā*, pl. of *ḥarīsh*, Heb *ḥārūsh*, separated.

**pharmaceutic.** G *φαρμακευτικός*, from *φάρμακον*, poison, drug. *Pharmacopoeia* is from *-ποιος*, making (cf. *poet*).

**pharos.** G *Φάρος*, island off Alexandria with light-house built by Ptolemy Philadelphus.

**pharynx** [anat]. G. *φάρυγξ*; cf. *φάραγξ*, chasm.

**phase.** Back-formation from *phases*, pl. of ModL *phasis*, earlier used for *phase*, G. *φάσις*, from *φαίνω*, to show.

**phasianine.** Of the pheasant (q.v.).

**peasant.** ME *jesan*, *jesand*, etc., F. *faisan*, G. *φασιανός*, of *Φᾶσις*, river of Colchis, whence the bird was first brought. For -t cf. *peasant*.

**phello-.** From G. *φελός*, cork.

**phenol** [chem]. From G. *φαινω*, shining, from *φαίνω*, to show.

**phenology.** Science of recurring phenomena. Ult. a Ger. coinage (v.1).

**phenomenon.** G. *φαινόμενον*, neut. of pres part. pass. of *φαίνω*, to show.

**pew.** Natural interj. of disgust; cf. Ger. *pfui*.

**phial.** F. *firole*, Late L *phiala*, for *phiala*, G. *φιάλη*, broad, flat vessel. Cf. *vial*.

**Phidian.** Of *Phidias*, G. *Φειδίας*, G. sculptor (†432 B.C.).

**phil-.** See *philo-*.

**-phil, -phile.** From G. *φίλος*, loving. Opposite is *-phobe*.

**philadelphian** [hist.]. Sect. From G. *φίλαδελφία*, brotherly love, from *ἀδελφός*, brother.

**philander.** G *φίλανδρος*, lover of men, from G. *ἀνήρ*, *άνδρ-*, man; cf. *philanthrope*. Later sense, as stock name for lover, perh. due to use of name *Philander* in early romances.

**philanthropy.** F. *philanthropie*, G. *φιλανθρωπία*, from *άνθρωπος*, man.

**philately.** F *philatélie*, coined from G. *ἀτελής*, free of charge.

**-phile.** See *-phil*.

**philibeg.** See *filibeg*.

**philippic.** G *φιλippyικός*, orig. of orations in which Demosthenes urged his countrymen to arm against *Philip of Macedon*.

**philippina, philopoena.** Ger. custom of present-giving connected with double kernel in nut. Ger *vielliebchen*, dim. from *viel lieb*, very dear, became by folk-etym. *Philippchen*, little Philip, whence F *philippine*, etc.

**Philistine.** G. pl. *Φιλιστῖνοι*, Heb. *ḥ'ishitīm*, pl. name of tribe, cogn. with *Palestine*. Current sense of uncultured person is adapted from Ger. *Philister*, used in student slang of the "town" as opposed to the "gown."

**Phillis.** Neat-handed maid (*Allegro*, 87). Earlier, stock name for rustic sweetheart. L *Phyllis*, rustic maid in Virg. and Hor., G *Φυλλίς*, from *φύλλον*, leaf.

**philo-, phil-.** G. *φιλο-*, *φιλ-*, from *φίλος*, dear, *φιλείν*, to love. Opposite is *mis-*, *mis-*, e.g. *misogynist*, *misanthropy*.

**philology.** G *φιλολογία*, love of words, literature, etc.

**philomath.** Lover of learning. See *mathematics*.

**Philomel.** Poet. name for nightingale. G. *φιλομήλα*, understood as lover of song, *μέλος*, but perh. lover of apples, *μήλα*.

**philopoena.** See *philippina*.

**philoprogenitiveness.** "Bump" indicating love of offspring, progeny.

**philosophy.** G. *φιλοσοφία*, love of wisdom.

**philtre.** F. *philtre*, G. *φίλτρον*, love-potion, from *φιλείν*, to love.

**phit** [neol.]. Imit. of sound of mod. bullet.

**phiz.** For *physiognomy*.

**phlebotomy.** Blood letting. G *φλεβοτομία*, from *φλέψ*, *φλεβ-*, vein, *τέμνειν*, to cut. See *fleam*.

**phlegm.** G. *φλέγμα*, inflammation, clammy humour, from *φλέγειν*, to burn. One of the medieval four "humours," producing apathy.

**phlogistic.** Combustible, fiery. From G. *φλογιστός*, from *φλέγειν*, to burn.

**phlox.** G. *φλόξ*, lit. flame (v.s.)

**-phobe, -phobia.** G. *-φοβος*, *-φοβία*, from *φόβος*, fear. Cf. *-phil*.

**phocine.** Of the seal, L. *phoca*, G. *φώκη*.



**Phoenician** [*ling*]. From Φοίνιξ, Φοίνικ-, a Phoenician, ident. with *phoenix*, but reason for name uncertain. The lang. is Semit. and akin to Hebrew.

**phoenix**. G. φοίνιξ, purple-red (v.s.).

**pholas**. Boring mollusc. G. φολάς, lurking in a hole, φωλεύς.

**phonetic**. G. φωνητικός, from φωνή, sound.

**phono-, -phone**. From G. φωνή, voice.

**phonograph**. See *phonetic*, -graph.

**phonopore**. Apparatus for transmitting telephonic messages on telegraph wires. From G. πόρος, passage.

**-phore, -phorous**. From G. -φορος, from φέρειν, to bear; cf. -fer, -ferous.

**phosphorus**. L. *phosphorus*, G. φωσφόρος, light-bearing, from φώς, light (v.s.). Orig. the morning star (cf. *lucifer*).

**photograph**. From G. φώς, φωτ-, light, γράφειν, to write, etc. *Photogravure*, F., is a hybrid, from *gravure*, engraving.

**phrase**. F. *phrase*, G. φράσις, from φράζειν, to point out, tell.

**phratry** [*hist.*]. G. φρατρία, clan, division of tribe, from φρατήρ, brother.

**phrenetic**. Learned form of *frantic* (q.v.).

**phrenology**. Lit. mental science. From G. φρήν, φρεν-, mind.

**Phrygian**. Of *Phrygia*, in Asia Minor, the national cap of which has been identified in mod. times with the cap of liberty.

**phthal-** [*chem.*]. Abbrev. of *naphthal-*.

**phthisis**. G. φθίσις, from φθίνειν, to waste away.

**phycology**. Science of sea-weed, L. *fuscus*, G. φύκος.

**phylactery**. G. φυλακτήριον, guard, amulet, from φυλάσσειν, to guard.

**phylarch**. G. φύλαρχος, head of a tribe, φυλή.

**-phyll**. See *phyllo-*.

**Phyllis**. See *Phyllis*.

**phyllo-**. From G. φύλλον, leaf.

**phylloxera**. Vine-pest. From G. φύλλον, leaf, ξηρός, dry.

**phyllo-**. From G. φυλή, tribe.

**physeter**. Sperm-whale G. φυσητήρ, from φυσάειν, to blow.

**physic**. G. φυσική (ἐπιστήμη), knowledge of nature, φύσις, from φύειν, to produce, cogn. with L. *feri* and ult. with E. *be*.

**physiognomy**. G. φυσιογνωμονία, from φύσις, nature, γνώμων, γνώμων-, judge, interpreter. See *gnomon*.

**physiography**. Coined on *physiology*.

**physiology**. G. φυσιολογία, study of nature (v.s.).

**physique**. F, see *physis*.

**physo-**. From G. φύσα, bellows, bladder, etc.

**-phyte, phyto-**. From G. φυτόν, plant.

**pi<sup>1</sup>** [*math.*]. Name of G. letter π, p, so used by Euler (1748).

**pi<sup>2</sup>** [*slang*]. Schoolboy abbrev. of *pious*.

**piacular**. Expiatory. L. *piacularis*, from *piaculum*, from *piare*, to appease.

**piaffe** [*equit.*]. From F. *piaffer*, to strut, etc., perh. imit. of stamping.

**pia mater** [*anat.*]. Membrane of brain. Med. L. *pia mater*, rendering synon. Arab. *umm raqīqah*, tender mother. Cf. *duva mater*.

**piano**. It., short for *pianoforte* or *fortepiano*. It. *piano*, soft, *forte*, loud, L. *planus*, smooth, *fortis*, strong. *Pianola* is app. intended for a dim.

**piastre**. F. *piastre*, It. *piastra*, short for *piastra d'argento*, leaf of silver; cf. It. *piastro*, plaster (q.v.).

**piazza**. It., place (q.v.), open square, market place; cf. Sp. *plaza*.

**pibroch**. Gael. *piobaireachd*, from *piobair*, piper, from *piob*, E. *pipe* (q.v.).

**pica** [*typ.*]. L., magpie. Earlier used, with *pie*, in sense of set of rules for fixing Church feasts. Prob. "black and white" is the orig. idea. For application to type cf. *brevier* (q.v.), *primer*.

**picador**. Sp., pricker, from *picar*, to prick. See *pick<sup>2</sup>*, *pique*.

**picaninny**. See *piccaninny*.

**picaresque**. F. *picaresque*, Sp. *picaresco*, prob. from *picar*, to prick.

**picaroon**. Rogue, esp. pirate. Sp. *pica-rón*, augment. of *picaro*, rogue (v.s.).

**piccadill** [*obs.*]. Common in 17 cent. Orig. cut edge of ruff. OF. *piccadille*, app. from Sp. *picado*, pricked, cut (v.s.). Hence *Piccadilly*, though exact connection is uncertain.

**piccalilli**. In 18 cent. also *piccalillo*, *pacohilla*. Prob. arbitrary formation on *pickle*.

**piccaninny, picaninny**. Negro dim. of Sp. *pequeño*, or Port. *pequeno*, small, of unknown origin; cf. Port. *pequennino*, tiny.

**piccolo**. It., small, e.g. *piccolo flauto*. Belongs to same group as Sp. *pequeño* (v.s.).

**pice**. E. Ind. copper coin. Hind. *paisā*, ? from Sanskrit *pāda*, quarter.

**pick<sup>1</sup>**. Noun. Ident. with earlier *pique* (q.v.).

**pick**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. In ME. also *pīke*. AS. *þycan*; cf. ON. *þikka*, to peck, prick, Du. *þikken*, to pick, peck, Ger. *picken* (from LG.), to peck, puncture; also F. *piquer*, It. *piccare*, Sp. *picar*. The relation of all these words is obscure, but they are prob. cogn. with *beak* and with L. *picus*, wood-pecker, and the senses are all developed from the pecking action of a bird. See also *peck*<sup>2</sup>, *pit*<sup>2</sup>.

**pick-a-back**. In 16 cent. also a *pick pack*, redupl. on *pack* (carried on shoulders), early altered by association with *back*. Cf. Norw. Dan. *med pik og pak*, with bag and baggage.

**pickage** [archaic]. Due for breaking ground when setting up booth at fair AF. *picage*, from F. *piquer*, to pick, pierce.

**pickaxe**. Altered by folk-etym. from ME *pikors*, OF. *picors*, from *piquer* (v.s.) Cf. *curtle-axe*.

**pickerel**. Dim of *pīke*; cf. *cockerel*.

**picket**. Orig. pointed stake, e.g. for picketing horses. For sense of outlying detachment cf. *post*<sup>1</sup>, <sup>3</sup>. F. *piquet*, dim of *pīc*, pick, pike, peak.

**pickle**. Orig. brine. Du. *pekel*, earlier *peechel*; cf. Ger. *pokel*, brine, from LG. or Du. Prob. from Du. *þikken*, to prick, pierce, cf. culinary sense of *piquant*.

**pickwick** [archaic]. Trade-name for cheap cigar (c. 1850).

**Pickwickian sense**. See *Pickwick Papers*, ch. 1. Dickens took the name from that of the proprietor of a Bath coach (see ch. xxxv.). It is derived from the village of *Pickwick* (Wilts).

**picnic**. F. *pique-nique*, redupl. on *piquer*, to pick.

**picot**. Small loop, purl. F., from *picoter*, to prick, etc. (v.i.).

**picotee**. Carnation with variegated edge. F. *picoté*, p.p. of *picoter*, to prick, frequent. of *piquer* (see *pick*<sup>2</sup>). Cf. *pink*<sup>3</sup>, <sup>4</sup>.

**picric** [chem.]. From G. *πικρός*, bitter.

**Pict** [hist.]. Late L. pl *Picti*, taken as meaning *picti*, painted, but prob. from Celt. name of tribe; cf. the Gaulish *Pictavi*.

**picture**. L. *pictura*, from *pingere*, *pict-*, to paint *Picturesque* is for F. *pittoresque*, It. *pittoresco*.

**piddle**. To trifle. Also *peddle*, *ptitle*. A dial. word, with LG. cognates. In childish use perh. a perversion of *piss*.

**pidgin-English, pigeon-**. Chin. perversion of E. *business*.

**pie**<sup>1</sup>. Now usu. *magpie* (q.v.). F. *pie*, L. *pica*, cogn. with *picus*, wood-pecker. The comestible *pie* (MedL. *pica*) is the same word. It has been suggested that it may have to do with the magpie's habit of making miscellaneous collections. See parallels s.v. *haggis*. *Printer's pie*, unsorted type, is called *pâté* in French. For archaic *pie*, ordinal, whence oath by *Cock (God) and pie*, see *pica*.

**pie**<sup>2</sup> [Anglo-Ind.] As *puce* (q.v.).

**piebald**. *Ball'd*, i.e. streaked (see *bald*), like a mag-pie (see *pie*<sup>1</sup>) Cf. F. *cheval pie*.

**piece**. F. *pièce*; cf. It. *pezza*, Sp. *pieza*, MedL. *pecia*, *petha*; usu. supposed to be of Celt. origin and cogn. with F. *petit*. See also *patch*, *meal*<sup>2</sup>.

**pièce de résistance**. F, chief dish.

**pie**. From *pie*<sup>1</sup>. Orig. black and white. See *piebald*.

**piepowder(s), court of** [hist.]. Court of summary jurisdiction held at fairs. AF. *piepoudrous*, way-farer, itinerant merchant, lit dustyfoot.

**pier**. Orig. support of bridge. AF. *pere*, MedL. *pera*; cf. OF (Picard & Walloon) *pire*, *piere*, breakwater. The region of OF. *pire* and its regular association with the Scheldt point to Teut. origin. Ger *bär*, bear (OHG. *pero*), and Du. *beer*, bear, boar, are found in mod. sense of *pier*, and the Du. word is also used of a supporting pillar. Hence the word may be an instance of the fig. use of an animal name (cf. *crane*, *easel*, etc.). For E. *p-* corresponding to LG. *b-* cf. *pig*.

**pierce**. F. *percer*, OF. *percier*, VL. *\*perithare*, from *perve*, *perit-*, to go through (cf. origin of F. *commencer*). See also *perish*, with which early forms of *pierce* often coincide.

**Pierian**. Of Πιερία, in N. Thessaly, reputed home of Muses.

**pierrot**. F. *Pierrot*, stock character of F. pantomime, dim. of *Pierre*, Peter.

**piety**. F. *piété*, L. *pietas*, -*itas*, from *pius*. Learned doublet of *piety*. *Pietà*, It., is a representation of the Virgin holding the dead body of Christ.

**piezometer**. For measuring pressure. From G. *πιεζω*, to press.

**piff**. Imit; cf. F. *pi-f-paf*, Ger. *pi-f-paff*, of sound of bullet.

**piffle**. First as verb, to trifle, act half-heartedly. ? Suggested by *piddle* and *trifle*.

**pig.** ME *pigge*, orig. young pig; cf. LG. *bigge*, Du. *big*, Ger. dial. *bick*. Origin unknown. With *pig* of metal cf. earlier *sow*, used of a larger mass.

**pigeon.** F. *pigeon*, Late L. *pipio-n*, young cheeping bird, from *pipure*, to pipe, cheep.

**pigeon English.** See *pidgin*.

**piggin** [dial.]. Paill. ? From *peg* (see *noggin*). But *pig* occurs earlier of a vessel.

**pightle** [loc.]. Small enclosure. Earliest is MedL. *pictel*, *pigtel*, *pichel*, app. dim. formation cogn. with *piece*.

**pigment.** L. *pigmentum*, from root of *pingere*, to paint.

**pigmy.** See *pygmy*.

**pignorate.** From MedL. *pignorare*, for *pingnerare*, from *pignus*, *pingner* or *pignor*, pledge.

**pike.** AS. *pic*; cf. F. *pic* and see *pick*<sup>2</sup>, *pitch*<sup>2</sup>. Sense of mountain summit in Lake Country represents a Norse form of the same word. *Pike*, fish, is short for *pike-fish*; cf. synonym. F. *brochet*, from *broche*, spit, in allusion to shape of jaw. *Pike*, weapon, is cogn. F. *pique*. *Pike*, *pick*, *pitch* were formerly used indifferently as verbs.

**pikelet** [loc.]. Short for obs. *bara-picklet*, Welsh *bara pyglyd*, lit. pitchy bread.

**pikestaff.** As emblem of plainness. For earlier *pack-staff*, pole for carrying a pack.

**pilaster.** F. *pilastre*, It. *pilastro*, MedL. *pilastrum*, from *pila*, pillar. See *pile*<sup>2</sup>.

**pilau, pilaw, pilaff.** Oriental dish. Pers. *pilāw*.

**pilchard.** Earlier (16 cent.) *pilcher*. Origin unknown.

**pile**<sup>1</sup>. Pointed stake, javelin (her.). AS. *pil*, dart, L. *pilum*, javelin. Associated in later senses with *pule*<sup>2</sup>. Hence built on *piles*, *pile-driver*.

**pile**<sup>2</sup>. Heap, etc. F. *pile*, heap, pyramid, pier of bridge (see also *pule*<sup>2</sup>), L. *pila*, pillar, pier. In sense of building (*noble pile*) partly due to obs. *pule*, fortress, ident. with *peel*<sup>2</sup>.

**pile**<sup>3</sup>. Of velvet. L. *pilus*, hair.

**pile**<sup>4</sup>. Haemorrhoid. L. *pila*, ball.

**pileate** [biol.]. L. *pileatus*, from *pileus*, cap.

**pilfer.** OF. *pelfrer*, from *pelfre*, pelf. Origin unknown.

**pilgarlic** [archaic]. For *pilled* (peeled) *garlic*. Humorous for bald-headed person, suggesting an onion.

**pilgrim.** Prov. *pelegrin* or It. *pellegrino*, L. *peregrinus*, from *pereger*, one who is abroad (see *peregrine*), with dissim. of *r-r*. Orig. consonants survive in Sp. *peregrino*. For final *-m* cf. *rogram*, *venom*, etc.

**pili-**. From L. *pilus*, hair.

**pill**<sup>1</sup> [archaic]. To peel (Gen xxx. 37). AS. \**pihan*, L. *pilare*, to strip of hair, *pilus*; cf. *peel*<sup>1</sup>.

**pill**<sup>2</sup>. Medicine. OF. *pila*, L. *pila*, ball, or perh. MedL. *pilla*, for dim. *pilula*, whence F. *pilule*, It. *pillola*. Hence to *pill*, blackball, reject at examination, etc.

**pillage.** F. *pillage*, from *piller*, to plunder, VL. \**pihare*, for *pilare*, to pill<sup>1</sup>.

**pillar.** OF. *piler* (Mod. *pilaer*), VL. *pilare*, from *pila*, pillar, *pila*<sup>2</sup>.

**pillion.** Gael. *pilleam*, from *peall*, skin, hide, L. *pellis*. Cf. Ir. *pillin*.

**pillory.** F. *pilori*. Origin unknown.

**pillow.** AS. *pyle*; cf. Du. *peluw*, Ger. (poet.) *pfühl* (OHG. *pfulwo*, also *pfuliwer*). Early WGer. loan from L. *pulvinus*, pillow.

**pilose** [biol.]. L. *pilosus*, from *pilus*, hair.

**pilot.** F. *pilote*, It. *pilota*, OIt. *pedota*, app. from G. *πηδόν*, oar, in pl. rudder; cf. OF. *pedot*. For *-l* cf. *policy*<sup>2</sup>.

**Piltdown skull.** Discovered (1914) at *Pilt Down*, Sussex.

**pilule.** See *pill*<sup>2</sup>.

**pimento.** Sp. *pimiento* or Port. *pimenta*, pepper, L. *pigmentum*, pigment, in MedL. spiced drink.

**pimp.** From 17 cent. Of obscure origin. Malcolm's *London* quotes, from *Proteus Redivivus* (temp. Charles II), *pimpinio*, of which *pimp* may be a clipped form.

**pimpernel.** Orig. the great burnet. F. *pimprenelle*, with parallel forms in It. Sp. Ger., etc. Earliest is MedL. *pipinnella*, ? dim. of L. *pipinna*, membrum virile (Martial, xi. 72). *Mentula* is also a plant-name in MedL.; cf. also *orchid* and the numerous early plant-names in *-pint*, *-pinile*, one of which, *cuckoo-pint*, is still in use (T. Hardy). L. *pipinna* is a baby word (cf. F. *faire pipi*, to urinate).

**pimping.** ? Cf. Du. *pimpel*, weak little man, *pimpelmees*, tit-mouse.

**pimple.** Perh. a thinned form of dial. *pumple*. Cf. OF. *pompelte*, "a pumple, or pimple on the nose, or chin" (Cotg.).

**pin.** AS *pin*, peg; cf. LG. *pinne*, Du. *pin*, late ON. *pinna*, L. *pinna*, in late sense of pinnacle (Vulg. Luke iv. 9).

**pinafore.** Because *pinned afore* the dress.

**pinaster.** L., wild pine, from *pinus*.

**pince-nez.** F., pinch-nose.

**pincers.** ME. *pinsours*, from F. *pincer*, to pinch.

**pinch.** Norm. *pincher*, F. *pincer*, nasalized form of a word which appears in It. *pizzicare*, for earlier *picciare*, "to pinch, to snip" (Flor.), cf. Flem. *pinssen*, Ger dial. *peizen*, *pfetzen*. Ulterior hist unknown.

**pinchbeck.** Alloy invented by C. *Pinchbeck*, Fleet St. watchmaker (†1732).

**pindari.** Mounted marauder of Central India. Urdu *pinḍārī*, Mahratti *pendhārī*. Perh. from the region of *Pandhār*. But the native belief that the name comes from an intoxicating drink called *pinda* has a curious parallel in *assassin*.

**pinder** [loc.]. Keeper of pound. From AS. *gepyndan* (see *pound*<sup>2</sup>, *pinfold*).

**pine**<sup>1</sup>. Tree. AS *pin*, L. *pinus*.

**pine**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. Orig. trans. to torture. AS. *pinan*, from *pin*, pain, L. *poena*.

**pine-apple.** In ME. meant fir-cone. Applied to fruit of pine-cone shape; cf. Sp. *piña*, fir-cone, pine-apple. Cf. *pineal gland*, also from shape.

**pinfold, penfold** [dial]. Late AS. *pinfdald*. See *pound*<sup>2</sup>, *pinder*. Mod. form is due to *pin* and *pen*<sup>1</sup>.

**ping.** Imit. of sound of rifle-bullet. Cf. *ping-pong*.

**pinguid.** From L. *pinguis*, fat.

**pinion**<sup>1</sup>. Wing. OF. *pignon*, VL. *\*pinio-n-*, from *pinna*, for *penna*, feather. Hence verb to *pinon*, orig. to fasten wings of bird.

**pinion**<sup>2</sup> [mech]. Cog-wheel. F. *pinon*, from OF. *pinne* (Mod. *peigne*), comb, L. *pecten*. Cf. Ger. *hammrad*, lit. comb-wheel.

**pink**<sup>1</sup> [hist.]. Ship. Du., earlier *pincke*. Origin unknown.

**pink**<sup>2</sup>, **penk.** Young salmon, parr, orig. minnow. Cf. Ger. dial. *pinke*, in same senses.

**pink**<sup>3</sup>. Flower. From *pink*<sup>4</sup>, to perforate, in allusion to the edges of the flower (cf. *picotee*). Hence name of colour. With the *pink* (of perfection, condition, etc.) cf. *the flower* (of chivalry, etc.).

**pink**<sup>4</sup>. To perforate. Cf. LG. *pincken*,

nasalized form of word which appears in E. *pick*<sup>2</sup> (q.v.), F. *piquer*, etc.

**pink-eyed.** Now dial, small eyed. Cf. archaic Du. *pinck-ooghen*, "connuere, nictare, palpebras oculorum alternatim movere, et oculis semiclaudis intueri; oculos contrahere, et aliquo modo claudere" (Kil.), from *pincken*, "scintillare, micare" (ib.).

**pinnacle.** Archaic F. *pinace*, *pinasse*, Sp. *pinaza* or It. *pinaccia*. Origin unknown. The Elizabethan manner and naval expert Manwayring seems to connect it with *Pemche*, a Portuguese seaport. "A nimble pinnacle such as a Penecho carvel" (*Discourse of Pivates*), "There are some of a smaller sort, as many belonging to Pemche" (*Sea Dict.*). The ModF. form is *pinche*.

**pinnacle.** F. *pinacle*, Late L. *pinna-culum*, dum. of *pinna*, point, pinnacle, often confused with *penna*, feather.

**pinnate** [biol.]. L. *pinatus*, winged, feathered (v.s.).

**pinni-.** From L. *pinna*, in sense of fin (v.s.).

**pint.** F. *pinie*, It. or Sp. *pinta*. Origin doubtful. It may be ident. with *pinta*, mark (v.1.), and have been applied to a mark in a larger measure.

**pintado.** Guinea-fowl. Port *pintado*, lit. painted, p. p. of *pintar*, VL. *\*pinctare*. See *paint*.

**pintle** [techn.]. AS *pinetl*, penis, dim. of *\*pint*; cf. Du. LG. Ger. *pint*, penis. Chiefly naut. and associated with *gudgeon*<sup>2</sup> (q.v.).

**piolet** [Alp.]. Ice-axe. F., from Savoy dial., dim. of *piolo*, cogn. with F. *pioche*, mattock, and ult. with *pic*, pickaxe.

**pioneer.** F. *pionnier*, from *pion*, foot-soldier. See *pawn*<sup>2</sup>, *peon*.

**pious.** F. *pieux*, VL. *\*pius*, for *pius*, devout.

**pip**<sup>1</sup>. Disease of poultry. Du. *pip*; cf. Ger. *pijs* (from LG.), for MHG. *pfips*; also F. *pépie*, "the pip" (Cotg.), It. *pipita*, "the pip that chickens have" (Flor.), Sp. *pepita*; all from VL. *pipita*, for *pituita*, mucus.

**pip**<sup>2</sup>. On cards or dice. Earlier *peep*, ident. with *peep*<sup>2</sup> (q.v.), ? via sense of eyes. In Teut. langs. the *pijs* are called "eyes," in Rom. langs. "points," and the words for "point" in the Rom. langs. also mean "peep" of day.

**pip**<sup>3</sup>. Of fruit. Short for *pippin* (q.v.), with which (c. 1600) it was synon. For slang senses of verb to *pip* cf. *pull*<sup>2</sup>.

**pipal**. See *peepul*.

**pipe**. AS. *pipe*, VL. \**piġa*, from *pi-pare*, to pipe, cheep, like a young bird, of imit. origin. Thus all the tubular senses app. start from a small reed pipe or whistle. Cf. F. *pipe*, It. Sp. *piġa*; also Du. *pijp*, Ger. *pfefte*.

**pip emma**. Mil. slang for P.M.

**pi-per-**. From L. *pi-per*, pepper.

**pipistrel**. Small bat. It. *pipistrello*, perverted var. of *vipistrello*, for *vespertillo*, VL. \**vesperillus*, for *vespertilio*, bat, from *vesper*, evening.

**pipit**. Bird. Imut. of cry, cf. *pewit*.

**pipkin**. ? Dim. of *pipe*, cask, not orig. limited to wine. Cf. Sp. *pipote*, keg, from *piġa*, pipe, cask.

**pippin**. Orig. (c. 1300) *pip*<sup>3</sup>, kernel; later applied to seedling apple. F. *pépín*, "a pippin, or kernell, the seed of fruit" (Cotg.); cf. Sp. *pepita*, grain. Origin unknown. Du. *pip-peling* shows the same transition of sense.

**piquant**. Pres. part. of F. *piquer*, to sting, etc. See *pick*<sup>2</sup>.

**pique**. F., from *piquer*, to prick, sting.

**piqué**. Fabric. From F. *piquer*, to prick, stitch.

**piquet**. F., ? from *pique*, spade at cards.

**piragua, periagua**. Boat. Sp. *piragua*, from Carib. Cf. F. *pyrogue*.

**pirate**. F. *pirate*, L. *pirata*, G. *πειρατής*, from *πειράω*, to attempt, attack

**pyrogue**. See *piragua*.

**pirouette**. F. *pirouette*, orig. spinning top, teetotum. Also OF. *pirouet*, Burgund. *pirouelle*, Guernsey *pyroue*; cf. It. *piruolo*, "a top or gigge to play withal" (Flor.), dim. of *piria*, in same sense.

**piscary** [leg.]. MedL. *piscaria*, fishing rights, from *piscis*, fish. Cf. *pisciculture*; *piscina*, orig. fish-pond.

**pisé**. Rammed earth. F. *pisé*, p p of *pisser*, L. *pisare*, *pinsare*, to ram

**Pisgah view**. From Mount Pisgah, Heb. *pisgāh*, cleft (Deut. iii. 27).

**push**. Natural interj.; cf. *tush*, *pooh*, etc.

**pismire** [archaic]. Ant. ME *myre*, ant, ? ult. cogn. with G. *μύρη*, ant. First element alludes to urinous smell of anthill; cf. Du. *zeikmier*, ant, from *zeiken*, to urinate.

**piss**. F. *pisser*, imit.; from nursery lang.

**pistachio**. It. *pistacchio*, G. *πιστάκιον*, from *πιστάκη*, pistachio tree, from OPers.

**pistil** [bot.]. L. *pistillum* (see *pestle*). From resemblance to pestle of a mortar.

**pistol**. Obs F. *pistole*; app. shortened from earlier *pistolete*, It. *pistoleto*, dim. from *pistolese*, "a great dagger, hanger, or wood-knife" (Flor.), ? from *Pistoia* (Tuscany), noted for metal-work and gun-making. For transfer of sense from dagger to small fire-arm cf. *dag* (q.v.). This is the trad. etym., but Czech *pistal*, reed, pipe, or Pol. *piszezalka*, used of fire-arm, is found in Ger. records as *piesschule*, *puschol*, etc., in 1421-9, i.e. much earlier than the Rom. words.

**pistole**. Coin. Ident. with *pistol* (q.v.), sense of coin perh. originating in mil. slang. *Pistole* was also used of a coin in F. & E.

**piston**. F. *piston*, It. *pistone*, var. of *pestone*, from *pestare*, to pound, etc., Late L. *pistare*, frequent. of *pinere*, *pist*, to beat, pound. Cf. *pestle*.

**pit**. AS. *pytt*. WGer. loan from L. *puteus*, well; cf. Du. *put*, Ger. *pfütze*. Verb to *pit* is from the *cockpit*. *Pit-fall*, orig. for animals, is from AS. *fealle*, trap; cf. synon. Ger. *falle*.

**pit-a-pat**. Earlier *pit-pat*, redupl. on *pat*.

**pitch**<sup>1</sup>. Noun. AS. *pic*, L. *pix*, *pic*. Cf. *pay*<sup>2</sup>.

**pitch**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. Not found in AS., but app. cogn. with *pick*<sup>2</sup>, *pike* (q.v.), of which it represents various senses in ME. Orig. to thrust in, fix.

**pitchblende**. From *pitch*<sup>1</sup>. See *blende*.

**pitcher**. OF. *pitcher* (replaced by *pichet*); cf. It. *picchiere*, MedL. *picarium*, *bicarium*. App. ident. with *beaker* (q.v.).

**pith**. AS. *piþa*; cf. Du. *pit* and other LG. cognates.

**pithecanthrope** [biol.]. "Missing link." From G. *πίθηκος*, ape, *άνθρωπος*, man.

**pittance**. F. *pitance*, pittance, in OF. pity; cf. OIt. *pretanza*, pity, pittance, Sp. *pitanza*, charity, pittance, MedL. *pretantia*, from L. *pietas*, piety, earliest sense of *pittance* being a dole established by pious bequest.

**pituit**. From L. *pituita*, rheum, mucus.

**pity**. F. *piñé*, L. *pietas*, *pretat*, piety, which in Late L. assumed sense of

compassion. With *piteous*, OF. *pitous* (Mod. *piteux*), cf. *courteous*.

**pivot.** F., of obscure origin, but prob. of similar sense-development to *pinile* (q.v.); cf. It. *puolo*, peg, dibble, penis.

**pixy.** Also dial. *pisky*. ? Sw. dial. *pyske*, small fairy, dwarf, has been suggested, but the fact that *pixy* is essentially a west country word makes Scand. origin unlikely.

**pizzicato** [mus.]. It., from *pizzicare*, to pinch (q.v.).

**pizzle** [archaic]. Penis of bull used as flogging instrument. LG. *pesel* or Flem. *pezel*, dim. of a word represented by Du. *pees*, sinew; cf. synon. F. *nerf de bœuf*, lit sinew of ox.

**placable.** L. *placabilis*, from *placare*, to appease, causal of *placère*, to please.

**placard.** F. *placard*, from *plaquer*, "to clap, slat, sticke, or past on; to lay flat upon" (Cotg.), Du. *plakken*, prob. imit. of sound of daubing brush.

**placate.** From L. *placare*. See *placable*.

**place.** F. *place*, VL. \**plattia*, for *platea*, broad way, G. *πλατεία* (sc. *ὁδός*), from *πλάτος*, flat, wide; cf. It. *piazza*, Sp. *plaza*.

**placebo** [eccl.]. Imt. word of antiphon in vespers for the dead, Ps. cxiv. 9 (Vulg.).

**placenta** [biol.]. L. *placenta*, flat cake, from G. *πλάξ*, *πλακ-*, flat plate.

**placer.** Gravel, etc., containing gold. Amer. Sp., from *plaza*, place (q.v.).

**placet.** L., it pleases.

**placid.** L. *placidus*, cogn. with *placère*, to please.

**plack** [hist.]. Small coin (Sc.). Flem. *plache*, *plecke*. Orig. something flat (see *placard*).

**placket** [archaic]. Apron or petticoat. For *placard*, in obs. sense of breast-plate.

**placid** [zool.]. From G. *πλάξ*, *πλακ-*, flat plate

**plafond** [arch.]. F., ceiling, orig. floor, for *plat fond*, flat bottom.

**plagiary.** F. *plagiarre*, L. *plagiarius*, kidnapper, from *plaga*, net.

**plagio-**. From G. *πλάγιος*, oblique, from *πλάγος*, side.

**plague.** OF. *plague*, L. *plaga*, stroke, wound, cogn. with L. *plangere* and G. *πληγνύναι*, from *πλήσσειν*, to strike.

**plaiçe.** OF. *plaiç*, VL. \**plattissus*, for *platessa*, from G. *πλάτυς*, flat.

**plaid.** Orig. garment, covering. Gael. *plaid*; cf. Ir. *plord*, blanket, Gael. *peallard*, sheepskin; ult from L. *pellis*, skin. Cf. *pillion*.

**plain.** F. *plain*, L. *planus*, smooth, level. For *plain-sailing* see *plane*<sup>3</sup>.

**plaint** [poet.]. F. *plainte*, p.p. fem. of *se plaindre*, to complain, L. *plangere*, *plangit-*, to beat (the breast).

**plaintiff.** Spec. use of OF. *plaintif*, from *se plaindre*, to complain (v.s.).

**plaster.** See *plaster*.

**plait.** Also *plat*. OF. *pleit*, L. *phictum*, p.p. of *phicare*, to fold, ? or *plectum*, from *plectere*, to weave. Oldest sense survives in var. *pleat*.

**plan.** F. *plan*, earlier *plant*, from It. *pianita*, ground-plan, L. *planitia*, foot-sole. This was associated with F. *plan*, flat (see *plane*<sup>3</sup>). F. *plant* occurs (15 cent.) in sense of "gold-brick" swindle.

**planar-**. From L. *planarius*, erron. taken for flat.

**planchette.** F., dim. of *planche*, plank.

**plane**<sup>1</sup>. Tree F. *plane* (now usu. *platane*), G. *πλάτανος*, from *πλατύς*, broad, in allusion to shape of leaves of Oriental plane.

**plane**<sup>2</sup>. Tool. F. *plane* (OF. *plaine*), Late L. *plana*, from *planare*, to smooth, from *planus*, level.

**plane**<sup>3</sup> [math.]. Arbitrary 17 cent. var. of *plain*; cf. similar sense of F. *plan*. *Plain-sailing* or *plane-sailing* is navigation by a *plane chart*, representing the earth's surface as plane instead of spherical.

**plane**<sup>4</sup> [aeron.]. Verb. F. *planer*, to hover, from *plan*, smooth, level, L. *planus*.

**planesheer** [naut.]. Ledge below gunwale of earlier man-of-war. Folk-etym (*plane* and *sheer*) for obs. *plancher*, F., boarding, floor. See *plank*.

**planet**<sup>1</sup> [astron. & astrol.]. F. *planète*, G. *πλανήτης*, wanderer, from *πλανάν*, to lead astray.

**planet**<sup>2</sup> [eccl.]. Early chasuble in form of traveller's cloak. Ident. with above, "wanderer's" mantle. Cf. *pluvial*.

**plangent.** From pres. part. of L. *plangere*, to beat.

**planish** [techn.]. To flatten (metal). OF. *planur*, *planiss*- (replaced by *aplannr*), from L. *planus*, smooth

**planisphere.** Flat projection of (part of) sphere. F. *planisphère*. See *plane*<sup>3</sup>, *sphere*.

**plank.** Norman-Picard *planque*, F. *planche*, Late L. *planca*, cogn. with G. *πλάξ*, *πλακ-*, flat plate, slab.

**plankton** [*biol.*]. Collect. name for floating organic life in sea. From G. *πλαγκτός*, drifting, from *πλάζεσθαι*, to wander.

**plant.** AS. *plante*, young tree, sapling (as still in *ash-plant*), L. *planta*, sole of foot, plant (? secondary sense from treading in saplings). Later senses from F. *plante*, plant, or *plant*, act of planting, from verb *planter*, to plant, fig. to establish. For *plant*, swindle, see *plan*.

**plantain**<sup>1</sup>. E. plant. OF. *plantain*, L. *plantago*, *plantagin-*, from *planta*, sole of foot, in allusion to broad prostrate leaves.

**plantain**<sup>2</sup>. Banana. Sp. *plátano*, *plántano*, L. *platanus*, plane<sup>1</sup>. The E. form is assimilated to the spelling of *plantain*<sup>1</sup>. The Sp. word is perh. also an assimilated form of some native Wind. name (? Carib *pala-tana*), as the *plantain* has no resemblance to the *plane*.

**plantigrade** [*biol.*]. Walking on the sole of the foot, L. *planta*.

**planul-**. Dim. from L. *planus*, flat.

**plap.** Imit., cf. *flap*, *plop*.

**plaque.** F., tablet, etc., from *plaquer* (see *placard*).

**plash**<sup>1</sup> [*archaic*]. Pool. AS. *plæsc*, cogn. with Du. LG. *plas*, and perh. with *plash*<sup>2</sup>.

**plash**<sup>2</sup>. Also archaic and poet. *pleach*. To interweave twigs of hedge OF. *pleussier*, VL. \**plechare*, from *plectere*, to weave, cogn. with *plicare*, to fold, and G. *πλέκειν*, to weave.

**plash**<sup>3</sup>. Splash. Cf. archaic Du. *plas-schen*, Ger. *plätschern*, and see *plash*<sup>1</sup>. See also *splash*.

**-plasm, plasm-**. From G. *πλάσμα*, from *πλάσσειν*, to mould.

**plaster.** AS. *plaster*, in med. sense, VL. *plastrum*, for *emplastrum*, G. *ἐμπλαστρον*, from *ἐμπλάσσειν*, to daub over, from *πλάσσειν*, to mould. Building sense is from corresponding OF. *plastre* (Mod. *plâtre*).

**plastic.** G. *πλαστικός*, from *πλάσσειν*, to mould.

**plastron.** Front of fencing jacket or dress-shirt. F. *plastron*, adapted from It. *piatrone*, from *piastra*, breast-plate; cf. *plaster*, *piastre*.

**plat**<sup>1</sup>. Piece of ground (2 *Kings* ix. 26). Var. of *plot*, due to influence of archaic *plat*, flat surface (see *plate*).

**plat**<sup>2</sup>. See *plait*.

**platan-e.** Oriental plane-tree. OF. *platan* (Mod. *platane*), L. *platanus*, plane<sup>1</sup>.

**platband** [*arch. & hort.*]. F. *plate-bande*, lit. flat band.

**plate.** OF. *plate*, orig. fem. of adj. *plat*, flat, Late L. \**plattus*, G. *πλατύς*, broad; cf. It. *piatta*, Sp. *plata*, which developed esp. sense of metal plate, hence precious metal.

**plateau.** F, OF. *platel*, dim. from *plat*, flat (v.s.).

**platen, platten** [*typ.*]. Iron plate pressing paper against type. F. *platine*, from *plat*, flat (v.s.).

**platform.** F. *plate-forme*, lit. flat form. Earliest E. sense (16 cent.) is ground-plan. Often *platform* in early texts (see *plot*).

**platina.** Earlier name for *platinum*. Sp. *platina*, dim. of *plata*, silver (see *plate*).

**platitude.** F., coined from *plat*, flat, dull.

**Platonic love.** From *Plato* (†348 B.C.), orig. (at Renaissance) with ref. to Plato's interest in young men.

**platoon.** F. *peloton*, dim. of *pelote*, a ball, pellet, hence an agglomeration.

**platten.** See *platen*.

**platter** [*archaic*]. AF. *plater*, from F. *plat*, dish, lit. flat. It may have been modelled on *trencher* or altered from OF. dim. *platel*, now *plateau*, tray.

**platypus** [*zool.*]. G. *πλατύπους*, flat-footed.

**plaudit.** For earlier *plaudite*, imper. of *plaudere*, to clap the hands, appeal of Roman actors at end of play.

**plausible.** L. *plausibilis*, deserving applause (v.s.).

**play.** AS. *plegian*, with gen. sense of brisk activity, without spec. reference to either business or amusement. Cogn. with Ger. *pflegen*, to be busily solicitous for, to be accustomed.

**plea, plead.** The noun is archaic F. *plaid*, L. *placitum*, what pleases, hence agreement. The verb, F. *plaider*, is from the noun.

**pleach.** See *plash*<sup>2</sup>.

**plead.** See *plea*.

**pleasance** [*archaic*]. OF. *plaisance*, from *plaire*, *plais-*, to please (q.v.).

**pleasant.** F. *plaisant*, pres. part. of *plaire*, to please; in Mod.F. funny, jocular; cf. *pleasantry*, F. *plaisanterie*.

**please.** F. *plaire*, *plais-*, VL. \**placere*, for *placêre*, to please, cogn. with G.

*πλάξ*, flatness. Perh orig. of smoothing ruffled plumage. Correct OF. infin. was *plaisir*, now only noun, whence E. *pleasure* (cf. *leisure*).

**pleat.** Var of *plait* (q.v.).

**plebeian.** From L. *plebeius*, belonging to the *plebs*, common people, cogn. with *plerique*, many, *plēre*, to fill. Cf. *plebiscite*, L. *plebiscitum*, for *plebis scitum*, decree of the people (*sciscere*, *scit-*, to decree, from *scire*, to know).

**plectrum** [*mus*]. L. *plectrum*, G. *πλήκτρον*, from *πλήσσειν*, to strike

**pledge.** OF. *plege* (noun), *plegier* (verb), whence archaic ModF. *pleger*-*r*. Found in Merovingian L. as *plevium*, *plebium*, *plevire*, *plebire* (cf. obs leg. *plevin*, warrant), app from a WGer. verb, to incur risk, responsibility, represented by AS *plēon*, Ger. *pflegen* (whence *pflicht*, duty).

**pledget.** Small roll of lint, etc Dim. of ME. *plege*. Origin unknown.

**Pleiad.** G. *Πλειάς*, *Πλειάδες*, group of stars, trad. connected with *πλεῖν*, to sail.

**pleio-, pleo-, plio-.** From G. *πλείων*, more, used as compar. of *πολύς*, much, many.

**pleiocene** [*geol*]. From G. *καινός*, new (v.s).

**pleistocene** [*geol*]. From G. *πλεῖστος*, most (v.s.).

**plenary.** Late L. *plenarius*, from *plenus*, full.

**plenipotentiary.** MedL. *plenipotentiarius*, from *plenus*, full, *potentia*, power.

**plenish** [*Sc.*]. OF. *plenir*, *plemss-*, from L. *plenus*, full

**plenitude.** L. *plenitudo*, from *plenus*, full

**plenteous.** Altered from ME. & OF. *plentivous*, from *plentif*, VL. *\*plentivus*, from *plenus*, full. Cf. *bounteous*.

**plenty.** OF. *plentié*, L. *plenitas*, -*iat*, from *plenus*, full.

**pleo-.** See *pleio-*.

**pleonasm.** G. *πλεονασμός*, from *πλέον*, compar. neut. of *πολύς*, much.

**pleroma** [*theol*]. G. *πλήρωμα*, fulness (Col. ii. 9), from *πλήρης*, full.

**plesiosaurus.** From G. *πλησίος*, near, approximating, *σαύρος*, lizard.

**plethora.** MedL. *plethora*, G. *πληθώρα*, from *πλήθω*, to become full.

**pleurisy.** F. *pleurésie*, from Late L. *pleurisis*, for *pleuritis*, G. *πλευρίτις*, from *πλευρά*, side, rib, whence also *pleuro-*.

**pleximeter** [*med*]. From G. *πλήξις*, blow, percussion, from *πλήσσειν*, to strike.

**plexus** [*anat.*]. Aggregate of fibres, etc. L., from *plectere*, *plex-*, to plait, weave

**pliable, pliant.** F. (see *ply*<sup>1</sup>).

**plicate** [*bot.*]. L. *plicatus*, from *plicare*, to fold

**pliers.** From obs. *ply*, to bend. See *ply*<sup>1</sup>.

**plight**<sup>1</sup> [*archaic*]. Pledge. AS. *plihht*, danger, risk, whence verb *plihhtan*, to endanger, pledge, promise, esp with *troth*, in ref to marriage; cf. Du. *plicht*, obligation, Ger. *pflicht*, duty, and see *pledge*.

**plight**<sup>2</sup>. Condition. AF. *plht*, var. of *plait*, *pleat*. From sense of fold was developed that of contexture "complexion" (q.v.), condition. En bon *plht*, in good condition, is common in AF. For mod. spelling cf. *delight*

**Plimsoll line, mark** [*naut.*]. From S. Plimsoll, M.P., promoter of Merchant Shipping Act (1876).

**plimsoll** [*slang*]. Cheap canvas shoe. ? From rubber sheathing suggesting plimsoll line (v.s).

**plinth.** G. *πλίνθος*, brick, squared stone.

**pliocene.** See *pleio-*.

**plod.** Of imit origin; or cf. ME. & dial. *plod*, *plud*, puddle, Gael. Ir. *plod*, pool, puddle.

**plop.** Imit; cf. *plump*<sup>2</sup>, *flop*.

**plot.** AS. *plot* (of land), which, in view of its solitary occurrence and lack of Teut cognates, is prob. F. *pelote*, clod, VL. *\*pilotta*, dim. of *pila*, ball. This reappears in ME. (15 cent.) as *plotte*, prob. a new borrowing from F. *pelote*. The sense of scheme, which might naturally develop from that of flat surface (cf. *plan*), was helped by association with *plat*, the two words being used indifferently (cf. *platform*). The degeneration of sense was partly due to association with the related F. *complot*, which had already acquired the sense of conspiracy, and this was definitely fixed (1605) by Gunpowder Plot. It may be noted that *platoon*, from the dim. *peloton*, was also in earlier E. *platoon*. The order of senses is thus—patch of ground, flat surface, ground-plan of building, design in general, nefarious design. See also *complot*, *plat*, *platform*.

**plough.** ON. *plōgr*, whence AS. *plōh*; cf. Du. *ploeg*, Ger. *pflug*. See also *ear*<sup>2</sup>. To *plough* in an examination is an arbitrary variation on *pluck*.



**plover.** F. *pluvier*, Late L. \**pluvarius*, from *pluvia*, rain. Cf. Sp. *pluvial*, Ger. *regenpfeifer*, lit. rain-piper, E. dial. *rainbird*.

**pluck.** AS *pluccian*, *ploccian*; cf. Du. *plukken*, Ger. *pflücken*, ON. *plukka*, *plukka*; all borrowed from VL. \**pluccare*, from *pilus*, hair, whence It. *pluccare*, to pluck. Hence *pluck*, viscera of an animal, as being "plucked" out of the carcase, adopted in 18 cent. (cf. mod. *guts*) as a pugilistic word for courage.

**plug.** Orig. naut. Du. *plug*, with LG. cognates; cf. Ger. *pflöck*, peg, plug.

**plum.** AS. *plūme*, L. *pruna*, neut. pl. treated as fem. sing., G. *προῦμνον*. For change of *-r-* to *-l-* cf. Ger. *pflaume*, ON. *plōma*.

**plumage.** F., from *plume* (q v).

**plumassier.** Worker in feathers. F., from *plumasse*, augment. of *plume* (q.v.).

**plumb.** F. *plomb*, L. *plumbum*, lead. Cf. *plumber*.

**plumbago.** L., lead-ore and plant.

**plume.** F. *plume*, L. *pluma*.

**plummer-block** [*mech.*]. ? From name of inventor.

**plummert.** OF. *plomet*, *plombet*, dim. of *plomb*, lead, L. *plumbum*.

**plump**<sup>1</sup>. Fat. Late ME. *plompe*, coarse, dull, Du. *plomp*, blunt, clumsy, cf. Ger. *plump*, coarse (from LG.). Later sense perh. due to association with *plum* and *plumb*.

**plump**<sup>2</sup>. To fall with a flop, etc. Impt., but perh. influenced by *plumb* (cf. It. *piombare*, to plunge, and see *plunge*). Here belongs verb to *plump*, in voting, which may also have been influenced by *plump*<sup>1</sup>.

**plump**<sup>3</sup> [*archaic*]. Solid cluster, as in *plump* of spears (Marmion, i. 3). Origin obscure; cf. similar use of *clump*.

**plunder.** First as verb. Ger. *plündern*, from *plunder*, orig. household stuff, etc., now rubbish, lumber, a LG. word.

**plunge.** F. *plonger*, VL. \**plumbicare*, from *plumbum*, lead; cf. It. *piombare*, to plunge, from *piombo*, lead.

**plunk.** Impt., but sense suggests Picard *plonquer*, dial. form of F. *plonger*, to plunge.

**pluperfect.** Contr. of F. *plus-que-parfait*, L. *plus quam perfectum* (sc. *tempus*), more than perfect.

**plural.** L. *pluralis*, from *plus*, plur-, more.

**plus.** L., more.

**plush.** F. *peluche*, "shag, plush" (Cotg.), VL. \**pliucca*, from *pilus*, hair.

**plutocracy.** F. *plutocratie*, G. *πλουτοκρατία*, power of wealth, *πλούτος*

**Plutonian, Plutonic.** From G. *Πλούτων*, *Pluto*, ruler of Hades.

**pluvial.** L. *pluvialis*, from *pluvia*, rain. Also (hist.) an eccl. vestment, lit. rain-cloak

**ply**<sup>1</sup>. Noun. F. *pli*, fold, bend, from *plier*, L. *plicare*.

**ply**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. Aphet. for *apply* (q v), in sense of busying oneself, wielding, soliciting, etc.

**plymouth rock.** Fowl From US. *Plymouth*, reached by Mayflower, 1620.

**pneumatic.** G. *πνευματικός*, from *πνεῦμα*, breath, spirit, from *πνέιν*, to blow.

**pneumonia.** G. *πνευμονία*, from *πνεύμων*, *πνεῦμον*, lung (v s).

**po.** F. pronunc. of *pot*,

**poach**<sup>1</sup>. To dress eggs. F. *pocher*, lit. to pouch, pocket.

**poach**<sup>2</sup>. To steal game. Earlier *potch*, app. ident. with above. But dial. senses, to poke, trample, etc., belong to F. *pocher*, to thrust, knock, of Teut. origin (see *poke*<sup>2</sup>).

**pochard.** Diving bird. App. from F. *pocher*, to poke, etc. (v s).

**pock.** Usu. in pl. *pox*, for *pocks*. AS. *poce*, pustule; cogn. with Du. *pok*, Ger. *pocke* (from LG.), and ult. with *pockel*, *poke*<sup>1</sup>.

**pocket.** AF. *pokete*, dim. of ONF. *poque* (F. *poche*) See *poke*<sup>1</sup>.

**pock-pudding.** Opprobrious Sc. name for Englishman. For *poke-pudding*, bag-pudding, see *poke*<sup>1</sup>.

**poccurante.** It. *poco curante*, little caring, L. *paucum* and pres. part. of *curare*.

**pod**<sup>1</sup>. Of beans. Earlier (c. 1600) *pood*, prob. altered by analogy with synon. *cod*. Origin unknown.

**pod**<sup>2</sup>. US. name for herd of whales or seals. Origin unknown.

**podagra.** Gout. G. *ποδάγρα*, from *πούς*, *πῶδ*, foot, *ἄγρᾱ*, trap.

**podestà.** It. *podestà*, magistrate, L. *potestas*, -*iat*-, power, from *potis*, powerful.

**podge.** Var. of *puddge* (q.v.).

**podium** [*arch*]. L. *podium*, G. *πόδιον*, dim. of *πούς*, *πῶδ*-, foot. See *pew*.

**podo-**. From G. *πούς*, *πῶδ*-, foot.

**Podsnappery.** From *Podsnap*, character in *Our Mutual Friend*.

**poecilo-**. From G. *ποικίλος*, variegated.

**poem**. F. *poème*, G. *ποίημα*, var. of *ποίημα*, from *ποιεῖν*, to make. Cf. *poet*, F. *poète*, G. *ποιητής*, for *ποιητής*; *poesy*, F. *poésie*, from G. *ποίησις*; *poetry*, OF. *poetrie*, Late L. *poetria*; *poetaster*, It. *poetastro* or OF. *poetastre*, formed with pejorative suffix *-aster*. See also *posy*.

**pogo**. Jumping stick game (Aug. 1921). From Paris. ? Arbitrary formation.

**pogrom**. Russ., from verb *gromit'*, to batter, devastate, cogn. with *gremiet'*, to thunder.

**poignant**. Pres. part. of F. *poindre*, to prick, stab, L. *pungere*.

**poilu**. F., hairy, from *poil*, hair (of beard), L. *pilus*. The word is not new, e.g. Balzac uses it in the sense of bold, determined. There was perh. orig. a play on *brave à trois poils*, lit. three-pile brave, a metaphor from velvet.

**poinsettia**. Flower. From discoverer, J. R. Poinsett.

**point**. F. *point* (m.), prick, dot, etc., L. *punctum*, *poincte* (f.), act of piercing, Late L. *puncta*, from *pungere*, *punct-*, to prick, pierce; cf. It. Sp. *punto*, *punta*, in same groups of senses. *Point-blank* is from *blank*, the white centre of the target.

**pointillism** [art.]. From F. *pointiller*, to cover with *pointilles*, small dots.

**poise**. OF. *pois* (Mod. *poids*), earlier *peis*, L. *pensum*, from *pendere*, to weigh. Cf. *avoirdupois*.

**poison**. F. *poison*, L. *potio-n-*, drink, from *potare*, to drink.

**poitrel** [archaic]. Breast-armour for horse. OF. *poitrel*, L. *pectorale*, from *pectus*, *pector-*, breast.

**poke**<sup>1</sup>. Bag. ON. *poki*, cogn. with AS. *pohha*, or ONF. *poque* (see *pocket*), of Teut. origin. Cf. *pouch*.

**poke**<sup>2</sup>. To thrust. OF LG. origin; cf. Du. LG. *poken*, also Du. *pook*, stick, Ger. *pochen*, to knock.

**poker**. Card-game. Orig. US. Cf. Ger. *poch*, *pochspiel*, a "bluffing" card-game, from *pochen*, to brag, lit. to knock, rap, cogn. with *poke*<sup>2</sup>.

**polacre, polacca** [naut.]. Three-masted Mediterranean ship. Cf. F. *polacre*, It. Sp. *polacra*, Du. *polaaik*, Ger. *polacke*, all app. meaning Polish (cf. obs. *Polack*, Pole, *Haml.* n. 2). But it is difficult to see how a Mediterranean rig could be named from

Poland. Early authorities all describe the *polacre* as "pole-masted," i.e. with each mast made of one piece of timber, so that the word may be of E. formation from *pole*<sup>1</sup>, with jocular assim. to *Polack*.

**polarize**. F. *polariser* (see *pole*<sup>3</sup>).

**polder** [geog.]. Land reclaimed from sea. Du., earlier *polre*. Perh ident. with Du. *polder*, fowl-run, MedL. *pullarium*.

**pole**<sup>1</sup>. Stake, etc. AS *pāl*, L. *pālus*.

**pole**<sup>2</sup>. Geographical. F. *pôle*, G. *pólos*, pivot, axis.

**poleaxe**. ME. *pollax*, as though from *poll*<sup>1</sup>, but formation from *pole*<sup>1</sup> seems more likely (cf. *halberd*).

**polecat**. From OF. *pole* (Mod. *poule*), hen, from its preying on poultry (q v.). See also *catchpole*.

**polemarch** [hist.]. Commander-in-chief. G. *πολέμαρχος* (v i.).

**polemic**. G. *πολεμικός*, from *πόλεμος*, war.

**polenta**. It. *polenta*, L. *polenta*, peeled barley, from *pollen*, fine meal.

**police**. F. *police*, civil administration, MedL. *politia*, whence also *policy*<sup>1</sup>, *polity* (q.v.).

**policlinic** [med.]. Clinic (q v.) held in private house. Ger. *poliklinisch*, from G. *πόλις*, city. Erron. *polyclinic*.

**polity**<sup>1</sup>. Statecraft. OF. *policie*, G. *πολιτεία*, from *πολίτης*, citizen, from *πόλις*, city.

**policy**<sup>2</sup>. Of insurance. F. *police*, altered on *policy*<sup>1</sup>. Ult. MedL. *apodissa*, receipt, for L. *apodixis*, G. *ἀπόδειξις*, from *ἀποδεικνύειν*, to make known. Cf. Prov. *podiza*, Port. *apolice*, also It. *polizza*, invoice, Sp. *póliza*. For change of *-d-* to *-l-* in words of G. origin cf. *pilot*.

**poligar**. Feudal chief in SInd. Mah-ratti *pālīgar*, from Tamil *pālaiyam*, feudal estate.

**polish**. F. *polir*, *poliss-*, L. *polire*, to polish, smooth.

**polite**. L. *politus*, p.p. of *polire*, to polish.

**politic**. G. *πολιτικός*, from *πολίτης*, citizen, from *πόλις*, city.

**polity**. OF. *politie*, learned form of *policie* (see *policy*<sup>1</sup>).

**polka**. Polish *polka*, fem. of *Polak*, Pole.

**poll**<sup>1</sup>. Head. Cf. obs. Du. *pol*, *polle*, LG. *polle*, also Dan. *puld*, crown of head. Hence to *poll*, crop the head (2 *Sam.* xiv. 26), now usu. of trees, whence *pollard* (oak, willow).

**poll<sup>2</sup>**. Parrot. From name *Poll*, for *Moll* (cf. *Peg* for *Meg*), earlier *Mal*, from *Mary* (cf. *Hal*, from *Harry*).

**poll<sup>3</sup>**. Pass degree (Camb). Prob from G. οἱ πολλοί, the many, the multitude.

**pollack, pollock**. Kind of cod. Prob. from *poll<sup>1</sup>*, ? with fanciful assim. to *Polack*, Pole. Cf. *pollard*, obs. name for chub.

**pollan**. Ir. freshwater fish. ? From Ir. *poll*, pool, mire.

**pollard**. See *poll<sup>1</sup>*.

**pollen**. L., fine flour, dust; cogn. with *pulvis*, dust.

**pollcitation** [leg.]. L. *pollicitatio*-n-, from *pollicitari*, to promise.

**pollute**. From L. *polluere*, *pollut*, from *pro* and *luere*, to wash, cf. L. *luēs*, filth.

**polly** [slang]. For *apollinarius*.

**pollywog** [dial.]. Tadpole. ME. *pol-wiggle*, from *poll<sup>1</sup>* and *wiggle*.

**polo**. Balti (dial. of Indus valley) *polo*, ball; cf. Tibetan *pulu*.

**polonaise**. F., fem. of *polonais*, Polish.

**polonium** [chem.]. From MedL. *Polonia*, Poland. Discovered by M. and Mme Curie, the latter of Polish nationality.

**polony**. Corrupt. of *Bologna* (sausage).

**poltalloch**. Terrier. Bred by Colonel Malcolm, of *Poltalloch* (Argyll).

**poltergeist** [spirit.]. Ger., noisy spirit, from *polter*, uproar, cogn. with *boulder* (q.v.). Cf. Du. *buldergeest*.

**poltroon**. F. *poltron*, It. *poltrone*, from *poltro*, "sluggard, idle, lazies, slothful" (Flor.), prob. ident. with *poltro*, foal, VL. \**pullitrus*, from *pultus*, young animal.

**poly-**. From G. πολύς, πολύ, much, many; e.g. *polyandry*, from ἀνὴρ, ἀνδρ-, man; *polyanthus*, from ἄθος, flower; *polygamy*, from γάμος, marriage; *polyglot*, from γλῶττα, tongue; *polygon*, from γωνία, angle; *polyhedron*, from ἔδρα, base, side; *poly-math*, G. πολυμαθής, from μαθαίνω, to learn; *polytheism*, from θεός, god.

**polyclinic**. General hospital. For *poli-clinic* (q.v.), with changed spelling and meaning.

**polygonum** [bot.]. From G. πολύγονον, knotgrass, from γόνυ, knee (see *poly-*).

**Polynesia**. Latinized from F. *polynésie*, coined from G. νῆσος, island.

**polynia** [geog.]. Open water amid polar ice. Russ. *polynya*, from root of *poly'*, hollow.

**polypus**. Octopus, cuttlefish. G. πολύ-

*pous*, from ποῦς, foot. For application to growth in nose cf. *canker*, *lupus*.

**polytechnic**. F. *polytechnique*, from G. πολύτεχνος, skilled in many arts (τέχνη).

**polyvalent** [neol.]. Of inoculation against all zymotics. From pres. part. of L. *valēre*, to be strong.

**pom** [neol.]. Short for *pomeranian* (q.v.).

**pomace**. Crushed apples for cider. Prob. plur. of OF. *pomat*, cider, MedL. *pomatium*, from L. *pomum*, apple. Cf. *accidence*, *bodice*.

**pomade**. F. *pommade*, It. *pomata*, from *pomum*, apple, from which the unguent is supposed to have been orig. made. *Pomatium* is mod. latinization.

**pomander** [archaic]. Perforated metal ball filled with aromatics, pouncet-box. By dissim. for earlier *pomamber*, OF. *pome ambre*, apple of amber; cf. MedL. *pomum ambræ*.

**pomard, pommard**. Burgundy wine. Name of F. village (Côte-d'Or).

**pomatium**. See *pomade*.

**pombé**. Fermented drink in Central and E. Afr. Native (Swahili).

**pomegranate**. OF. *pome grenade* (now simply *grenade*, q.v.). Called in L. *malum granatum*, seeded apple.

**pomeranian**. Dog from *Pomerania*, Ger. *Pommern*.

**Pomfret cake**. From *Pomfret* (Yorks), AF. *pont fret*, broken bridge, L. *pons*, *pont-*, *fractus*. Now latinized to *Pontefract*.

**pommard**. See *pomard*.

**pommel, pummel**. OF. *pomel* (Mod. *pommeau*), dim. from L. *pomum*, apple, applied to a rounded protuberance. Hence verb to *pommel*, *pummel*, orig. to beat about the head with pommel of sword or dagger.

**Pomona**. Roman goddess of fruit, from *pomum*, apple. Hence *pomona green*.

**pomp**. F. *pompe*, G. *πομπή*, solemn procession, lit. sending, from πέμπω, to send.

**pompadour**. Fashion, hair-dressing, etc. From the *Marquise de Pompadour* (†1764), mistress of Louis XV of France.

**pompier ladder**. From F. *pompier*, fireman, lit. pumper.

**pom-pom**. Machine gun. Imit. of report.

**pompon**. Tufted tassel. F., perh. slang, use of OF. *pompon*, pumpkin.

**ponce** [slang]. Prostitute's bully. ? Corrupt. of synon. F. *Alphonse*

**ponceau**. Poppy-colour. F. *ponceau*, OF. *poucel*, dim. of *poun* (Mod. *paon*), peacock, L. *pavo-n*.

**poncho**. Cloak. SAm. Sp., from Araucanian (Chile) native name.

**pond**. Orig. artificially banked pool. Ident. with *pound*<sup>2</sup> (q.v.).

**ponder**. L. *ponderare*, from *pondus*, *ponder*-, weight. Cf. *preponderate*, *ponderous*.

**pone** [U.S.]. Maize-flour bread. NAm. Ind. (Algonkin) *pone*, *appone*, *oppone*.

**pongee**. Fabric. Earlier *paunchee*, NChin. *pun-chi*, for *pun-hi*, own loom.

**pongo**. Native name, in Angola or Loango, for (unidentified) anthropoid ape.

**poniard**. F. *poignard*, from *poing*, fist, L. *pugnus*; cf. OF. *poignat*, It. *pugnale*, in same sense. But associated also with *poindre*, *poign*-, to pierce, stab.

**pons asinorum**. L, bridge of asses

**pontiff**. F. *pontife*, L. *pontifex*, high priest, which app. means lit. bridge-builder, from L. *pons*, *pont*-, path, bridge, and *facere*. But this may be folk-etym. for Oscan-Umbrian *puntis*, propitiatory offering

**pontoon**. F. *ponton*, L. *ponto-n*, *punt*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.), floating bridge; prob. Celt., but associated with L. *pons*, *pont*-, bridge.

**pony**. Sc. *ponwey*, ? OF. *poulenet*, dim. of *poulain*, colt, Late L. *pullanus*, from *pulus*, young animal.

**pood**. Weight. Russ. *pood*, from LG. or Norse *pund*, *pound*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.).

**poodle**. Ger. *pudel*, orig. a water-dog, from *pudelhund*, from LG. *pudeln*, to splash. Cf. Ger. *pudel*, puddle, *pudel-nass*, dripping wet.

**poof**. Imit. of blowing out candle, etc. Cf. *puff*.

**pooh**. Imit. of blowing away; cf. *poof*, *phew*, etc.

**Pooh-Bah**. Lord High Everything Else in Gilbert and Sullivan's *Mikado*.

**pool**<sup>1</sup>. Of water. AS. *pōl*. WGer.; cf. Du. *poel*, Ger. *pfuhl*; cogn. with Gael. Ir. *poll*, Welsh *pwll*, Corn. *pol*.

**pool**<sup>2</sup>. In gambling. F. *poule*, hen, perh. orig. in sense of booty of successful player; cf. Sp. *pollo*, hen, also stake at *hombre*, Walloon *poie*, hen, stake. It may be ult. connected with the OF. *jeu de la galline* (L. *gallina*, hen) in which the bird was both target and prize (cf. *cockshy*).

**poop** [naut]. F. *poupe*, Genoese *poppa*, VL. \**puppa*, for *puppis*, stern.

**poor**. AF. *povre*, OF. *povre* (Mod. *pauvre*), L. *pauper* (q.v.).

**pop**<sup>1</sup>. Imit. of short quick sound, and hence of movement (cf. *clap*).

**pop**<sup>2</sup>. For *popular concert*.

**pop**<sup>3</sup>. Debating society at Eton. ? From *lollipop*, the society having met orig. at a confectioner's.

**pope**. AS. *pāpa*, Late G. *pāpas*, for *pānpas*, baby word for father, *papa* (cf. hist. of *abbot*).

**Pope Joan**. Card game. Name of fabulous female pope; but cf. synon. F. *naïm jaune*, lit. yellow dwarf, which may have suggested E. name

**popinjay**. Orig. parrot. Very widely diffused, e.g. OF. *papegar* (whence ME. *papejay*), *papegau*, It. *pappagallo*, Sp. *papagayo*, Ger. *papagei*, Du. *papegaar*, MedL. *papagallus*, MedG. *papa-yās*, Arab. *babaghā*, etc., some forms being assimilated to *jay* and its cognates, others to L. *gallus*, cock. Prob. the name originated in some barbarian lang. as imit. of cry.

**poplar**. OF. *poplier* (Mod. *peuplier*), from L. *pōpulus*.

**poplarize** [neol]. From liberal distribution of public money by municipal authorities of *Poplar* (London).

**poplin**. F. *popeline*, earlier *papelaine*, It. *papalina*, iem. of *papalino*, papal, because made at Avignon, seat of the Pope during the schism (1309-1408).

**poppet**. Earlier form of *puppet* (q.v.).

**popple**. Of water. Imit. of motion; cf. *bubble* and Du. *popelen*, to throb, quiver. Partly frequent. of *pop*<sup>1</sup>.

**poppy**. AS. *poþæg*, later *poþig*, from L. *papaver*, whence also F. *pavot*, exact formation of both words being obscure.

**popsy-wopsy**. Redupl. on archaic *pop*, darling, short for *poppet*.

**populace**. F. *populace*, It. *popolaccio*, from *popolo*, people, L. *populus*, with pejorative suffix. Cf. *popular*, *population*, *populous*, etc.

**porbeagle**. Mackerel-shark. From Corn. dial. Origin unknown.

**porcelain**. F. *porcelaine*, It. *porcellana*, orig. cowrie-shaped shell, Venus shell, from *porcella*, dim. of *porca*, lit. sow, used in L. for *vulva*. The china is named from surface resembling the shell.

**porch**. F. *porche*, L. *porticus*, colonnade, ? cogn. with *porta*, door.

**porcine**. L. *porcinus*, of the pig, *porcus*.

**porcupine.** OF. *porc espin*, parallel name to *porc espi* (Mod. *porc-épic*), the former meaning spine (thorn) pig, the latter spike pig.

**pore<sup>1</sup>.** Noun. F. *pore*, G. *πόρος*, passage, pore.

**pore<sup>2</sup>.** Verb. ME. *puren*, *pouren*, to gaze fixedly. Origin unknown.

**porism** [*math*]. G. *πόρισμα*, deduction, from *πορίζειν*, to carry, deduce, from *πόρος*, way.

**pork.** F. *porc*, pig, pork, L. *porcus*.

**pornography.** From G. *πόρνη*, harlot.

**porphyrogenitus** [*hist.*] Late G. *πορφυρογένητος*, born in the purple, i.e. imperial chamber (at Byzantium) called *πορφυρά*

**porphyry.** From G. *πορφύρεος*, purple, whence *πορφύρεος*, porphyry.

**porpoise.** OF. *porpeis*, L. *porcus*, pig, *pisces*, fish. Cf. Ger. *meerschwein*, whence F. *marsouin*, "a porpoise, or seahog" (Cotg.).

**porraceous.** From L. *porraceus*, of the leek, *porrum*

**porrect.** L. *porrigere*, *porrect-*, to extend, from *pro* and *regere*.

**porridge.** Altered, partly under influence of dial. *porray*, leek-broth, etc., from *poddish*, *pottage* (q.v.). Cf. dial. *imperence*. *Porray* is OF. *porée*, Late L. *porrata*, from *porrum*, leek.

**porringer.** For earlier *potager*, *poddinger* (v.s.), with intrusive -n- as in *passenger*, etc.

**port<sup>1</sup>.** Harbour. AS *port*, L. *portus*, cogn. with *porta*, gate, and ult. with *ford*

**port<sup>2</sup>** [*hist.*] Gate. F. *porte*, L. *porta*. Now only in naut. *port-hole* and archaic mil. *sally-port*. See *port<sup>1</sup>*.

**port<sup>3</sup>.** Bearing. F. *port*, from *porter*, to carry, L. *portare*, whence also verb to *port*, now only in mil. to *port arms*. Cf. *portable*, *portly*, orig. majestic.

**port<sup>4</sup>.** Wine. For *port-wine*, from *Oporto*, Port. *o porto*, the harbour

**portage.** From Canad. F. See *port<sup>3</sup>*.

**portal.** OF. *portal* (Mod. *portail*), MedL. *portale*, from *porta*, gate.

**portcullis.** OF. *porte-coulisse*, sliding door, from *couler*, to flow, L. *colare*; cf. theat. *coulisse*.

**Porte** [*hist.*] For F. Sublime *Porte*, rendering Turk Arab. *bāb-i-'āliyy*, lit. lofty gate, offic. name of central office of Ottoman government.

**portend.** L. *portendere*, to foretell, archaic form of *protendere*, *protent-*, to stretch forward, whence also noun *portentum*, portent, omen.

**porter<sup>1</sup>.** Doorkeeper. F. *portier* (see *port<sup>2</sup>*).

**porter<sup>2</sup>.** Bearer. F. *porteur* (see *port<sup>3</sup>*).

**porter<sup>3</sup>.** Beer. For *porter's beer*, *ale*, from *porter<sup>2</sup>*. Cf. *cooper<sup>1</sup>*. With *porterhouse* cf. *alehouse*, *beerhouse*.

**portfire** [*mil.*] Adapted from F. *porte-feu*, lit. carry-fire.

**portfolio.** For *porto folio*, corrupt. of It. *portafogli*, lit. carry-leaves, pl. of *foglio*, L. *folium*.

**portico.** It., as *porch* (q.v.)

**portière.** F. *portière*, MedL. *portaria*, from *porta*, door.

**portion.** L. *portio-n-*, cogn. with *pars*, *part-*.

**Portland cement.** From resembling colour of *Portland stone*, from peninsula of *Portland* (Dorset).

**portly.** From *port<sup>3</sup>*.

**portmanteau.** F. *portemanteau*, lit. carry cloak, earlier valise, now clothes-peg

**portolan** [*hist.*] Early book of sailing-directions. It. *portolano*, from *porto*, harbour.

**portrait.** F., p.p. of *portraire*, to portray, L. *protirahere*, to draw forward.

**port-reeve** [*hist.*] Mayor. AS. *port-gerēfa*, where *port* has sense of borough, prob. extended from that of harbour. See *reeve<sup>1</sup>*.

**Portugee.** Cf. *Chinee*.

**Portuguese man-of-war.** Marine hydrozoan with sail-like crest; cf. *salleeman*.

**portulaca.** Flower. L. *portulaca*, *purslain*, from *portula*, little door, from shape of seed-capsule.

**posada.** Inn. Sp., from *posar*, to lodge (v.i.).

**pose<sup>1</sup>.** To place. F. *poser*, Late L. *pausare*, to halt, rest, which replaced in Rom. langs L. *ponere*, *posit-*, to place, also in compds. (*compose*, *dispose*, *repose*, etc.). See *pause*. L. *ponere* gave F. *pondre*, to lay (eggs), and survives in *compound*, *expound*, *propound*, the nouns *composition*, *exposition*, *proposition* being now felt as belonging to both the -*pond* and -*pose* groups.

**pose<sup>2</sup>.** To non-plus. Aphet. for *oppose* or obs. var. *appose*, to question (see *puzzle*).

**posit** [*logic*]. From L. *ponere*, *posit-*, to place, lay down.

**position.** L. *positio-n-*, from *ponere*, *posit-*, to place. Cf. *positive*, L. *positivus*.

**posology.** Science of doses. F. *posologie*, from G. *πόσος*, how much.

**posse.** Short for MedL. *posse comitatus*, lit. force of the county (q.v.), L. *posse*, to be able, from *potis*, powerful, *esse*, to be.

**possess.** From L. *possidēre*, *possess-*, compd. of *sedēre*, to sit (cf. Ger. *besitzen*, to possess, from *sitzen*, to sit).

**posset.** ME. *poshoie*, *possot*, *possyt*. Orig. made with curdled milk. Origin obscure. There is a rare and doubtful OF. *possette*, which may be a dim. from *posson*, "a little measure for milke, verjuice, and vinegar" (Cotg.). This is a dim. of *pot*; cf. archaic E. *posnet*, cooking pot, OF. *possonet*.

**possible.** F. *possible*, L. *possibilis*, from *posse* (*potis esse*), to be able.

**possum.** Aphet for *opussum* (q.v.).

**post<sup>1</sup>.** Wooden pillar, etc. AS. *post*, reinforced in ME. by OF. *post*, both from L. *postis*, ? and this ult. from *ponere*, *posu-*, to place.

**post<sup>2</sup>.** For letters F. *poste* (f), station, It. *posta*, Late L. *posta*, for *posita*, from *ponere*, *posu-*, to place. Orig. used of series of mounted men stationed at intervals on road (cf. synon. L. *equites positi*). Later applied to the offic. forwarding of all missives. As size of paper (*post octavo*) of Du. or Ger. origin and said to have been named from watermark being a posthorn (cf. *foolscap*).

**post<sup>3</sup>.** Of soldier. F. *poste* (m.), It. *posto*, station, employment, Late L. *postum*, for *positum* (v.s.).

**post<sup>4</sup>.** L. *post*, after, as in *post meridiem* (P.M.), *post mortem*.

**poster.** From *post<sup>1</sup>*.

**posterior.** L., compar. of *posterius*, coming after, from *post*, after; cf. *posterity* A. *posteriori* (reasoning) is from result instead of cause (a *priori*).

**postern** [*archaic*]. OF. *posterne* (Mod. *poterne*), for earlier *posterle*, Late L. *posterula*, backway, from *posterus* (v.s.).

**posthumous.** L. *postumus*, last, last-born, superl. of *posterus* (v.s.), altered in Late L. to *posthumus*, by association with *humus*, ground.

**postil** [*archaic*]. Marginal note, esp. in Bible. F. *postille*, also *apostille*; cf. It. *postilla*, Sp. *postela*, MedL. *postilla* (13 cent.). ? Short for *post illa verba* (*sacrae scripturae*).

**postilion.** F. *postillon*, It. *postiglione*, from *posta*, *post<sup>2</sup>*. Cf. *postboy*.

**postliminy** [*leg.*]. Restoration of the *status quo*. L. *postliminium*, right to

return home and resume one's privileges, from *lumen*, *lumin-*, threshold.

**postmaster<sup>1</sup>.** Orig. official in charge of the mounted posts (see *post<sup>2</sup>*).

**postmaster<sup>2</sup>.** Scholar of Merton College, Oxfr., ? from the poor scholars acting as servitors to the Masters (of Arts) and standing behind them at dinner.

**post-obit.** Promise to pay after the death, L. *post obitum*, of some specified person. Cf. *obituary*.

**postpone.** L. *postponere*, from *ponere*, to place

**postprandial.** From L. *prandium*, late breakfast, lunch, from \**pram*, early, *edere*, to eat.

**postscript.** For L. *postscriptum*, written after.

**postulant.** From pres. part. of L. *postulare*, to demand, ? cogn. with *poscere*. Cf. *postulate*, to request, thing requested

**posture.** F. *posture*, L. *positura*, from *ponere*, *posu-*, to place.

**posy.** In both senses, viz. short motto (on ring, knife), bunch of flowers, contr. of *poesy*. The second sense is connected with the language of flowers.

**pot.** Late AS *pott*; cf. Du. LG. *pot*, ON *pottr*, F. *pot*, OIt *potto*, Sp. *pote*, MedL. *potius*. Origin doubtful, but possibly a monkish witticism from L. *potus*, drink. *Pot(i)* paper is from watermark (cf. *foolscap*). For *pots-herd* see *shard*.

**potable.** L. *potabilis*, from *potare*, to drink.

**potamic.** From G. *ποταμός*, river.

**potash.** Earlier (17 cent.) *pot ashes*, from obs. Du. *pot-aaschen*, *pot ashes*, now *potasch*.

**potation.** L. *potatio-n-*, from *potare*, to drink.

**potato.** Altered from Sp *patata*, var. of *batata* (q.v.), the sweet potato.

**poteen, potheen** [*Anglo-Ir.*]. Ir. *poitín*, little pot.

**Potemkin village.** Artificial village inhabited by smiling peasantry, as exhibited by Count Potemkin (18 cent.) to Catherine II of Russia.

**potent.** From pres. part. of L. *posse* (*potis esse*), to be able. Cf. *potency*, *potential*; also *potentate*, L. *potentatus*, power, in Late L. individual possessing power.

**potheen.** See *poteen*.

**pother.** Tumult. Earlier also *powther*, *pudder*, mod. form app. influenced

- by *bother*. ? Cf. Ger. *polter*, in *poltergeist* (q.v.).
- potiche**. Oriental jar. F. (neol.), from *poi*.
- potion**. L. *potio-n*-, from *potare*, to drink.
- potlatch**. Tribal feast of N Amer. Indians. Chinook *potlatch*, gift.
- pot-pourri**. Orig. hotch-potch. F., translating Sp *olla podrida* (q.v.).
- pot**. Paper. See *pot*.
- potage**. F. *potage*, from *pot*, pot See *porridge*.
- potter**. Verb. Frequent. of dial. *pote*, to thrust, poke, AS. *potian*; cf. Du. *peuteren*, "to thrust ones finger into a little hole" (Sewel), LG. *pöteren*, etc.; all app. from a Teut. word meaning small stick.
- pottle**. OF. *potel*, dim. of *pot*, pot
- potto**. W Afr. lemur. Native name (Guinea).
- potwaller** [*hist.*]. Householder entitled to vote, as having a fire-place of his own, lit. pot-boiler, from AS. *weallan*, to boil. Now usu. *potwalloper*, from dial. *wallop*, to boil furiously, "gallop."
- pouch**. F. *poche*, "a pocket, pouch, or poke" (Cotg.). Of Teut. origin (see *poke*<sup>1</sup>).
- pouf**. F., from *pouffer*, to blow out, puff.
- poult**. Contracted form of *pullet* (q.v.). Hence *poulterer*, lengthened from earlier *poulter*.
- poult-de-soie**. ModF. form of *pou-de-soie*, paduasoy (q.v.).
- poultice**. Earlier *pultes*, pl. of L. *puls*, *pult*-, pulse, pottage.
- poultry**. OF. *pouleterie*, from *pouleter*, poulter (see *pullet*).
- pounce**<sup>1</sup>. Fine powder. F. *ponce*, now usu. *pierre-ponce*, L. *pumex*, *pumic*-, pumice (q.v.).
- pounce**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. Orig. noun, hawk's claw. App. shortened from *pounson*, var. of *puncheon*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.), which is similarly shortened to *punch*<sup>1</sup>. Cf. archaic *pounce*, to "punch" a pattern or perforation, whence archaic *pounce-box* (for *pounded box*), a pomander, made of perforated metal.
- pound**<sup>1</sup>. Weight. AS. *pund*, L. *pondo*, abl. of OL. \**pondos*, by-form of *pondus*, weight, in *libra pondo*, a pound in weight. Money sense arises from the pound (weight) of silver being used as unit in large sums (see *sterling*).
- pound**<sup>2</sup>. Enclosure. AS. *pund*, only

- in compd. *pundfald*, cogn. with verb *pyndan*, to shut up. See also *punfald*, *pund*.
- pound**<sup>3</sup>. To pulverize. AS. *pūman*, with excrement -*d* as in *sound*<sup>2</sup>, *astound*. Cf. Du. *puin*, LG. *piin*, stone rubbish, etc.
- pour**. ME. *pouren*. Origin unknown.
- pourboire**. F., in order to drink. Cf. Ger. *trinkgeld*.
- pourparler**. F. infin. to deliberate, from *pour*, L. *pro*, *parler*, VL. *parabolare*. Cf. *parley*, *parable*, *palaver*.
- pourpoint** [*hist.*]. Quilted doublet. F. *pourpoint*, p.p. of OF. *pourpointre*, from *poindre*, to perforate, stitch, L. *pungere*, to prick.
- poussette** [*dancing*]. F., from *pousser*, to push (q.v.).
- pou sto**. Basis of operations. From saying attributed to Archimedes—*dós μοι τοῦ στῶ, καὶ κινῶ τὴν γῆν*, give me where I may stand and I will move the earth.
- pout**<sup>1</sup>. Fish (orig. frog), esp. in compd. *eelpout*, AS. *ælepūte*; from instinctive *pu*, *po*, indicating inflation, found both in Teut. and Rom.
- pout**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. Cf. Sw. dial. *puta*, to be inflated, F. *bouder*, to sulk (v.s.).
- poverty**. OF. *poureté* (Mod. *pauvreté*), L. *paupertas*-, *-tat*-, from *pauper*, poor.
- powan**. Sc form of *pollan* (q.v.).
- powder**<sup>1</sup>. Noun. F. *poudre*, OF. *poudre*, *polre*, L. *pulvis*, *pulver*-, cogn. with *pollen* and ult. with *pellere*, to drive.
- power**. OF. *poer* (Mod. *pouvoir*), VL. *potēre*, for *posse* (*potis esse*), to be able.
- powwow**. Palaver. N Amer. Ind. (Algonkin) *powwaw*, *powah*, sorcerer.
- pox**. See *pock*.
- pozz(u)olana**. Volcanic ash. It. (sc. *terra*), from Pozzuoli, near Naples.
- praam**, **pram**. Flat-bottomed boat. Du. *praam*, from Slav.; cf. Pol. *pram*; ult. cogn. with *fare*, *ferry*.
- practice**. From verb to *practise* (the differentiated spelling is artificial), OF *prachser*, for *pratiquer*, *practiquer*, Late L. *practicare*, from G. *πρακτικός*, concerned with action, from *práttw*, to do. With *practitioner*, from OF. *praticien* (Mod. *praticien*), cf. *parish-ianer*.
- prad** [*archaic slang*]. Horse. Du. *paard*. See *palfrey*.
- prado**. Public walk. Sp. *prado*, meadow, L. *pratium*.
- prae-** L., before. See also *pre-*.
- praemunire**, **statute of** [*hist.*]. From *praemunire facias*, cause to warn, the

verb being confused in MedL. with *praemonēre*.

**praenomen.** L., cf. *agnomen*.

**praepostor, prepostor.** Monitor at some public schools. For L. *praepositor*, agent. noun from *praepōnere*, *praeposuit*, to appoint over, depute. The sense is rather that of *praepositus* (cf. *prefect*)

**praetor.** L. *praetor*, for \**prae-itor*, foregoer. Hence the *pretorian guard*, *praetorium* (Mark xv. 16).

**pragmatic.** G. *πραγματικός*, versed in business, from *πράγμα*, *πραγματ-*, deed, act, from *πράττω*, to do.

**prahu.** Vessel. Malay *parāhū*; cf. Port *parao*, Du. *prauw*, F. *prao*, whence our earlier forms *proa*, *prow*.

**prairie.** F. *prairie*, meadow, VL. \**pratena*, from *pratium*, meadow.

**praise.** OF. *preisier* (Mod. *priser*, to value), Late L. *pretiare*, from *pretium*, price, value.

**Prakrit** [Ing.]. Inclusive name for (esp. ancient) vernaculars of Northern and Central India allied to Sanskrit. Sanskrit *prākṛita*, unrefined, as opposed to *samśṛita*, refined.

**pram**<sup>1</sup>. See *praam*.

**pram**<sup>2</sup>. Mod. for *perambulator*.

**prance.** ? OF. *paravancier*, intens. of *avancer*, to advance. This suits first record (Chauc. *Troilus*, i 221), and would automatically give AF. *p(a)rauncer*; cf. *proffer*, *prune*<sup>2</sup>.

**prandial.** See *postprandial*.

**prank**<sup>1</sup>. Trick. ? From *prank*<sup>2</sup>, by analogy with the double sense of *trick*.

**prank**<sup>2</sup>. To decorate, dress up. ? Cf. Du. *pronk*, Ger. *prunk*, show, ornament, MLG. *prank*, display, Ger. *prangen*, to show off, etc. See *prink*.

**prate.** Du. *praten*, with cognates in LG., MHG., and the Scand. langs. Perh. of imit. formation.

**pratincole.** Bird. ModL. *pratincola*, from L. *pratium*, meadow, *incola*, inhabitant.

**pratique.** Freedom from quarantine. F. *pratique*, intercourse, L. *practica*. See *practice*.

**prattle.** Frequent. of *prate*

**praty** [Ir.]. Potato. Ir. *prāta*, *prēata*, for *paiaia*, with substitution of -r- for -t-, as in many Gael. words.

**pravity.** L. *pravitas* See *deprave*.

**prawn.** ME. *prayne*, *prane*. Origin unknown.

**praxis.** G. *πράξις*, from *πράττω*, to do. **pray.** OF. *preier* (Mod. *prier*), Late L. *precare*, for *precari*, from *prex*,

*prec-*, prayer; cogn. with Ger. *fragen*, to ask. *Prayer* is OF. *preiere* (Mod. *prière*), VL. \**precaria*. See also *prithae*

**pre-**. L. *prae-*, *pre-*, before, or F. *pré-*, from L.

**preach.** F. *prêcher*, L. *praedicare*, from *dicare*, to proclaim.

**preamble.** MedL. *praeambulum*, neut. of *praeambulus*, going before, from *ambulare*.

**prebend.** F. *prébende*, MedL. *praebenda*, neut. pl., pittance, lit. things to be supplied, from *praebere*, to offer, for *praehbere*, from *habere*, to have.

**precarious.** From L. *precarius*, uncertainly possessed, from *prex*, *prec-*, prayer.

**precede.** F. *précéder*, L. *praecedere*, to go before.

**precentor.** Late L. *praecentor*, from *praecinere*, *praecent-*, from *canere*, to sing.

**precept.** L. *praecceptum*, from *praecipere*, *praeccept-*, to take before, order, from *capere*, to take.

**precession.** Of the equinoxes. Late L. *praecessio-n-*, from *praecedere*, *praecess-*, to precede.

**précieuse.** See *precious*.

**precinct.** MedL. *praecinctum*, enclosure, lit. girt in front, from *cingere*, *cinct-*, to gird.

**preciosity.** Daintily affected style See *precious*.

**precious.** F. *précieux*, L. *pretiosus*, from *pretium*, price, value. Association with literary daintiness is for F. *précieux*, adopted (1640-50) as title by frequenters of refined literary circles in Paris.

**precipice.** F. *précipice*, L. *praecipitium*, from *praecipere*, *praecipit-*, head-first, from *caput*, head

**précis.** F., substantive use of adj. *précis*, precise (q.v.).

**precise.** F. *précis*, L. *praecisus*, from *praecidere*, *praecis-*, to cut off (in front), shorten, from *caedere*, to cut

**preclude.** L. *praeccludere*, to shut off, from *claudere*, to shut

**precocious.** From L. *praecox*, *praecoo-*, early ripe, from *coquere*, to boil, cook.

**preconize.** F. *préconiser*, MedL. *praecomizare*, from L. *praeco-n-*, public crier.

**precursor.** L., from *praecurrere*, -*curs-*, to run before.

**predatory.** L. *praedatorius*, from *praedari*, to plunder, from *praeda*, booty, prey (q.v.).



**predecessor.** Late L. *praedecessor*, from *prae* and *decessor*, one who goes away, deceases.

**predella** [eccl.]. Altar-step, shelf, etc. It. *predella*, OHG. *brettl*, *pretel*, dim. of *pret* (Mod. *brett*, board).

**predial.** Agrarian. MedL. *praedialis*, from *praedium*, farm, from *praes*, *praed-*, pledge, security.

**predicament.** F. *prédicament*, Late L. *praedrcamentum* (see *predicate*), used to render Aristotle's *κατηγορία*, category of predications. Mod. sense is narrowed from gen. sense of class, condition (cf. *plight*<sup>2</sup>).

**predicate.** Late L. *praedrcatum*, what is asserted, from *praedrcare*, to proclaim. Cf. *preach*.

**predict.** L. *praedicere*, *praedict-*, to say before.

**predikant.** Du., Protestant minister, esp. in SAfr. See *preach*.

**predilection.** F. *prédilection*; cf. MedL. *praediligere*, to prefer, from *diligere*, *dilect-*, to love. See *diligent*.

**preen.** Thinned form of *prune*<sup>3</sup> (q.v.), partly due to archaic *preen*, pin, etc. (AS. *prēon*, cogn. with Du. *priem*, bodkin, Ger. *pfiem*, awl), with allusion to action of bird's beak.

**preface.** F. *préface*, L. *praefatio*, fore-speaking, from *fari*, *fat-*, to speak.

**perfect.** L. *praefectus*, high official, from *praeficere*, *praefect-*, to set over, from *facere*, to make, appoint; cf. *prelate*.

**prefer.** F. *préférer*, from L. *praeferre*, to bear before.

**pregnant**<sup>1</sup>. With child. L. *praegnans*, *praegnanti-*, from *prae-* and a second element cogn. with L. *gnatus* (*natus*), born.

**pregnant**<sup>2</sup>. Cogent, pithy. OF. *preignant*, pres. part. of *preindre*, to press, L. *premere*.

**prehensile.** F. *préhensile*, from L. *prehendere*, -*hens-*, to seize, second element cogn. with G. *χανδάνειν*, to hold, and ult. with *get*.

**prejudice.** F. *préjudice*, harm, injury (cf. *prejudicial*, without *prejudice*). Current sense is restored from L. *praejudicium*, fore-judgment.

**prelate.** F. *prélat*, L. *praelatus*, p p. of *praeferre*, to put before, prefer.

**prelection.** L. *praelectio-n-*, reading before, public speech, from *legere*, *lect-*, to read.

**preliminary.** F. *préliminaire*, from L. *limen*, *limin-*, threshold.

**prelude.** F. *prélude*, Late L. *praehudrum*, from *hudere*, to play.

**premature.** See *mature*, and cf. *precocious*.

**premier.** F. *premier*, L. *primarius*, from *primus*, first.

**premise, premiss.** F. *prémisse*, MedL. *praemissa* (sc. *propositio*), from *praemittere*, to send in front. Orig. a term in logic, now usu. spelt *premisses*. Later sense, with differentiated spelling *premises*, arises from use of the word in leg. conveyances of property to avoid repeating conditions already laid down or items already enumerated; cf. *aforesaid*.

**premium.** L. *praemium*, booty, reward, from *prae* and *emere*, to buy, obtain.

**premorse** [biol.]. L. *praemorsus*, bitten off (in front).

**prentice.** Aphet. for *apprentice* (q.v.).

**prep** [school slang]. For *preparation*, *preparatory*. Cf. *rep*<sup>3</sup>.

**prepare.** F. *préparer*, L. *praeparare*, from *parare*, to make ready (see *pare*).

**prepenne, malice.** Altered from earlier *purpense*, OF *pourpensé*. For loss of ending cf. *signal*<sup>2</sup>, *defile*<sup>2</sup>, *trouve*.

**preponderate.** From L. *praeponderare*, from *pondus*, *ponder-*, weight.

**preposition.** F. *préposition*, L. *praepositio-n-*, from *praepondere*, -*posit-*, to put before.

**prepostor.** See *praepostor*

**preposterous.** From L. *praeposterus*, lit. before behind.

**pre-Raphaelite.** Title of the "brotherhood" formed (c. 1848) by group of E. painters (Holman Hunt, Millais, Rossetti, etc.), who, encouraged by Ruskin, aimed at reviving the spirit which distinguished art before *Raphael*, It. *Raffaello* (†1520).

**prerogative.** F. *prérogative*, L. *praerogativa* (sc. *tribus, centuria*), having the right to vote (lit. be asked) first, from *praerogare*

**presage.** F. *présage*, L. *praesagium*, from *praesagire*, to forebode, from *sagire*, to perceive.

**presbyter.** G. *πρεσβύτερος*, elder, compar. of *πρεσβύς*, old man.

**prescience.** F. *préscience*, L. *praescientia*, fore-knowledge. See *science*.

**prescind.** L. *praescindere*, to cut off in front.

**prescribe.** L. *praescribere*, to write before, ordain.

**present.** Adj. F. *présent*, L. *praesens*, *praesent-*, pres. part. of *praessee*, to be before, be at hand. For *present*, gift, cf. L. *praesentare*, to place before, exhibit.

**presentiment.** F. *pressentiment*, from L. *praesentire*, to feel before.

**preserve.** F. *préservier*, Late L. *praeservare*, from *servare*, to protect.

**preside.** F. *présider*, L. *praesidēre*, from *sedēre*, to sit.

**presidio.** Sp. *presidio*, fort, settlement, L. *praesidium*, from *praesidēre*, to sit before, protect (v.s.).

**press<sup>1</sup>.** To squeeze, etc. F. *presser*, L. *pressare*, frequent. of *premere*, *press-*, to press. Hence noun *press*, F. *presse*, receptacle for packing, instrument for squeezing, printing.

**press<sup>2</sup>.** As in *press-gang* (17 cent.). Back-formation, partly due to association with *press<sup>1</sup>* (which has affected sense), from earlier *prest*, OF. *prest* (Mod. *prêt*), loan, from *prester* (Mod. *prêter*), L. *praestare*, to warrant, etc. This is from *praes*, security (see *predial*), for *prae* was, fore pledge, and distinct from *praestare*, to stand in front. *Prest* was used in 15 cent. of earnest-money paid to soldier or sailor on enlistment.

**Prester John** [hist.]. Obs. name for ruler of Abyssinia. OF. *prestre* Jean (see *priest*).

**prestidigitator.** F. *prestidigitateur*, coined by a conjuror (c. 1830) after L. *prestigiator*, juggler (see *prestige*), from It. *presto* (q.v.) and L. *digitus*, finger.

**prestige.** F. *prestige*, magic, from L. *praestigia*, usu. in pl. *praestigiae*, by dissim. for *praestrigiae*, from *praestringere*, to bind before, blindfold.

**presto.** It. *presto*, quick, L. *praestus*, from *praesto*, at hand, ? for *prae situ* (cf. *on the spot*).

**presume.** F. *présumer*, L. *praesumere*, to take before, anticipate.

**pretend.** F. *prétendre*, to lay claim, L. *praetendere*, to hold before, put forward. Current sense is not found in F. It seems to have been affected by *pretext*.

**preter-.** L. *praeter*, beyond, compar. formation from *prae*.

**preterite** [gram.]. F. *prétérît*, L. *praeteritus*, from *praeterire*, to go past.

**pretermit.** L. *praetermittere*, to omit, lit. to let go past.

**pretext.** F. *prétente*, L. *praetextum*, from *praetextere*, to weave in front.

**pretorian.** See *praetor*.

**pretty.** AS. *prættig*, from *prætt*, trick, craft; cf. obs. Du. *prétig*, *pertigh*, funny, roguish, etc., from obs. Du. *pratte* (Mod. *part*), trick. Sense-

development, as in the case of most adjs. which can be applied to persons (*nice*, *proud*, *quaint*), is curious.

**preux chevalier.** Nom. of OF. *preu*, *prou*, Late L. *prodis*, from first element of *prodesse*, to be of value. See *proud*, *prude*.

**prevail.** From OF. tonic stem (*prevail-*) of *prévaloir*, L. *praevalēre*, from *valēre*, to be worth, strong.

**prevaricate.** From L. *praevaricare*, to practise collusion, lit. to walk crookedly, from *varicare*, to straddle, from *varus*, bent, knock-kneed.

**prevenient.** From pres. part. of L. *praevenire*, to come before.

**prevent.** From L. *praevenire*, -*vent-*, to come before, anticipate, guard against.

**previous.** From L. *praevious*, from *prae* and *via*, way.

**previse.** From L. *praevidēre*, *praevis-*, to foresee.

**prey.** OF. *preie* (Mod. *proie*), L. *praeda*, booty, ? cogn. with *prehendere*, to seize.

**priapism** [med.]. G. *πριαπισμός*, from *Πριαπός*, god of procreation.

**price.** OF. *pris* (Mod. *prix*), L. *pretium*, reward, value (see *praise*). Cf. *prize<sup>1</sup>*.

**prick.** AS. *prica*, *pricca*, point; cf. Du. LG. *prnk*, prickle, dot, etc. Also verb, AS. *prician*.

**pricket** [ven.]. Buck in second year. From *prick*; cf. *brocket*.

**prickle.** AS. *pricel*, for *pricels*, instrumental noun from *prician* (see *prick*), later treated as dim.

**pride.** AS. *prȳto*, app. from *proud*; cf. ON. *prȳhi*, from *prūthr*, gallant, fine.

**prie-Dieu.** F., pray-God

**priest.** AS. *prēost*, app. shortened from L. *presbyter* (q.v.); cf. OF. *prestre* (Mod. *prêtre*), It. *prete*, Sp. *preste*, also Du. Ger. *priester*, ON. *prestr*. Some connect the AS. form rather with L. *praepositus*, with one *-p-* lost by dissim.

**prig<sup>1</sup>.** Thief. A cant word. Origin unknown.

**prig<sup>2</sup>.** Self-righteous person. ? Violent shortening of *precisian*, with which it is used interchangeably in 17-18 cents.

**prim.** App. OF. *prim*, first, also thin, sharp, etc., var. of *prin* (as in *printemps*), L. *primus*; cf. *cheveux primes*, "smooth, or delicate hair" (Cotg.).

**prima donna.** It., first lady.

**prima facie.** L., at first sight, abl. of *facies*, face.

**primage** [naut.]. Percentage addition

to freight. AL. *primagium*. Analogy of keelage, bottomry, suggests derivation from It. *primo*, formerly used for keel (*legno*, timber, being understood). See *prime*<sup>2</sup>.

**primary**. F. *primare*, L. *primarius*, from *primus*, first.

**primate**. F. *primat*, Late L. *primas*, *primat*-, chief, from *primus*, first.

**prime**<sup>1</sup>. Noun. AS. *prim*, L. *prima* (sc. *hora*), one of the canonical hours. In other substantive senses, e.g. *prime of life*, it represents F. *prime*, fem. of OF. *prin*, L. *primus*, as in *printemps*. *Primus* is superl. from OL. *pri*, before, cogn. with *prae*.

**prime**<sup>2</sup>. Adj. L. *primus*. As descriptive of goods it is perh. rather *prime*<sup>1</sup> used attributively; cf. similar use of *choice*, *prize*, etc.

**prime**<sup>3</sup>. To fill up, e.g. with knowledge or drink. Earliest sense (Douglas, 1513) to load (a ship), which points to connection with *primage* (q.v.).

**prime**<sup>4</sup>. To give first coat of paint. Aphet. for synonym. F. *imprimer*, lit. to imprint.

**prime**<sup>5</sup>. Of guns. Goes with dial. *prime*, to prune trees, both app. representing \**prine* for *proin*; cf. *rile* for *roil* and see *prune*<sup>2</sup>. *Proin* and *prune* are used by the Elizabethans in the sense of clearing the touch-hole of a firearm.

**primer**. MedL. *primarius*. For name of type cf. *brevier*, *pica*.

**primero**. Card game. Altered from Sp. *primera*, fem. of *primero*, first, L. *primarius*.

**primeur**. F., fruit, etc., out of season, from *prime*, first.

**primeval**. From L. *primaevus*, from *primus*, first, *aevum*, age.

**primitive**. L. *primitivus*, from *primus*, first.

**primogeniture**. MedL. *primogenitura*, after Late L. *primogenitus*, born first, from *gignere*, *genit*-, to bear, beget.

**primordial**. Late L. *primordialis*, from *primordium*, from *primus*, first, *ordini*, to begin.

**primrose**. Altered (by association with *rose*) from ME. & OF. *primerole*, from MedL. *primula*, from *primus*, first. Cf. OF. *primerose*, MedL. *prima rosa*. For corrupt. cf. *rosemary*.

**primula**. MedL. (v.s.). Hence Ger. *primel*.

**primum mobile**. MedL. astron. term, now sometimes used for *prime mover* (*factor*).

**primus**. L., first, cogn. with *prae*, before. Cf. *prior*.

**prince**. F. *prince*, L. *princeps*, *princip-*, first, chief, from *primus*, first, *capere*, to take.

**princeps**. L. (v.s.). Esp. in *editio princeps*, *facile princeps*.

**principal**. L. *principalis*, from *princeps*, *princip-* (v.s.).

**principia**. L., beginnings, pl. of *principium* (v.i.).

**principle**. Altered from F. *principe*, L. *principium*, origin, etc., from *princeps*, *princip-* (see *prince*). Cf. *participle*, *syllable*.

**pringle** [neol.]. App. instinctive coinage from *prick*, *tingle*.

**prink**. To adorn. Thinned form of *prank*<sup>2</sup>.

**print**. ME. also *prente*, *preinte*, OF. *preinte*, p.p. fem. of *preindre*, *priembre*, L. *primere*, to press. Prob. often aphet. for *imprint*, F. *empreinte*. Spec. typ. sense perh. via obs. Du. *printe* (Mod. *print*), from F.

**prior**. Orig. second in command under abbot. L. *prior*, compar. from OL. *pri*, before, cogn. with *prae*. Hence *prory*, orig. offshoot of abbey. With *a priori* cf. *a posteriori*.

**prise**. See *prize*<sup>2</sup>.

**prism**. G. *nplopa*, piece sawn off, from *npilew*, to saw.

**prison**. F. *prison*, L. *prensio-n-*, from *prendere*, *prehendere*, to seize. For *prisoner's* base see *base-ball*.

**pristine**. L. *pristinus*, cogn. with *priscus*, *prior*.

**prithie** [archaic]. For earlier *preythe*, (I) *pray thee*.

**private**. L. *privatus*, lit. bereaved, set apart, from *privare*, to deprive, from *privus*, single, peculiar; cf. *privation*.

**privet**. From 16 cent. Earlier called also *prum*, *prunt*, *privie*, *prime-prunt* or *pruei-print*. Origin unknown, but current form is due to *private*, the plant's only use being to furnish a good screen.

**privilege**. F. *privileège*, L. *privilegium* private law, from *lex*, *leg-*, law.

**privy**. F. *privé*, L. *privatus*, private.

**prize**<sup>1</sup>. Reward. OF. *pris* (Mod. *prix*). See *price*, of which *prize* is a doublet. Hence verb to *prize*.

**prize**<sup>2</sup>. Capture. F. *prise*, p.p. fem. of *prendre*, to take, L. *prendere*, *prehendere*.

**prize**<sup>3</sup>. To force up. From noun *prise*, lever, lit. hold, ident with *prize*<sup>2</sup>. Cf. F. *donner prise*, to give a hold, leverage.

**pro.** Short for *professional*.

**pro-** L. *pro*, before, or cogn. G. *πρό*. Becomes *prod-* before vowel. The L. prep. is used in some familiar phrases, e.g. *pro rata*, *pro tem*(*pore*). See also *cons*<sup>3</sup>.

**proa.** See *prahu*.

**probable.** F. *probable*, L. *probabilis*, lit. what may be proved, from *probare*, to prove, from *probus*, good (see *probability*).

**probang.** Surgical instrument for exploring throat. Altered (on *probe*) from earlier *provang*, inventor's name for it (17 cent.), ? representing an E. pronunc. of F. *provin*, vine-shoot for planting, L. *propago*, *propagin-*, which its shape may have suggested.

**probate.** L. *probatum*, from *probare*, to prove, test. Cf. *probation-er* and see *probability*.

**probe.** First as noun. Late L. *proba*, from *probare*, to prove (v.s.).

**probity.** F. *probité*, L. *probitas*, -*iat-*, from *probus*, good (v.s.), from *pro* and Aryan root of *be*.

**problem.** G. *πρόβλημα*, lit. thing thrown before (cf. *project*), from *βάλλειν*, to throw.

**proboscis.** G. *προβοσκίς*, elephant's trunk, lit. food instrument, from *βόσκειν*, to feed.

**procacity.** L. *procacitas*, pertness, from *procax*, forward, from *procare*, to ask.

**proceed.** F. *procéder*, L. *procedere*, to go forward.

**proceusmatic** [*metr.*]. Animating, esp. foot of four short syllables. From G. *προκελεύειν*, to incite beforehand.

**procellarian** [*ornith.*]. From L. *procella*, storm.

**procephalic** [*ethn.*]. From G. *προκέφαλος*, long-headed.

**process.** F. *procès* (now "process of law," "proceedings"), L. *processus*, from *procedere*, *process-*, to proceed, go forward.

**procès-verbal.** F., written statement of grounds of action (v.s.).

**prochronism.** Coined on *anachronism* (q.v.).

**proclaim.** F. *proclamer*, L. *proclamare*. See *claim*.

**proclitic** [*gram.*]. Coined on *enclitic* (q.v.).

**proclivity.** F. *proclivité*, L. *proclivitas*, -*iat-*, from *proclivus*, from *clivus*, slope.

**proconsul.** L., from *pro consule* (see *consul*).

**procrastinate.** From L. *procrastinare*, from *crastinus*, of to-morrow, *cras*.

**procreate.** From L. *procreare*, to beget, from *creare*, to create.

**procrustean.** Of *Procrustes*, G. *Προκρούστης*, lit. stretcher, myth. robber of Attica, who, by stretching or chopping, made his captives fit his bed.

**proctor.** From G. *πρωκτός*, anus.

**proctor.** Contr. of *procurator* (q.v.). Cf. *proxy*.

**procumbent.** From pres. part. of L. *procumbere*, to fall forward. Cf. *incumbent*.

**procurator.** L., from *procurare*, to procure.

**procure.** F. *procurer*, L. *procurare*, to care for, bring about, act as agent, from *cura*, care.

**prod.** Used by Coverd. (1535) of goading oxen. App. cogn. with obs. *proke*, *prog*, *brod*, all used in similar senses; the last is cogn. with *brad* (cf. dial. *prodawl*), while *proke* has a LG. cogn. *proken*, perh. ult. allied to *prick*. Cf. AS. *proðbor*, ? *bradawl*.

**prodigal.** Late L. \**prodigalis*, from *prodigus*, from *prodigere*, to squander, lit. drive forth, from *pro* and *agere*.

**prodigy.** L. *prodigium*, portent, marvel, from *pro* and OL. \**agiom*, thing said; cf. *avo*, I say, and see *adage*.

**prodrome.** G. *πρόδρομος*, running before, from *δραμῆν*, to run.

**produce.** L. *producere*, to bring forth, etc., from *ducere*, *duct-*, to lead; cf. *product-ion*.

**proem.** Archaic F. *proème*, G. *προοίμιον*, prelude, from *οἶμη*, song.

**profane.** L. *profanus*, ? lit. before (outside) the temple (see *fane*).

**profess.** From L. *profitēri*, *profess-*, from *fatēri*, to acknowledge, own.

**proffer.** AF. *proffrer*, OF. *poroffrir*, from *por* (*pour*, L. *pro*) and *offrir*, to offer (q.v.).

**proficient.** From pres. part. of L. *proficere*, to advance, be useful, from *facere*, to make.

**profile.** It. *profilo*, from *profilare*, to outline, from L. *filum*, thread.

**profit.** F. *profit*, L. *profitus*, progress, profit, from *proficere*, to help forward, etc. (see *proficient*).

**profligate.** L. *profligatus*, from *profligare*, to ruin, cast down, etc., from *fligere*, to strike down.

**profound.** F. *profond*, L. *profundus*, from *fundus*, bottom.

**profundis, de.** Init. words of Ps. cxxx.

**profuse.** L. *profusus*, p.p. of *profundere*, to pour forth.

**prog**<sup>1</sup> [*slang*]. Food. Orig. a cant word.

App from verb to *prog*, poke about, forage, cogn with obs. *proke*, to prod. Cf. synonym. *grub*, from *grub*, to dig. Perh vaguely associated with *pro-vendor*, *proviand*.

**prog**<sup>2</sup> [Oxf & Camb]. For *proctor*. Also *proggins*.

**progeny**. OF. *progenie*, L. *progenies*, from *pro-* and *gignere*, *gen-*, to beget

**proggins**. See *prog*<sup>2</sup>.

**prognathous**. From G. γνάθος, jaw.

**prognostic**. G. προγνωστικόν, from προ-γινώσκειν, to know before

**program-me**. G. πρόγραμμα, public written notice, from γράφειν, to write.

**progress**. F. progrès, L. *progressus*, from *progređi*, *progress-*, to go forward, from *gradior*, I step.

**prohibit**. From L. *prohibēre*, *prohibit-*, from *habēre*, to have, hold.

**project**. L. *projectum*, from *proicere*, *project-*, to throw forward, from *jacere*, to throw.

**prolate**. L. *prolatus*, used as p.p. of *proferre*, to extend.

**prolegomena**. G. προλεγόμενα, neut pl. of pres. part. pass. of *προλέγειν*, to say beforehand.

**prolepsis** [gram]. G. πρόληψις, from προλαμβάνειν, to take before.

**proletarian**. From L. *proletarius*, from *proles*, offspring. Used in L of class assisting the state only by the production of offspring.

**prolific**. MedL. *prolificus*, from *proles*, offspring, *facere*, to make. Cf. *proliferous* (see *-ferous*).

**prolix**. L. *prolixus*, lit. flowing forth, from *liquēre*, to be liquid.

**prolocutor**. L. *fore-speaker*, from *loqui*, *locut-*, to speak.

**prologue**. F. *prologue*, G. πρόλογος, lit. fore-speech.

**prolong**. F. *prolonger*, Late L. *prolongare*, from *longus*, long.

**prolusion**. L. *prolusio-n-*, from *pro-ludere*, *-lus-*, to play before.

**prom**. For *promenade concert* (v.i.).

**promenade**. F. *promenade*, from *promener*, OF. *pourmener*, to lead along, cause to walk, Late L. *prominare*, to drive (cattle) onward, from *minari*, to threaten.

**Promethean**. Of *Prometheus*, demi-god who made man from clay and supplied him with fire stolen from Olympus.

**prominent**. From pres. part. of L. *prominēre*, to jut out. See *eminent*, *menace*.

**promiscuous**. From L. *promiscuus*, from *miscēre*, to mix.

**promise**. L. *promissum*, p.p. neut. of *promittere*, lit. to send before.

**promontory**. MedL. *promontorium*, altered (on *mons*, *mont-*, mountain) from L. *promunturium*, cogn. with *prominent*.

**promote**. From L. *promovēre*, *promot-*, to move forward, to further.

**prompt**. F. *prompt*, L. *promptus*, p.p. of *promere*, to put forth, from *pro* and *emere*, to take, buy. First (14 cent.) as verb, to incite.

**promulgate**. From L. *promulgare*, alteration of *provulgare* (from *vulgus*, people).

**prone**. L. *pronus*, face downwards, cogn. with *pro*.

**prong**. Also obs. *prang*, *sprong*. ? Cf. Du. *prang*, compression, pinch, Ger. *pranger*, pillory, Goth. *praggan*, to compress. See *pang*.

**pronoun**. Imitated from F. *pronom*, L. *pronomen*.

**pronounce**. F. *prononcer*, L. *pronuntiare*, to proclaim, announce, from *nuntius*, messenger.

**pronunciamento** [pol]. Sp. *pronunciamento*, proclamation (v.s.).

**proof**. Altered (on *prove*, q.v.) from ME. *preve*, F. *preuve*, Late L. *proba*, from *probare*, to prove, from *probus*, genuine, true. In some senses, e.g. *printer's proof*, *proof-spirit*, *armour of proof*, it is rather aphet. for F. *épreuve*, trial, test, from *éprouver*, VL. *\*ex-probare*. So also *proof* against, F. *à l'épreuve de*, whence numerous compds in *-proof*.

**prop**. Du. *prop*, earlier *proppe*, "pedament, fulcimentum, fulcrum, sustentaculum" (Kil); cogn. with Ger. *pfropfen*, peg, plug, cork of bottle. Thought to be Teut., in which case Ger. *pfropfen*, shoot for grafting, must be a separate word (L *propago*, *propagin-*).

**propaedeutic**. From G. προπαιδεύειν, to teach before. See *pedagogue*.

**propaganda**. Short for *Congregatio de propaganda fide*, committee of cardinals established (1622) to supervise foreign missions (see *propagate*).

**propagate**. From L. *propagare* (bot.), from *propago*, slip, shoot for transplanting, from root of *pangere*, to fix, plant.

**proparoxytone** [gram]. Accented on antepenult. G. προπαροξύτονος. Cf. *oxytone*, *paroxytone*.

**propel**. L. *propellere*, *propuls-*, to drive forward. Hence *propulsion*.

- propensity.** From L. *propensus*, leaning forward, from *pendere*, to hang.
- proper.** F. *propre*, L. *proprius*, own. Etym. sense survives in *property*. *Proper* occurs in ME. as approving epithet
- property.** F. *propriété*, L. *proprietas*, -*iat*- (v.s.).
- prophet.** G. *προφήτης*, lit. fore-speaker, from *φάναι*, to speak.
- prophylactic** [med.]. G. *προφυλακτικός*, from *φυλάσσειν*, to guard
- propinquity.** L. *propinquitias*, from *propinquus*, from *prope*, near.
- propitiate.** From L. *propitiare*, to make propitious, *propitius*, prob. from *pro* and *petere*, to seek. Cf. G. *προπητής*, inclined.
- propolis.** G. *πρόπολις*, bee-glue, lit. suburb, from *πρό*, before *πόλις*, city.
- proportion.** L. *proportio-n-*, from phrase *pro portione*, in respect of share.
- propose.** F. *proposer*, to put forward. See *pose*.
- proposition.** L. *propositio-n-*, from *proponere*, *proposui*-, to put forward. See *pose*.
- propound.** Earlier *propounne*, ME. *propone*, L. *proponere*, to put forward.
- propraetor** [hist.]. L., orig. *pro praetore*. See *praetor* and cf. *proconsul*.
- proprietor.** Anomalous formation, substituted for earlier *proprietary*, F. *propriétaire*, L. *proprietaryus*, from *proprietas*, property, from *proprius*, own.
- propriety.** F. *propriété*, property (v.s.). Current sense is due to that acquired in E. by *proper*.
- props** [theat.]. For *properties*.
- propulsion.** See *propel*.
- propylaeum** [arch.]. L. *propylaeum*, G. *προπύλαιον*, vestibule, neut. of *προπύλαιος*, before the gate, *πύλη*. Also *propylon*, G. *πρόπυλον*.
- propylite** [geol.]. Volcanic rock. Named as opening the tertiary volcanic period (v.s.).
- pro rata.** L., for *rate*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.).
- prorogue.** L. *prorogare*, to extend (term of office), lit. to ask (*vogare*) publicly. To *prorogue Parliament* is to postpone its activities without dissolving it.
- pros-** G. *πρός*, towards, to.
- proscenium.** L. *proscenium*, G. *προσκήνιον*. See *scene*.
- proscribe.** L. *proscribere*, to "post" as an outlaw, lit. to write before.
- prose.** F. *prose*, L. *prosa* (sc. *oratio*), from *prosus*, straightforward, for *prorsus*, for *pro versus*, turned forward.

- prosecute.** From L. *prosequi*, *prosecut-*, from *sequi*, to follow.
- proselyle.** G. *προσῆλυτος*, from second aorist stem of *προσέρχεσθαι*, to come to.
- prosit.** L., may it advantage. From drinking ritual of Ger. students.
- prosody.** G. *προσῳδία*, from *πρός*, to, *ῳδή*, song. Cf. *accent*.
- prosopopoeia** [rhet.]. Introduction of pretended speaker. G. *προσωποποιία*, from *πρόσωπον*, person, face, *ποιεῖν*, to make.
- prospect.** L. *prospectus*, from *prospicere*, to look forward.
- prospectus.** L. (v.s.).
- prosper.** F. *prosperer*, L. *prosperare*, from *prosper*, fortunate, from OL. adv. *pro sperē*, according to expectation (cf. *sperare*, to hope).
- prostate** [anat.]. G. *προστάτης*, one standing before.
- prosthesis** [gram.]. Prefixing of letter. G. *πρόσθεσις*, from *πρός*, to, *τιθέναι*, to put. Has rather the sense of *prothesis*.
- prostitute.** From p.p. of L. *prostituere*, to offer for sale, from *pro* and *statuere*, to set up.
- prostrate.** L. *prostratus*, p.p. of *prostrare*, *prostrat-*, from *sternere*, to strew, lay flat.
- protagonist.** G. *πρωταγωνιστής*, actor who plays first part, from *πρώτος*, first, *ἀγωνιστής*, competitor, etc. See *agony*.
- protasis** [gram.]. G. *πρότασις*, stretching forward, proposition, from *τείνειν*, to stretch. Cf. *apodosis*.
- protean.** Like *Proteus*, G. sea-god with power of change of form.
- protect.** From L. *protégere*, *protect-*, from *tegere*, to cover.
- protégé.** F., p.p. of *protéger*, to protect (v.s.).
- proteid.** For *protein*, Ger. *protein-(stoffe)*, from G. *πρώτος*, first.
- proteo-** See *proteid*.
- protero-** From G. *πρότερος*, anterior.
- protest.** F. *protester*, Late L. *protestare*, for *protestari*, to testify publicly, declare.
- proteus** [biol.]. Name of various protozoa and bacteria. See *protean*.
- proto-** From G. *πρώτος*, first, superl. from *πρό*, before.
- protocol.** Late G. *πρωτόκολλον*, first leaf, fly-leaf, glued inside volume and containing account of MS., from *κόλλα*, glue.
- protoplasm.** See *plasm*.

**protozoa** [zool.]. Unicellular animals. From pl. of G ζῷον, animal.

**protract**. From L. *protrahere*, *protract-*, to draw forward.

**protrude**. L. *protrudere*, to thrust forward.

**protuberant**. From pres. part. of L. *protuberare*, from *tuber*, swelling.

**proud**. Late AS. *prūd*, *prūt*, OF *prod*, *prud*, Late L. *\*produs*, back-formation from *prodesse* (*pro* and *esse*), to be of value. The OF. word survives in the old nom. *preux*, also in *prud'-homme*, arbitrator, and *prude*; cf. archaic E *prōw*, doughty, and *prowess*. See *pride*.

**prove**. AS. *prōfian* or F. *prouver*, L. *probare*, from *probus*, good (see *probity*). In some senses rather apphet. for F. *éprouver* (see *proof*).

**provect**. From L. *provehere*, *-vect-*, to carry forward.

**provenance**. F. *provenance*, from *provenir*, to originate, L. *provenire*, to come forth. Also, with latinized spelling, *provenience*.

**Provençal**. Of *Provence*, L. *provincia*, first part of Gaul acquired by Romans. Often vaguely as gen. name for the dials. of the *langue d'oc* (Provençal, Gascon, Languedocien, Auvergnat, etc.), esp. as used by the troubadours (12-13 cents.).

**proverder**. OF. *provendre*, var. of *provende*, VL. *\*probenda*, for *praebenda*. See *prebend*.

**provenience**. See *provenance*.

**proverb**. F. *proverbe*, L. *proverbium*, from *verbum*, word.

**providant** [archaic mil.]. Commissariat. Ger. *proviant*, It. *provando*, *pro-*vider (q.v.). But explained by some as L. *proviando*, for travelling.

**provide**. L. *providere*, lit. to foresee. *Providence*, the Deity, is ellipt. for *divine providence*. See *prudent*, *purvey*, *purview*.

**province**. F. *province*, L. *provincia*, ult. cogn. with Goth. *frauja*, lord (see *frau*).

**provision**. L. *provisio-n-*, orig. foresight (see *provide*).

**proviso**. L. abl. absolute in MedL. *proviso quod*, it being provided that. Hence *provisory*.

**provisor** [hist.]. Holder of a "provision," papal grant to benefice on its becoming vacant. Hence *Statute of Provisors* (1350-51). L. *provider*.

**provoke**. F. *provoquer*, L. *provocare*, to call forth.

**provost**. AS. *prāfost* or OF. *provost*, Late L. *propositus*, for *praepositus*, one placed before, prefect, whence OF. *prevost* (Mod. *prévôt*).

**prow**. F. *proue*, Genoese *prua*, VL. *\*proa*, by dissim. for *prova*, G. *πρόρα*, cogn. with *πρό*, before.

**prowess**. F. *prouesse*, Late L. *\*produtia*. See *proud*.

**prowl**. ME. *prollen*, to go round about, search. The analogy of Sp. *rodar*, to go round (L. *rotare*, from *rota*, wheel), whence also F. *roder*, to prowl, suggests an OF. *\*porrouler* or *\*parrouler*, compd. of *rouler*, to roll (q.v.), with contr. as in *proffer*, *prune*<sup>23</sup>. Cf. also hist. of search.

**proximity**. L. *proximitas*, from *proximus*, nearest, superl. from *prope*, near. Cf. *proxime accessit*, he approached nearest; *proximo* (sc. *mense*, month).

**proxy**. Contr. of *procuracy*. See *procurator*, *proctor*.

**prude**. F., fem. of *preux* (see *proud*). It is probable that *prud'homme* is for *preux d'homme* (cf. a broth of a boy), from which *prudsfemme* was formed by analogy, *prude* being a back-formation.

**prudent**. F. *prudent*, L. *prudens*, *prudent-*, contr. of *providens*, pres. part. of *providere*, to foresee.

**prune**<sup>1</sup>. Noun. F. *prune*, L. *pruna*, neut. pl. taken as fem. sing. See also *plum*.

**prune**<sup>2</sup>. To trim trees. ME. *proinen*, OF. *proignier*, later *proignier*, *prognier* (still in dial.), for *\*por-roignier*, from OF. *roignier* (Mod. *rogner*), to clip all round, VL. *\*rotundiare*, from *rotundus*, round. For contr. cf. *proffer*, *prune*<sup>3</sup>. See also *prune*<sup>5</sup>.

**prune**<sup>3</sup>. To trim the feathers. ME. *proinen*, OF. *poroindre*, from *oindre*, to anoint, L. *ungere*. For contr. cf. *proffer*, *prune*<sup>2</sup>. See also *preen*.

**prunella**, **prunello**. Strong fabric for clergymen's and barristers' gowns. App. of E. formation, quasi sloe-coloured, from F. *prunelle*, sloe, dim. of *prune*<sup>1</sup>.

**prurient**. From pres. part. of L. *prurire*, to itch.

**Prussian**. ModL. *Prussianus*, from MedL. *Prussi*, *Borussi*, latinized from native name of a Lithuanian tribe conquered (12 cent.) by the Teutonic Knights. The lang. (extinct) is Slav. *Prussian blue* was discovered at Berlin. Cf. *prussic acid*, F. *acide prussique*, obtained from Prussian blue.

**pry<sup>1</sup>**. To be inquisitive. ME. *prien*, to peer inquisitively, look closely. ? Cf. AS. *befriwan*, to wink, *þrēowihwīl*, moment, lit. winking-while.

**pry<sup>2</sup>** [*diāl*]. To force open. Back-formation from *prize*<sup>3</sup>

**prytaneum** [*hist.*]. Public hall of G. state. L. *prytaneum*, G. *πρυτανείον*, from *πρίτανις*, prince, chief

**psalm**. AS. (*þ*)*sealm*, G. *ψαλμός*, twanging of strings, from *ψάλλειν*, to twitch. With *psalmody*, from G. *ᾠδή*, song, cf. *prosody*. *Psalter*, G. *ψαλτήριον*, stringed instrument, used in Church L. & G. for psalm-book, has been replaced in orig. sense by the later borrowed *psaltery*.

**psammo-**. From G. *ψαμμός*, sand.

**pschent** [*antiq.*]. Double crown of ancient Egypt. G. *ψχέν*, from ancient Egypt., init. *þ*- representing the def. art.

**pseudo-**. From G. *ψευδής*, false, from *ψεῦδew*, to deceive; e.g. *pseudonym*, from Aeolic *δνυμα*, name

**pshaw**. Natural exclamation of impatience, etc. Cf. *pooh*, *pish*.

**psilanthropism** [*theol.*]. Doctrine that Christ was mere man, *ψιλὸς ἄνθρωπος*.

**psilosis**. Disease of throat. G., from *ψιλοῦν*, to strip bare.

**psittacine**. Of the parrot, G. *ψιττακός*, prob. of Eastern origin.

**psoro-**. From G. *ψώρα*, itch, mange.

**psyche**. G. *ψυχή*, breath, soul, from *ψύχειν*, to breathe. Hence *psychiatry*, mental disease treatment, from G. *ιατήρ*, healer; *psychical*, *psychology*, etc.

**psychrometer** [*meteorol.*]. Kind of thermometer. From G. *ψυχρός*, cold.

**ptarmigan**. Pseudo-G. spelling for Lowland Sc. *tarmigan* (16 cent.), Gael. *tarmachan*; cf. Ir. *tarmanach*. Origin unknown. Early var. *termagani* suggests possibility of nickname based on some folk-lore belief.

**pteridology**. Study of ferns. From G. *πτερίς*, *περιδ-*, fern, cogn. with *πτερόν*, feather, wing

**pterodactyl**. From G. *πτερόν*, wing, *δάκτυλος*, finger.

**pterygo-**. From G. *πτέρυξ*, *περυγ-*, wing, fin (v.s.).

**ptisane**. G. *πιτσάνη*, (drink made from) peeled barley, from *πίσσειν*, to peel.

**ptochocracy**. Government by beggars. From G. *πτωχός*, poor.

**Ptolemaic**. Of *Ptolemy*, Alexandrian astronomer (2 cent.). Also of the *Ptolemies*, G. dynasty in Egypt.

**ptomaine**. It. *ptomaina*, from G. *πτῶμα*, dead body, lit. what has fallen, from *πίπτειν*, to fall (cf. L. *cadaver*).

**pub**. Short for *public-house*.

**puberty**. F. *puberté*, L. *pubertas*, -*tat*-, from *puer*, youth, cogn. with *puer*, boy.

**public**. L. *publicus*, altered (by association with *pubes*, adult) from earlier *poplicus*, from *populus*, people.

**publish**. From F. *publier* (for incorr. -*ish* cf. *distinguish*, *astomish*, etc.), L. *publicare*, to make public (e.g. *the banns of marriage*).

**puce**. Colour. F. *puce*, flea, L. *pulex*, *pubic-*.

**Puck**. AS. *pūca*, cogn. with ON. *pūki*, mischievous demon. See *pug<sup>1</sup>*.

**pucka, pukka** [*Anglo-Ind.*]. Genuine. Hind. *pakka*, cooked, ripe. Cf. *cutch*.

**pucker**. Irregular fold. Frequent formation from *poke<sup>1</sup>*, bag. Cf. synon. It. *saccolare*, from *sacco*, bag. ? Hence to *be in a pucker*, agitation; but cf. Essex dial. *puckertory*, app. for *purgatory*.

**pud**. Baby word for foot. Cf. Du. *poet*, Ger. *pfote*, paw. See also *pad<sup>1</sup>*.

**pudding**. F. *boudin*, black-pudding, hog-pudding. Orig sense was intestine, as still in E. dial., which points to ult. connection with L. *botulus* (see *bowel*). For E. *p-* cf. *purse*.

**puddle**. ME. *podel*, dim. of AS. *pudd*, ditch; cf. Ger. dial. *puudel*.

**puendum** [*anat.*]. L., neut. gerund. of *puđere*, to be ashamed.

**pudge** [*diāl.*]. Var. of *podge*. ? Cf. dial. *puddy*, stumpy, the antiquity of which is shown by its presence in surname *Puddyfoot*.

**pudibund**. L. *pudibundus*, from *puđere*, to be ashamed.

**pudsy** [*diāl.*]. Chubby. Cf. *pudge*. For -*sy* cf. *fubsy*, *lootsy-woolsy*, *tricksy*, *Betsy*, etc.

**pueblo**. Sp. *pueblo*, population, town, etc., L. *populus*, people.

**puerile**. L. *puerilis*, from *puer*, boy.

**puerperal**. From L. *puerperus*, parturient, from *puer* and *parere*, to bring forth.

**puff**. Imit. of expulsion of breath and resulting inflation. Cf. *buffoon* and other *buff-* words.

**puffin**. Sea-bird. ME. *pofin*, also MedL. *pofo*, AF. *pofooun*. Perh. from *puff*, with allusion to corpulence of the young bird.

**pug<sup>1</sup>**. As in *pug-dog*, *pug-nose*. App. in some senses for *puck*, devil, later



applied to an ape. Also used as term of endearment, which is perh. chief reason for name *pug-dog* (18 cent.), whence *pug-nose*. In dial. applied also to various small animals.

**pug<sup>2</sup>**. Loam, etc., mixed for brick-making. Origin unknown.

**pug<sup>3</sup>** [*Anglo-Ind.*]. Track of wild beast. Hind. *pag*, footprint.

**pug<sup>4</sup>** [*slang*]. Short for *pugilist*.

**puggaree, puggree**. Hind. *pagri*, turban.

**pugilist**. From L. *pugil*, boxer, cogn. with *pugnus*, fist, *pugna*, fight; cf. *pygmy*.

**pugnacious**. From L. *pugnax*, *pugnac* (v.s.).

**puisse** [*leg.*]. OF. *puisé* (Mod. *puîné*), L. *post natus*, younger, junior.

**puissant** [*archaic*]. F. *puissant*, powerful, VL. \**poteans*, \**poteant*-, pres. part. of VL. *potere*, used for *posse*. See *power*.

**puke**. ? For \**spuke*, cogn. with Ger. *spucken*, to spit, and ult. with L. *spuere*, to vomit. Cf. *tummy* and see *s*.

**pukka**. See *pucka*.

**pukka-poo**. Chin. game of chance. Cantonese *pak-kop-puu*, lit. white pigeon ticket.

**Pulcian** [*metr.*]. Of stanza invented by *Lungi Pulci*, It. poet (†1487).

**pule**. Imit. ; cf. F. *piauler*, also F. dial. *pioier*, *piuler*.

**pulic-**. See *puce*.

**pull**. AS. *pullian*, to snatch, pluck, with possible LG. cognates.

**pullet**. F. *poulette*, dim. of *poule*, hen, Late L. *pulla*, fem. of *pullus*, young animal.

**pulley**. F. *poulie*; cf. It. *puleggia*, Sp. *polea*, MedL. *polegium*, which some connect with G. *πόλος*, pole<sup>2</sup>, axis. But certainly influenced by association with L. *pullus*, G. *πῦλος*, colt, names of animals being commonly used for mech. devices. In fact F. *poulain*, ME. *poleyn*, colt, are used in same sense.

**pullicate** [*archaic*]. Fabric, chequered handkerchief. From *Pulicat* (Madras).

**pullman**. Designed by G. M. Pullman of Chicago.

**pullulate**. From L. *pullulare*, to sprout, spring forth, from *pullulus*, dim. of *pullus*, young animal.

**pulmonary**. L. *pulmonarius*, from *pulmo-n*, lung.

**pulp**. F. *poulpe*, L. *pulpa*.

**pulpit**. L. *pulpitum*, stage, platform.

**pulque**. Fermented drink (Mexico).

Amer. Sp., ? from Araucanian (Chile) *pulcu*, ? or a Haytian word taken to Mexico by the Spaniards.

**pulse<sup>1</sup>**. Throb. L. *pulsus*, from *pellere*, *puls-*, to drive (cf. *pulsate*).

**pulse<sup>2</sup>**. Leguminous seeds. OF. *pols*, *pouls*, collect. pl from L. *puls*, *pult-*, pottage, etc.

**pulverize**. Late L. *pulverizare*, from *pulvis*, *pulver-*, powder

**pulvinated** [*arch. & biol.*]. Bulging. From L. *pulvinus*, cushion.

**puma**. Sp., from Peruv.

**pumice**. OF. *pomis*, learned form of *pounce<sup>1</sup>* (q.v.). Ult. cogn. with L. *spuma*, foam, from lightness.

**pummel**. See *pommel*.

**pump<sup>1</sup>**. For water. Cf. F. *pompe*, Du. *pomp*, Ger. *pumpe*, all of rather late appearance; also Sp. Port. *bomba*. All no doubt of echoic origin, imitating the sound of the plunger.

**pump<sup>2</sup>**. Shoe. Back-formation from *pumps*, taken as pl, from Du. *pam-poesje*, Javanese *pampos*, of Arab. origin and ult. ident. with *babouche* (q.v.); cf. Dan *pamposser* (pl.), from Du. For E. vowel cf. *bungalow*, *pundit*, etc.

**pumpernickel**. Westphalian rye-bread. Ger., earlier in sense of booby, from dial. *pumpen*, pedere, *Nickel*, lout, from *Niklaus* (see *nickel*). For application to bread cf. obs. E. *brown george*, army bread, and current *tommy*.

**pumpkin**. Altered from *pumpion*, *pompion*, OF. *pompon*, nasalized from *popon*, *pepon*, L. *pepo-n*, G. *πέπων*, cogn. with *πέπων*, to ripen, cook.

**pun**. App. a 17 cent. clipped form (cf. *mob*, *cit*, etc.) of obs. *punnet*, *pundigrion*, found in same sense. The latter may be an illiterate or humorous perversion of It. *pungiglio*, fine point, used earlier in sense of verbal quibble. Cf. F. *pointe*, verbal conceit, much used in 17 cent. in very similar sense.

**punch<sup>1</sup>**. Tool. For *puncheon<sup>1</sup>*. Cf. *pounce<sup>2</sup>*.

**punch<sup>2</sup>**. Beverage Orig. Anglo-Ind., and trad. derived from Hind. *pāñch*, five (q.v.), in allusion to five ingredients. Cf. *Punjab*, five waters, and Anglo-Ind. *punch*, council of five.

**punch<sup>3</sup>**. To strike. App. combined from *punch*, to pierce, thrust (from *punch<sup>1</sup>*), and *punsh*, a common ME. contr. of *punish*. Bounce, bunch, were also formerly used in same sense.

**punch<sup>4</sup>**. In *Suffolk punch*, for earlier *punch horse*. Ident. with *Punch* (v.i.),

a word which, in Pepys' time, came to mean short and fat.

**Punch.** Short for *Punchinello* (17 cent.), earlier *Pohchnello*, altered from Neap. *Polecenella*, name of character in puppet-play, It. *Pulcinella*, perh. dim. of *pulcina*, chicken. The Neap. form is used also of the young of the turkey-cock, the beak of which the Punchinello mask may have resembled. *Punch and Judy* is 19 cent. for earlier *Punch and his wife*.

**puncheon**<sup>1</sup> [*archaic*]. Tool for piercing. F. *poignon*, awl, Late L. \**punctio*-n-, from *pungere*, *punct*-, to pierce. See *punch*<sup>1</sup>.

**puncheon**<sup>2</sup>. Cask. F. *poignon*, prob. ident. with *Poinson*, a derivative of *Pontius* (Pilate). Personal nicknames for vessels are numerous (see *jeroboam*, *jorum*, *tankard*, *demijohn*, etc.) and usu. unaccountable.

**Punchinello.** See *Punch*.

**puntiglio.** Altered from It. *puntiglio* or Sp. *puntillo*, dims. of *punto*, point.

**punctual.** MedL. *punctualis*, from *punctus*, point, from *pungere*, *punct*-, to prick.

**punctuation.** MedL. *punctuatio*-n-, from *punctuare*, to punctuate.

**puncture.** L. *punctura*, from *pungere*, *punct*-, to prick.

**pundit.** Hind. *paṇḍit*, Sanskrit *paṇḍita*, learned.

**pungent.** From pres. part. of L. *pungere*, to prick.

**Punic.** L. *Punicus*, earlier *Poenicus*, Carthaginian, orig. *Phoenician* (q.v.).

**punish.** F. *punir*, *puniss*, L. *punire*, for *poenire*. See *penal*.

**Punjaub head** [*Anglo-Ind.*]. Form of amnesia prevalent in Panjab. Also called *Burmah head*.

**punk** [*chiefly US.*]. Touchwood. App. for *spunk* (q.v.).

**pankah** [*Anglo-Ind.*]. Hind. *pankhā*, fan, from Sanskrit *paṅkha*, wing.

**punnet.** Chip-basket for strawberries. ? F dial. (Rouch) *ponete*, "petit panier où les poules viennent pondre" (Hécart).

**punt**<sup>1</sup>. Boat. AS. *punt*, L. *ponto*, pontoon (q.v.). Or via Du. *pont*.

**punt**<sup>2</sup>. To bet. F. *ponter*, from *ponte*, Sp. *punto*, point.

**punt**<sup>3</sup>. At football. First at Rugby. Cf. dial. *bunt*, to kick, strike. Prob the words are nasalized forms of *butt*<sup>5</sup>, *put* (in orig. sense).

**puny.** Phonetic spelling of *puisne* (q.v.).

**pup.** Shortened from *puppy* (q.v.).

**pupa** [*bol.*]. L., girl, doll.

**pupil**<sup>1</sup>. Scholar. F. *pupille* (m & f), ward, minor, L. *pupillus*, *pupilla*, dims. of *pupus*, boy, *pupa*, girl, baby words of the *papa* type.

**pupil**<sup>2</sup>. Of eye. F. *pupille* (f), L. *pupilla*, ident with fem. form of *pupul*<sup>1</sup>, from reflection of face seen in eye. Cf. G. *κόρη*, girl, doll, pupil of eye.

**puppet.** Later form of *poppet*, OF. *poupette*, "a little babie, puppet, bable" (Cotg.), dim. from VL \**puppa*, for *pupa*, girl, doll.

**puppy.** F. *poupée*, doll, plaything (v.s.). Orig. lady's toy-dog, pet. In earlier use not distinguished from *puppet*.

**pur**-. Norm. form of OF. *por* (Mod. *pour*), L. *pro*.

**purana.** Myth. Sanskrit poems. Sanskrit *purāṇa*, from *purā*, formerly

**Purbeck marble.** From Isle of Purbeck, peninsula in Dorset

**purblind.** Orig. quite blind. App. for *pure blind*.

**purchase.** Orig. to procure. F. *pourchasser*, to obtain by pursuit, from *chasser*, to chase<sup>1</sup> (q.v.).

**purdah** [*Ind.*]. Curtain, esp. for screening women. Urdu, Pers. *pardah*.

**purdonium.** Trade-name for coal-scuttle, introduced by one Purdon.

**pure.** F. *pur*, L. *purus*, clean, pure.

**purée** [*cook*]. F., ? altered (on *pur*, pure) from OF. *porée*, vegetable mash, from L. *porrum*, leek.

**purfle** [*archaic*]. To decorate with ornamental border. OF. *porfiler*, from *fil*, thread, L. *filum*. See *profile*.

**purgatory.** MedL. *purgatorium*, from *purgare*, to purge.

**purge.** F. *purger*, L. *purgare*, for *punigare*, from *purus*, pure.

**Purim** [*Bibl.*]. Pl of *pūr*, lot, prob. borrowed by Heb. from Assy. or Pers. See *Ester* ix 26.

**puritan.** Cf. F. *puritain*, applied (16 cent.) opprobriously to Protestants. For sense cf. Ger. *keizer*, heretic, from G. *καθαρός*, clean, pure.

**purl**<sup>1</sup>. Twisted gold wire, etc., as ornamental edging. Earlier *pirl*, from archaic verb to *pirl*, wind, It. *pirolare*, "to twirl round" (Flor), from *pirolo*, spinning-top, cogn. with *perouette*. Hence *pearl-stitch*.

**purl**<sup>2</sup>. Drink. Orig. infusion of worm-wood in hot beer. Origin unknown

**purl**<sup>3</sup>. To murmur (of brook). Imt; cf. Norw. dial. *purla*, Sw. dial. *porla*

**purl**<sup>4</sup> [colloq.]. To bowl over. For *purl*, to spin round, etc. See *purl*<sup>1</sup>.

**purlieu**. Orig. strip of land on edge of wood disafforested by a new "perambulation," or survey. L. *perambulation* was rendered in AF by *puralee*, a going through, from OF. *pouraller*. This was contracted to *purley*, and later corrupted to *purheu* by a supposed etym. from L. *purus locus*, by which it is rendered in early L. dicts. For a similar perversion cf. *venue*.

**purlain**. OF. *porlongner*, to remove, from *loin*, far, L. *longe*. Cf. F. *élouger*, to remove.

**purple**. ONorthumb *purpel*, for AS. *purpure*, L. *purpura*, G. *πορφύρα*, name of the shellfish, also called *murex*, which gave the Tynian purple. See *porphyrogenitus*.

**purport**. OF. *porporter*, to embody, from *porter*, to carry.

**purpose**. OF. *porpos* (Mod. *propos*), from *porposer* (Mod. *proposer*). See *pose*.

**purpresture** [leg.]. Encroachment. AF. corrupt. of *purpressure*, from OF. *porprendre*, L. *pro* and *prendere* (for *prehendere*, to take)

**purpur-**. See *purple*

**purr**. Imit.; cf. synon F. *ronronner*.

**purse**. AS. *purs*, Late L. *bursa*, G. *βύρσα*, hide, leather. Orig. a small bag drawn together at the mouth by a thong, *purse-string*, whence to *purse*, i.e. wrinkle, one's lips.

**purslane**. Herb. OF. *porcelaine* (cf. It. *porcellana*), corrupt. of L. *porcilaca*, used by Pliny for *portulaca* (q.v.).

**pursue**. AF. *pursuer*, from OF. *porsēu*, p.p. of OF. *porsuire* (Mod. *poursuivre*), VL *prosequere*, for *prosequi*, to follow up, prosecute. Etym. sense appears in *pursuivant*, orig. junior heraldic officer acting as "follower" of herald.

**pursy**. Orig. short-winded. For earlier *pursive*, AF. *pursif*, OF. *polsif* (Mod. *poussif*), from L. *pulsare*, to throb, frequent. of *pellere*, *puls-*, to drive.

**purtenance** [archaic]. OF. *partenance*, from *partenir*, to belong. Cf. *appurtenance*. See Ex. xii. 9.

**purulent**. L. *purulentus*, from *pus*, *pur-*.

**purvey**. AF. *purveier*, OF. *porveoir* (Mod. *pourvoir*), L. *providere*, to provide. Cf. *survey*.

**purview**. F. *pourvu*, p.p. of *pourvoir*, to provide (v.s.), AF. *purveu est*, *purveu* *que* being used to introduce a provision or proviso.

**pus**. L. *pus*, cogn. with G. *πῦον*, matter. **Puseyite**. Supporter of Pusey (†1882), leader of Oxf. (Tractarian) movement

**push**. F. *pousser*, L. *pulsare*, frequent. of *pellere*, *puls-*, to drive.

**Pushtu** [lang.]. Native name of Afghan lang.

**pusillanimous**. From Church L. *pusillanimus*, from *pusillus*, very small (cogn. with *puer*, boy), and *animus*, spirit.

**puss**. As call-name for cat found in many Europ. langs., and even in Afghan. *Pussyfoot* is a neol. (1919) from US., where it was formerly used of a stealthy gait

**pustule**. F. *pustule*, L. *pustula*, ? from *pus*, purulent matter, ? or imit. of "puffing" (cf. *blister*).

**put**. Late AS. *putian*, also *poitan*, *pytan*. Of obscure origin, prob. ult. cogn. with *butt*<sup>5</sup> and synon. F. *bouter*, "to thrust, put, force, push, forward" (Cotg.). Cf. Du. LG. *poien*, to drive in, fix. Orig. sense, to thrust, propel.

**putative**. Late L. *putativus*, from *putare*, to think.

**putlock**, **putlog**. Transverse support in scaffolding. App. from *put*; second element doubtful.

**putrid**. L. *putridus*, from *putrere*, from *puer*, rotten; cf. *puître*, to stink.

**putsch** [pol.]. Swiss-Ger., orig. shock, collision; later, popular rising. In Mod. Ger. political coup.

**putt** [golf]. For *put*, in orig. sense.

**puttee**. Hind *paṭī*, bandage; cf. Sanskrit *paṭī*.

**puttock** [naut.]. In *puttock-shrouds*, now replaced by *juttock-shrouds*. Cf. Du. *putting*, in somewhat similar sense.

**putty**. F. *poîée*, "brasse, copper, tinne, pewter, &c., burnt or calcinated" (Cotg.), lit. potful, from *pot*.

**puv** [geog.]. Volcanic peak (Auvergne). OF. *puv*, hill (see *pew*).

**puzzle**. Aphet. for ME *opposal*, interrogation, etc., also *apposal*; cf. *pose*<sup>2</sup> (and *poser*).

**puzzolana**. See *pozz(u)olana*.

**pyaemia**. Blood-poisoning. From G. *πῦον*, *pus*, *αἷμα*, blood.

**pycnos**. From G. *πυκνός*, thick, dense

**pygmy**, **pigmy**. From G. *πυγμαίος*, dwarfish, dwarf, from *πυγμή*, measure of length from elbow to knuckles, also fist, cogn. with L. *pugnis*.

**pygo-**. From G. *πυγή*, rump

**pyjamas**, **pajamas**. Urdu, Pers. *pāe jāmah*, leg garment, trouser.

- pylon.** G. *πύλον*, gateway, from *πύλη*, gate.
- pylorus** [*anat.*]. Lower orifice of stomach. G. *πυλωρός*, gate-keeper (v.s.), from *ὄρος*, watcher.
- pyorrhoea.** See *pyaemia*, *diarrhoea*.
- pyracanth.** Shrub. G. *πυράκανθα*, app. from *πῦρ*, fire, *ἄκανθα*, thorn.
- pyramid.** G. *πυραμίς*, *πυραμίδ-*, trad. associated with *πῦρ*, fire (beacon), or *πυρός*, grain (granary), but prob. of Egypt. origin.
- pyre.** L. *pyra*, G. *πυρά*, hearth, funeral pile, from *πῦρ*, fire.
- pyrethrum.** Plant L. *pyrethrum*, G. *πύρεθρον*, from *πυρεός*, fever, from *πῦρ*, fire; from med. properties; cf. its pop. name *feverfew*.
- pyrexia.** Fever. From G. *πύρεξις* (v.s.).
- pyrites.** G. *πυρίτης* (sc. *λίθος*), fire-stone (v.s.).
- pyrotechny.** From G. *πῦρ*, fire, *τέχνη*, art.
- pyroxene** [*min.*]. From G. *ξένος*, stranger (to the igneous rocks).
- pyroxylin.** Explosive from vegetable fibre. From G. *ξύλον*, wood.
- pyrrhic.** Dance and metrical foot. G. *πυρρίχη* (sc. *ὀρχησις*, dance), warden-dance of Ancient Greeks, trad. from its inventor *Πύρριχος*.
- Pyrrhic victory.** Gained at too great cost to victor, like that of *Pyrrhus*, G. *Πύρρος*, king of Epirus (3 cent. B.C.), over the Romans at Asculum.
- Pyrrhonist.** Follower of *Pyrrho*, G. *Πύρρων*, sceptic philosopher of Elis (4 cent. B.C.).
- pyrus** [*bot.*]. MedL., incorr. for L. *pirus*, pear-tree.
- Pythian.** From G. *Πύθιος*, of the Delphic Apollo (v.1.).
- python.** G. *Πύθων*, name of serpent slain near Delphi by Apollo. Mod. sense is 19 cent.
- pythoness** [*archaic*]. Late L. *pythonissa*, used in *Vulg.* of Witch of Endor (1 Sam. xxviii. 7), app. connected with the prophethood of the Delphic oracle (v.s.).
- pyx** [*eccl.*]. Also *pyxis*. G. *πυξίς*, box, from *πύξος*, box-tree. See *box*<sup>2</sup>.

**Q-ship** [*hist.*]. Q- for *query*, in allusion to enigmatic character. Cf. *hush-boat*.

**qua.** L., in the capacity of, fem. abl of *quis*, who, used adverbially.

**quack.** Imt.; cf. Du. *kwakken*, Ger.

*quacken*. In sense of "doctor," short for *quacksalver*, Du. *kwakzalver*, one who sells his salves by his patter.

**quad** [*Oxf.*]. Short for *quadrangle*.

**quadragenarian.** From L. *quadragenarius*, from *quadragesim*, distrib. of *quadragesima*, forty.

**quadragesimal.** Lenten. Late L. *quadragesimalis*, in allusion to forty days.

**quadrangle.** F. *quadrangle*, Late L. *quadrangulum*, from *quadr-* (*quattuor*, four).

**quadrant.** L. *quadrans*, *quadrant-*, fourth part.

**quadrante.** L. *quadratus*, from *quadrare*, to square, from *quattuor*, four. Cf. *quadrature* (squaring) of the circle.

**quadrennial.** From L. *quadriennium*, four years; cf. *biennial*, etc.

**quadriga** [*antiq.*]. L., four-horse chariot, from *quattuor*, four, *jugum*, yoke.

**quadrilateral.** From L. *quadrilaterus*, from *latus*, later-, side.

**quadrille**<sup>1</sup> [*archaic*]. Card-game. F. *quadrille*, <sup>2</sup> altered from Sp. *cuartillo*, quarter.

**quadrille**<sup>2</sup>. Dance. F. *quadrille*, Sp. *cuadrilla*, orig. troop of riders in four groups.

**quadrillion.** Coined on *million*, *billion*.

**quadrivium.** L., meeting of four ways, from *via*, way. Cf. *trivium*.

**quadroon.** Earlier *quatroon*, F. *quartern*, Sp. *cuarterón*, from *cuarto*, fourth, L. *quartus*, because having one-fourth of negro blood.

**quadrumanne.** Late L. *quadrumanus*, coined (on *quadruped*) from L. *manus*, hand.

**quadruped.** L. *quadrupes*, *quadruped-*, from *pes*, foot. *Quadr-* is a var. of *quadr-*.

**quadruple.** L. *quadruplus*. Cf. *double*, *triple*.

**quaere.** L., imper. of *quaerere*, to seek. Now usu. *query*.

**quaestor** [*hist.*]. L. *quaestor*, from *quaerere*, *quaesit-*, to seek.

**quaff.** Orig. to carouse, the date (16 cent.) and hist. of the word suggesting that it came from the Low Countries (cf. *booze*). This is also the statement of early etymologists. The fact that *quass*, LG. *quassen*, to eat or drink immoderately, is found in the same sense suggests that *quaff* may have originated in a mis-reading of *quaff*.

**quagga.** Kind of zebra. Given (1710)

as Hottentôt *quacha*, but now current in Kaffir in the form *iquara*.

**quagmire.** Cogn. with *quake*. Earlier also *quakemire*, *quavemire* (see *quaver*).

**Quai d'Orsay.** F. Foreign Office. From address. Cf. *Porte*.

**quail**<sup>1</sup>. Bird. F. *caille*, of Teut. origin; cf. It. *quaglia*, OSP. *coalla*, MedL. *quacula*, VL. *quaccola* (Gloss. of *Reichenau*, 9 cent.). Source may be OHG. *quahtela*, imit. of cry; cf. Du. *kwakkel*.

**quail**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. Fig. use of obs. *quail*, to curdle, coagulate (still in dial), F. *cailler*, L. *coagulare*. Cogn. It. *caghare* has the same double sense.

**quaint.** OF. *cointe*, L. *cognitus*, p.p. of *cognoscere*, to get to know. Cf. *acquaint*. Orig. clever, ingenious, pretty, etc.

**quair** [Sc.]. See *quire*<sup>2</sup>.

**quake.** AS. *cwacian*; cf. OLG. *que-kliuh*, vibrating, ult. cogn. with *quaver*. The nickname *Quaker* was given (c. 1650) to the Society of Friends, by whom it is not recognized.

**qualify.** F. *qualifier*, MedL. *qualificare*, to describe, attribute a quality to, from *qualis*, of what kind.

**quality.** F. *qualité*, L. *qualitas*, -tat-, from *quatus* (v.s.).

**qualm.** Orig. sudden faintness or fear. Du. *kwalm*, earlier *qualm*, "a steam, reek, vapour, mist" (Sewel), whence Ger. *qualm*, vapour, exhalation, the cogn. MHG. word being *twalm*, swoon. Cf. similar use of *vapours*.

**quandary.** Of obscure origin, but perh. a mutilation of some L. term used in scholastic disputes; cf. *nonplus* and F. *mettre à quia*, to nonplus, lit. to reduce to "because," both of such origin. It is explained (1582) as "of a Latin form used English-like."

**quantity.** F. *quantité*, L. *quantitas*, -tat-, from *quantus*, how much, how many.

**quantivalence** [chem.]. From L. *quantus* (v.s.), after *equivalence*.

**quantum.** L., neut. of *quantus* (v.s.). *Quantum suff(icit)* is orig. from med. prescriptions.

**quaquaversal** [geol.]. Turning in all directions. From Late L. *quaquaversus*, lit. wheresoever towards.

**quarantine.** It. *quarantina*, from *quaranta*, forty, L. *quadraginta*, because theoretically of forty days.

**quarenden, quarender.** Apple, with many spellings. ME. *quaryndon*. Origin unknown. ? From *Carentan* (Normandy), ? or *Quarendon* (Bucks).

**quarrel**<sup>1</sup>. Dispute. F. *querelle*, L. *querela*, complaint, accusation, from *queri*, to complain; cf. *querulous*.

**quarrel**<sup>2</sup> [hist.]. Cross-bow bolt. OF. *quarel*, *carrel* (Mod. *carreau*), dim. from L. *quadrus*, square. Also (archaic) diamond-shaped pane, as F. *carreau*, and in similar senses, for which dial. often has *quarry*.

**quarry**<sup>1</sup>. Of hunter. Orig. (ME.) offal of stag given to hounds; later, heap of dead game (Shaks. *Cor.* 1. 1, *Macb.* i. 2), object of pursuit. Earlier *quirrè*, OF. *cuvrée* (Mod. *curée*), from *cuir*, hide, L. *corium*, because the hounds' reward was spread on the hide. This origin, given c. 1200, may be popular etym., and *cuvrée* may be for *curée*, from L. *curare*, to clean, eviscerate; cf. Venet. *curare*, to gut. Possibly there has also been association with VL. *\*corata*, intestines, from *cor*, heart; cf. OF. *coraille*, intestines.

**quarry**<sup>2</sup>. For stone. Earlier also *quarrer*, OF. *quarriere* (Mod. *carrière*), from L. *quadrare*, to square (stones).

**quarry**<sup>3</sup>. See *quarrel*<sup>2</sup>.

**quart**<sup>1</sup>. Measure. F. *quarte*, quarter (of gallon), L. *quarta* (sc. *pars*).

**quart**<sup>2</sup>. In fencing. Also *quarte*, *carte* (q.v.).

**quartan.** Ague or fever with paroxysm every fourth (third) day. F. *quartaine*, L. *quartana* (*febris*), from *quartus*, fourth.

**quarte.** See *quart*<sup>2</sup>.

**quarter.** F. *quartier*, L. *quartarius*, fourth part (of a measure), from *quartus*, fourth. In F. & E. also vaguely for part, region. The sense-development took place in F. Connection of to *give quarter* with mil. *quarters*, as in *winter quarters* (cf. *quartermaster*), *close quarters* (see *close*), is obscure. The *quarter-deck* is about half the length of the half-deck. A *quarterstaff* was perh. orig. from a tree of a certain size split in four; cf. dial. *quartercleft*, *quarterclift*, a stout staff.

**quartern.** OF. *quarteron*, fourth part, from *quart*, quarter.

**quartette.** F. *quartette*, It. *quartetto*, from *quarto*, fourth.

**quarto.** L. (in) *quarto*, the sheet being folded in four. Cf. *folio*, *octavo*, etc.

**quartz.** Ger. *quarz*, found in MHG., whence also Du. *kwarts*, F. *quartz*, It. *quarzo*. ? Pet-form (cf. *Heinz* for *Heinrich*, *Kunz* for *Konrad*) of MHG.

*querch* (Mod. *zwerg*), dwarf, gnome (cf. *cobalt*, *nickel*).

**quash.** F. *casser*, L. *quassare*, frequent. of *quatere*, *quass-*, to break. See *casher*<sup>2</sup>.

**Quashee.** Nickname for negro. From Ashantee or Fantee *Kwasi*, name commonly given to child born on Sunday.

**quasi.** L., as if, for *quam si*.

**quassia.** From *Graman Quassi*, a Surinam negro (see *Quashee*) who discovered the properties of the root (1730). Cf. *matuco*.

**quaternary.** L. *quaternarius*, from *quaterne*, four together, from *quater*, four times.

**quaternion.** Late L. *quaternio-n-*, set of four (v.s.).

**quatrain.** F. *quatrain*, from *quatre*, four, L. *quattuor*.

**quatrefoil.** F. *quatre*, four, *feuille*, leaf, foil<sup>1</sup>.

**quattrocentist.** See *cinquacentist*.

**quaver.** Frequent. of obs *quave*, ME. *cwawen*, ult. cogn. with *quake*. Cf. *quiver*<sup>2</sup>.

**quay.** F. *quai*, Gaulish L. *canum*. See also *key*<sup>2</sup>.

**quean** [archaic]. AS. *cwene*, woman. Aryan; cf. OHG. *quena*, Goth. *qino*, G. *quwē*, Zend *genā*, OIr. *ben* (see *banshee*), Welsh *bün*; cogn., but not ident., with *queen* (q.v.).

**queasy.** Earlier (15 cent.) *corsy* Orig ticklish, unsettled. Origin unknown, but prob. F.

**queen.** AS. *cwēn*, wife (of king or celebrity); cf. OSax. *quān*, ON. *kvæn*, Goth. *qēns*, woman, related by ablaut to *quean* (q.v.).

**queer.** ? Ident. with cant *queer*, not straight, "on the cross," Ger. *quer*, across, athwart, ult. cogn. with *thwart*<sup>1</sup>.

**Queensberry rules** [pugil.]. Drawn up (1867) by eighth Marquis of Queensberry (†1900).

**quell.** AS. *cwellan*, to kill, destroy. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *kwellen*, Ger. *quälen*, to torture, ON. *kvelfja*. ? Cogn. with *kill*.

**quench.** AS. *cwencan*, in *āwencan*, to extinguish (fire, light), causal of *cwincan*, to be extinguished (cf. *drench*, *drink*), cogn. with Fris. *kwinka*.

**quenelle** [cook.]. Force meat ball. F. *quenelle*, ? corrupt. of synon. Ger. *knödel*, dim. of *knöten*, knot.

**querc-** [chem.]. From L. *quercus*, oak.

**querimonious.** From L. *querimonia*, from *queri*, to complain.

**quern** [archaic]. AS. *cweorm*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *kweerm*, OHG. *quirm*, ON. *kvern*, Goth. *qairmus*; ult. cogn. with Sanskrit *grāvan*, stone.

**querulous.** From L. *querulus*, from *queri*, to complain.

**query.** Altered from *quaere* (q.v.). Cf. *pandy*.

**quest.** OF. *queste* (Mod. *quête*), from *quaerere*, *quaesit-*, to seek. Sometimes apphet. for *inquest*, e.g. *crowner's quest*.

**question.** F. *question*, L. *quaestio-n-*, from *quaerere* (v.s.).

**queue.** F. *queue*, OF. *coe*, *cue*, L. *cauda*, tail; cf. *cue*<sup>1</sup>.

**quhair** [Sc.]. See *quire*<sup>2</sup>.

**quibble.** Dim. of obs. *quib*, clipped form of L. *quibus*, abl pl of *qui*, who, which, occurring frequently in leg. documents and hence suggesting hair-splitting tricks, etc.

**quick.** AS. *cwic*, living (cf. *quicksilver*, *quick-set*). Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *kwik*, Ger. *heck*, impudent, ON. *kvikr*; ult. cogn. with L. *vivus*, alive, G. *bios*, life.

**quid**<sup>1</sup>. Of tobacco. Var. of *cud* (q.v.).

**quid**<sup>2</sup>. Sovereign. ? Slang use of L. *quid*, something; cf. F. *quibus* used for *de quor*, the wherewithal.

**quiddity.** Scholastic L. *quidditas*, formed from *quid*, what (after *qualitas*, *quantitas*).

**quidnunc.** L. *quid nunc* ? what now ? what's the news ?

**quid pro quo.** L., something for something.

**quiescent.** From pres. part. of L. *quiescere*, to become quiet, from root of *quies*, rest.

**quiet.** L. *quietus*, p.p. of *quiescere* (v.s.). Cf. *coy*.

**quietus.** From MedL phrase *quietus est* (v.s.), he is quit (of a debt, etc.).

**quiff** [slang]. Oiled lock plastered on forehead. An East End word. ? From It. *cuffia*, coif. *Quife* occurs as early var. of E. coif.

**quill.** Orig. hollow stalk (*Prompt. Parv.*); cf. LG. *quiele*, Ger. *kwel*. Origin unknown. Hence archaic to *quill*, orig. to goffer a ruff. Cf. synon. F. *tuyauter*, from *tuyau*, "a pipe, quill, cane, reed, canell" (Cotg.).

**quillet**<sup>1</sup> [antiq.]. Small plot of land. Earlier also *coylett*, OF. *coilleite* (Mod. *cueillette*), crop, from *cueilhr*, to gather. See *coil*<sup>1</sup>, *cull*.

**quillet**<sup>2</sup>. Quibble. Short for obs. *quillity*, corrupt. of *quiddity* (q.v.).

**quilt**. OF *corlte*, *cuite* (Mod. *couette*), L. *culcita*, cushion.

**quinary**. L. *quinaris*, from *quum*, distrib. of *quinque*, five (q.v.).

**quince**. Orig. pl. (cf. *bodice*, *lettuce*) of obs. *quine*, ME. *coyn*, *quoyn*, OF. *cunn*, *coin* (Mod. *coing*), L. *cotoneum* (Pliny), for *cydoneum*, G. *κυδώνιον* *μήλον*, Cydonian apple, from *Cydoma* (in Crete). But this may be early folk-etym., as the original form is app. *κοδύμαλον*, the first element of which is perh. the Asiatic name of the fruit. This is translated into AS. as *coddæppel*.

**quingentenary**. Incorr. for *quingentenary*.

**quincunx**. L., orig. five ounces, from *quinque*, five, *uncia*, ounce; also applied to arrangement of trees like the pips on a five of cards.

**quingentenary**. Coined from L. *quingenti*, five hundred, after *centenary*, etc.

**quinine**. From *quina*, Sp. spelling of Peruv. *kina*, bark, whence also by redupl. the earlier *quinquina*.

**Quinquagesima**. L., fiftieth (sc. *dies*), because about fifty days before Easter.

**quinquennial**. From L. *quinquennis*. Cf. *biennial*, etc.

**quinquina**. See *quinine*.

**quinsy**. OF. *quincancie*, MedL. *quinancia*, G. *κυνάγχη*, lit. dog-throttling, from *κύων*, *kyn*, dog, *ἀγχειν*, to strangle.

**quint**. Sequence of five at piquet. F. *quinte*, from L. *quintus*, fifth.

**quinta**. Country-house (Sp. & Port.). Orig. farm let for fifth part, *quinta parte*, of produce.

**quintain** [hist.]. F. *quintaine*; cf. It. Prov. MedL. *quintana*. Relation to L. *quintus* is unknown.

**quintal**. Cwt. F. *quintal*, MedL. *quintale*, Arab. *qintār*, L. *centenarium*.

**quintennial**. Incorr. (after *septennial*) for *quinquennial* (q.v.).

**quintessence**. OF. *quinte essence*, MedL. *quinta essentia*, substance of the heavenly bodies (outside the four elements).

**quintette**. F. *quintette*, It. *quintetto*, from *quinto*, fifth.

**quintillion**. Cf. *quadrillion*.

**quintuple**. F., after *quadruple*.

**quip**. Short for obs. *quippy*, L. *quippe*, forsooth (iron.).

**quipu**. Coloured thread used by ancient Peruvians to record events. Peruv., knot.

**quire**<sup>1</sup>. Earlier form of *chow* (q.v.).

**quire**<sup>2</sup>. Of paper. ME. *quaer*, *quarr*, OF. *quaier*, *caver* (Mod. *cahier*), VL. \**quaternum* = *quatermo*, "a quier with four sheets" (Coop.)

**Quirinal** [hist.]. Former papal palace on Mons *Quirinalis* (Rome), from *Quirinus*, divine name of Romulus.

**quirk**. From 16 cent. Orig. sense prob. twist, turn, flourish, as in *quirk* (ornamentation) of stocking. Origin unknown.

**quirt**. Riding-whip (US.). Sp. *cuerda*, cord.

**quit**. Adj. F. *quitte*, L. *quietus*, discharged; cf. Sp. *quito*, MedL. *quitus*. The verb, F. *quitter*, meant orig. to release, clear (cf. *quittance*); hence, to give up, renounce, and finally, to depart from. In some uses, e.g. *quit you like men*, it is aphet. for *acquit*.

**quitch**. Grass. AS. *cwice*, cogn. with *quick*. Also called *couch*.

**quite**. Ident. with *quit* (q.v.), in sense of clear, unburdened.

**quittance**. See *quit*.

**quiver**<sup>1</sup>. For arrows. OF. *cuivre*, *cuevre*, said to be of Teut. origin and ult. ident. with AS. *cocor*, Ger. *höcher*.

**quiver**<sup>2</sup>. To shake. Thinned form of *quaver*.

**qui vive**. F., who (long) live? The abnormal use of the subjunct. is explained by an ellipsis for *Qui voulez-vous qui vive?* Whom do you wish to live? on which side are you?

**quixotic**. From *Don Quixote* (Sp. *Quijote*), hero of Cervantes' (†1616) novel.

**quizz**. Orig. (late 18 cent.) eccentric person, oddity. With verb to *quizz* cf. to *fool*, to *gull*, etc. App. of arbitrary formation. *Quoz* was used at same period in somewhat similar sense.

**quod** [slang]. Perh. orig. the quadrangle of the prison.

**quodlibet** [archaic]. Dispute for practice; medley. L., what you will.

**quoin**. Wedge. Var. of *corn* (q.v.).

**quoit**. Earliest in AF. *jeu de coytes*. In ME. also *cote*, *quayte*. These forms correspond phonetically to F. *couette*, cushion (OF. *corte*, L. *culcita*). In 16 cent we find copious records of *cushion*, some unknown game, and both E. *quoit* and F.

*coussinet* are used in spec. senses for a flat disk of stone. Early quoits were of stone and were perh. orig. slid instead of thrown, hence dial. *quorling* for "curling," and verb to *quoit*, send sliding, in Shaks. In naut. F. *cotes* or *couettes* are "deux fortes pièces de bois, qui, placées sous un bâtiment en construction, glissent avec lui quand on le lance à la mer" (Latre).

**quondam.** L., formerly.

**quorum.** L., of whom, occurring in commissions appointing certain persons *quorum vos . . . unum* (duos, etc.) *esse volumus*.

**quota.** MedL. (sc. *pars*), from *quot*, how many.

**quote.** MedL. *quotare*, to distinguish by numbers, from *quot*, how many.

**quoth.** Past tense of ME. *queithen*, AS. *cweiþan*. Com Teut.; cf. OSax. *queithan*, OHG. *quedan*, ON. *kvetha*, Goth. *qiþan*. Cf. *bequeath*. Archaic *quotha* is for *quoth he*.

**quotidian.** L. *quotidianus*, from *quotidie*, every day, from *quotus*, how many, *days*.

**quotient.** L. *quotiens*, how many times, from *quot*; altered by association with participial forms in *-ent*.

**quotum.** L., neut. of *quotus*, from *quot*. Cf. *quota*.

**rabbit** [*carpent.*]. OF. *rabat*, from *rabatre*, to beat back.

**rabbi.** Heb. *rabbi*, my master, from *rabh*, master. The *-n* in F. *rabbin*, MedL. *rabbinus*, may be due to association with *assassin*, *cherubin*, etc.

**rabbit.** Orig. the young rabbit. Cf. Walloon *robetti*, Flem. *robbe*, dim. *robbeke*. Prob. nickname from *Robert* (cf. *renard*, *robin*, *jackdaw*, etc.). The rabbit is called *robert* in Dev.

**rabble.** Orig. string, series, of animals. Origin unknown. The earlier sense is exactly that of F. *ribambelle*.

**rabid.** L. *rabidus*, from *rabere*, to be mad; cf. *rabies*, (canine) madness, whence *rage*.

**raca** [*Bibl.*]. Chaldee *rēkā*, of doubtful meaning. See *Matt.* v. 22.

**raccoon.** See *racoön*.

**race<sup>1</sup>.** Running, current, etc. ON. *rās*; cf. cogn. AS. *ræ̆s*, whence ME. *rese*, attack; also Ger. *rasen*, to rave, rage (from LG.).

**race<sup>2</sup>.** Tribe, family. F. *race*, earlier

*rasse*, It. *razza* (cf. Sp. Port. *raca*), ? from Arab. *ra'as*, head, origin.

**race<sup>2</sup>** [*archaic*]. Root (of ginger). OF. *rais*, L. *radix*, *radio-*, root. Cf. *radish*.

**raceme** [*bot.*]. L. *racemus*, grape, errone. taken to mean cluster. Cf. *raisin*.

**rachitis** [*med.*]. G. *ῥαχίτις*, inflammation of the spine, *ῥάχης*.

**rack<sup>1</sup>.** Mass of driving cloud. In ME. also crash, collision, rush of wind. Cf. ON. *rek*, wreckage, from *reka*, to drive, cogn. with *wreck*, *wrack*.

**rack<sup>2</sup>.** Bar, framework in various senses. Du. *rak*, *rek*, cogn. with Ger. *recken*, to stretch.

**rack<sup>3</sup>.** Torture. First as verb. Du. *rekken*, to stretch, cogn. with Ger. *recken*, and ult. with *reach* (cf. *rack<sup>2</sup>*). Hence *rack-rent*.

**rack<sup>4</sup> (and ruin).** Var. spelling of *wrack* (q.v.).

**rack<sup>5</sup>** [*equi.*]. Kind of amble. Now only US., but once common in E. The sense is that of OF. *trac*, and loss of init. *t-*, though abnormal, is not unexampled (see *ruff<sup>3</sup>*). Cf. F. *traquenard*, "a racking horse" (Cotg.).

**rack<sup>6</sup>.** Liquor. Aphet. for *arrack* (q.v.). Esp. in *rack-punch*.

**rack<sup>7</sup>.** To draw off wine from the lees. Prov. (Gascon) *arracar*, from *raca*, dry residue of grapes.

**racket<sup>1</sup>, raquet.** For tennis. F. *raquette*, OF. *vaquete*, palm of the hand, from Arab. *rāhat*. Cf. F. *parume*, tennis, lit. palm (of the hand).

**racket<sup>2</sup>.** Disturbance, wild dissipation, etc. ? Cf. *rake-hell*.

**rack-rent.** See *rack<sup>3</sup>*.

**raconteur.** F., from *raconier*, to recount.

**racoön.** N Amer. Ind., from a Virginian dial. of Algonkin. Earlier, *raugroughcum*, *arrahacone*, etc. Cf. *coon*.

**racquet.** See *racket<sup>1</sup>*.

**racý.** Having a distinctive flavour associated with its origin, *race<sup>2</sup>*.

**rad** [*pol.*]. Short for *radical*.

**rada** [*pol.*]. Governing body (1918) of Ukraine. Russ. from *radjet'*, to care; cf. Serb. *raditi*, to work.

**raddle, reddle.** Vars. of *ruddle* (q.v.), red ochre.

**radiant.** From pres. part. of L. *radiare*, from *radius* (q.v.).

**radical.** Late L. *radicalis*, from *radix*, *radio-*, root.

**radio-**. From *radius*, *radium* (q.v.).



**radish.** F. *radis*, It. *radice*, the true OF. form being *rais* (see *race*<sup>3</sup>). Ult. cogn. with *wort*<sup>1</sup>.

**radium** [chem.]. Named from its power of emitting rays without loss.

**radius.** L. ray, wheel-spoke, ult. cogn. with *radix*, *ramus*. Cf. *ray*<sup>1</sup>.

**radix** [math.]. L. root. See *radish*.

**raffia.** Fibre. Malagasy. Also *raphra*, *rofia*.

**raffish.** From archaic *raff*, as in *riff-raff* (q.v.).

**raffle**<sup>1</sup>. Game of chance. Orig. (Chauc.) dicing game. F. *rafle*, whence *rafter*, to make a clean sweep. Ult. cogn. with *rifle*, and perh. with Ger. *raffen*, to snatch. Cf. Sp. *rifa*, contest, raffle.

**raffle**<sup>2</sup>. Lumber, esp. naut. Prob. connected with *raffle*<sup>1</sup>.

**rafflesia.** Plant (Sumatra). From Sir T. Stamford Raffles (†1826).

**raft.** ON. *rafir*, orig. beam, rafter (whence Sw. Dan. *raft*).

**rafter.** AS. *ræfter*, cogn. with *raft*.

**rag**<sup>1</sup>. Tatter, etc. AS. *ragg* (in adj. *raggig*), ON. *rogg*, shagginess. *Rag-tag* (and *bob-tail*) is for 16-17 cent. *tag* and *rag*, *riff-raff*. *Ragtime* is US. See also *rug*, *rugged*. The earliest sense of *rag* is a kind of stone (cf. *Kentish rag*), but this may be a separate word.

**rag**<sup>2</sup> [slang]. Short for *ballyrag*, *bully-rag*.

**ragamuffin.** Used in *Piers Plowm.* of a demon, such being often described in ME. as *ragged*, i.e. shaggy. ? Second element suggested by OF. *amuafle*, Saracen chief, but perh. arbitrary (cf. *tatterdemalton*).

**rage.** F. *rage*, VL. \**rabia*, for *rabies*, madness.

**raglan.** Overcoat. From Lord Raglan (†1855), British commander in Crimea.

**ragout.** F. *ragoûti*, from *ragoûter*, to revive the taste, *goutt*, L. *gustus*.

**raid.** Northern form of *road* (q.v.); cf. *inroad*.

**rail**<sup>1</sup>. Bar. OF. *reille*, L. *regula*, rule, bar, from *regere*.

**rail**<sup>2</sup>. Woman's garment. Obs. exc. in archaic *night-rail*. AS. *hrægel*; cf. OHG. *hregul*.

**rail**<sup>3</sup>. Bird. As in *landrail*, *corn-crake*. F. *râle*, OF. *rasle*; cf. MedL. *rallus*. Named from its harsh cry (cf. *corn-crake*). Synon. Prov. *rascle* points to a VL. *rasculum*, from *radere*, *ras-*, to scrape.

**rail**<sup>4</sup>. Verb. To abuse. Earlier also to jest, tease; cf. its doublet *rally*<sup>2</sup>, the sense of which also appears in *railleury*. F. *railler*. Origin unknown. For *rail*, *rally* (F. *railler*), cf. *soil*<sup>2</sup>, *sully* (F. *souiller*).

**raiment.** Aphet. for *arrayment*.

**rain.** AS. *regn*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *regen*, ON. *regn*, Goth. *rign*.

**raise.** ON. *reisa* (cf. Goth. *urraisjan*), cogn. with AS. *ræran*, whence *rear*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.), which it has partly supplanted.

**raisin.** F. *raisin*, grape, VL. *racimus*, for *racemus*.

**raj** [Anglo-Ind.]. Hind. *rāj*, sovereignty (v.i.).

**rajah.** Hind. *rājā*, Sanskrit *rājan*, king, cogn. with L. *rex*, *reg-*, OIr. *rī*, *rīg*, and also with Celt. *Orgeto-rix*, *Dumno-rix*, etc. See *rich*.

**Rajpoot** [eihn.]. Hind. *rājput*, Sanskrit *rājaputra*, king's son (v.s.).

**rake**<sup>1</sup>. Implement. AS. *raca*. Com. Teut.; cf. WFlem. *raak*, Ger. *rechen*, ON. *reka*, spade, shovel; also Goth. *rikan*, to heap up.

**rake**<sup>2</sup>. Debauchee. Short for *rake-hell* (q.v.).

**rake**<sup>3</sup> [naut.]. Slant of ship's extremities or masts. From Sw. *raka*, to project (cf. Dan. *rage*), which is Ger. *ragen*, to jut out; cogn. with AS. *hrægan* in *oferhrægan*, to tower above.

**rake-hell.** Early associated with *rake*<sup>1</sup> and *hell*, but prob. altered by folk-etym. from ME. *rahel*, rash, whence E. dial. *rackle*, reckless.

**raki.** Drink. Turk. *rāqī*, ident. with *arrack*.

**râle** [med.]. F. *râle*, rattle in throat. Cf. *rail*<sup>3</sup>.

**rallentando** [mus.]. It., pres. part. of *rallentare*, to slow down. See *relent*.

**rally**<sup>1</sup>. To bring together (again). F. *rallier*, from *re* and *allier*, to ally (q.v.).

**rally**<sup>2</sup>. To banter. See *rail*<sup>4</sup>.

**ram.** AS. *ramm*; cf. obs. Du. LG. OHG. *ram*; cogn. with ON. *rammr*, strong. The Aryan name is *wether*. In AS. also in sense of *battering-ram* (cf. L. *arres*, *ram*, in both senses). Hence verb to *ram*, *ramrod*.

**ram-**. From L. *ramus*, branch.

**ramadan.** Mohammedan fast. Arab. *ramadān*, from *ramada*, to be hot.

**ramble.** Earlier also *ramel*. Superseded ME. *rumble*, *romble* (*Piers Plowm.*), frequent. of *roam*. Change of vowel may be due to archaic Du.

*rammelen*, Ger. *rammeln*, used of the night-wanderings of the amorous cat and cogn. with *ram*.

**ramekin**, **ramequin** [cook]. Cheese, bread-crumbs, etc., made into small mould; also, earlier, a kind of Welsh rabbit. ? Cf. obs. Flem. *rammeken*, grilled bread, etc., given by Kil as used at Bruges. Some connect it with Ger. *rahm*, cream.

**rament-**. From L. *ramentum*, scraping, shaving, for *radimentum*, from *radere*, to scrape.

**ramie**. Fibrous plant. Malay *rāmī*.

**ramify**. F. *ramifier*, MedL. *ramificare*, from *ramus*, branch.

**ramillie** [hist.]. Wig. From Marlborough's victory at *Ramilhes* in Belgium (1706).

**ramose**. L. *ramosus*, from *ramus*, branch.

**ramp**<sup>1</sup> [fort.]. Inclined plane. F. *rampe*, from *ramper*, to clamber (v.i.).

**ramp**<sup>2</sup> [her.]. To stand on hind-legs. F. *ramper*, to crawl, clamber. Chiefly in pres. part. *rampant*, fig. sense of which, e.g. *corruption is rampant*, seems due to association with *rank*<sup>1</sup> (cf. Sc. *ramp*, *rank*). Origin and sense-development are both obscure. In sense of nefarious stunt perh. due to fancied connection with L. *rapere*, to snatch. Wyc. uses *rampant* to render L. *raptens*, *rapax*.

**rampage**. From *ramp*<sup>2</sup>.

**rampant**. See *ramp*<sup>2</sup>.

**rampart**. F. *rempart*, OF. *rempar*, from *remparer*, to fortify, from *re* and *emparer*, Prov. *amparar*, L. *ante* and *parare*, to make ready. The -t is due to influence of synon. *boulevard* (Mod. *boulevard*). Cf. It. *riparo*, "a rampire, a fort, a banke, a fence, a mound" (Flor.). The OF. form survives in E. dial. *ramper*, raised road. For archaic *rampire* cf. *um-pire*.

**rampion**. Plant. Cf. F. *raiponce*, It. *raponzolo*, Ger. *rapunzel*, MedL. *rapuncium*, all ult. from L. *rapum*, rape, turnip.

**ramshackle**. Back-formation from *ramshackled*, earlier *ranshackled*, from obs. *ransackle*, frequent. of *ransack* (q.v.).

**ramson** [dial.]. Garlic. Orig. pl. in -en of AS. *hramsa*; cf. Norw. Sw. *rams*; cogn. with G. *κρόμμυον*, onion.

**ramul-**. From L. *ramulus*, dim. of *ramus*, branch.

**ranch**. Sp. *rancho*, rank, row, "a quarter among soldiers, their quarters" (Stevens); hence, row of huts, etc. Of Teut. origin (see *rank*<sup>2</sup>).

**rancid**. OF. *rancide*, L. *rancidus*, stinking.

**rancour**. Archaic F. *rancœur*, L. *rancor-em*; cogn. with *rancid*.

**rand** [SAfr.]. Du. *rand*, bank, border. Com. Teut.; cf. AS. Ger. *rand*, ON. *rond*, shield-rim.

**randan**. Rowing with pair of sculls and two oars. ? Fig. use of archaic *randan*, spree, var. of *random*, ? or for *randem* (v.i.).

**randem**. Three horses harnessed in a line. Jocular formation on *tandem* (q.v.).

**random**. Earlier *randon*. Orig. in at *randon*, OF. à (de) *randon*, with impetuosity, in headlong rush, common in OF. epic poetry and often coupled in rime with à *bandon*, recklessly (see *abandon*). Dubiously referred to OHG *rand*, in poet. sense of shield (see *rand*).

**randy**. Orig. Sc., aggressive, boisterous. ? From obs. *rand*, var. of *rant* (q.v.).

**raanee**. Hindu queen. Hind. *rānī*, Sanskrit *rājñī*; see *rajah*.

**range**. First as verb. F. *ranger*, to set in a row, from *rang*, *rank*<sup>2</sup>, the senses having been extended in E. to measuring, extending, and hence cruising, roving, etc. In some senses aphet. for *arrange*.

**rani-**. From L. *rana*, frog<sup>1</sup>.

**rank**<sup>1</sup>. Adj. AS. *ranc*, proud, insolent; cf. Du. LG. *rank*, thin, high-grown, ON. *rakkr*, perpendicular. Later senses perh. associated with *rancid*.

**rank**<sup>2</sup>. Noun. OF. *ranc* (Mod. *rang*), earlier *renc*, OHG. *hrinc*, *hring*, ring, circle (of warriors, etc.). Thus the idea of circle has become that of straight line. See *harangue*, *ranch*.

**rankle**. From obs. noun *rankle*, festering sore, OF. *raoncle*. OF. has *drancle*, *draoncle*, MedL. *dracunculus*, ulcer, lit. little dragon. But the loss of *d-* before a consonant is abnormal, and AF. *rancle* (13 cent.), OF. *raoncle*, may represent L. *ramunculus*, a plant regularly used by early vagrants for the production of artificial sores or "rankles." OF. *renoncle* also occurs in required sense.

**ransack**. ON. *rannsaka*, from *rann*, house (cf. Goth. *razn* and see *barn*, *saltern*), *sækja*, to seek.

**ransom.** ME. *raunson*, F. *rançon* (OF. *reanson*), L. *redemptio*-n-, from *redimere*, *redempt*-, to buy back, from *emere*, to buy. For final -m cf. *grogam*, *vellum*, etc.

**rant.** Archaic Du. *vanden, ranien*, "to dote, or to be enraged" (Hexham).

**ranunculus.** L., little frog, also plant. Dim. from *vana*, frog.

**ranz-des-vaches.** Herdsman's song. Swiss F. (Fribourg).

**rap**<sup>1</sup>. Sharp blow. Imit.; cf. *clap*, *flap*, etc.

**rap**<sup>2</sup>. Counterfeit halfpenny (Ireland, 18 cent.). Now only in *noi* (to care) a *rap*. Ger. *rappen*, *rappe*, Upper Ger. var. of *rabe*, raven; orig. of counterfeit copper coin stamped with eagle.

**rapacious.** From L. *rapax*, *rapac*-, from *rapere*, to snatch

**rape**<sup>1</sup> [hist.]. One of six divisions of Sussex. ? AS. *rāp*, rope, for measuring.

**rape**<sup>2</sup>. Taking by force. AF., from OF. *raper*, to snatch, L. *rapere*. Cf. *ravish*.

**rape**<sup>3</sup>. Plant L. *rapum*, *rapa*, turnip; cf. G. *rámus*. In some senses via Du. *raap*.

**raphia.** See *raffia*

**rapid.** F. *rapide*, L. *rapidus*, from *rapere*, to snatch.

**rapier.** F. *rapière*, orig. adj. qualifying *épée*, sword, ? It. *vapaire*, half-pike (see *rapparee*). For vague names of weapons cf. *pistol* (q.v.). The sword-dancers' *rappier*, *raper*, is the same word.

**rapine.** F. *rapine*, L. *rapina*, from *rapere*, to snatch.

**rapparee** [hist.]. Ir. freebooter, orig. pikeman. Ir. *rapairidhe*, pl. of *rapaire*, half-pike. For use of pl. cf. *cateran*, *kern*.

**rappee.** Snuff. F. (*tabac*) *râpé*, rasped tobacco.

**rapport.** F., from *rapporter*, to refer, relate, from *re-* and *apporter*, to bring.

**rapprochement.** F., see *approach*

**rascallion.** Altered (? by association with *rabble*) from earlier *rascallion*, from *rascal*.

**rapt.** L. *raptus*, p.p. of *rapere*, to snatch. Orig. carried up to heaven. Hence *rapture*.

**raptorial** [zool.]. From L. *raptor* (v s.).

**rapture.** See *rapt*.

**rara avis.** L., rare bird.

**rare.** F. *rare*, L. *varus*, thinly sown, scarce; hence, precious. *Raree-show* represents the pronunc. of *rare-show*

by Savoyard proprietors of peep-shows; cf. *galanty-show*.

**rarebit.** Perversion of (Welsh) *rabbit*.

**rascal.** OF. *rascarille* (Mod. *racaille*), rabble; as it is a Norm. word, it may be from ON. *rask*, offal, refuse. Applied to individual from 15 cent. Hence archaic *rascallion*, now usu. altered to *rapscaillon*.

**rase.** See *raze*.

**rash**<sup>1</sup>. Adj. Du. *rasch*, quick; cf. Ger. *rasch*, swift, ON. *roskr*, valiant; cogn. with AS. *horsc*, active, quick-witted.

**rash**<sup>2</sup>. Noun. Archaic F. *rache*, OF. *rasche*; cf. It. *raschia*, "a scratching" (Flor.) Ult. from L. *radere*, *ras*-, to scrape.

**rasher.** ? From obs. *rash*, to cut, slash, corrupt. of F. *raser* (see *raze*). It may even represent F. *rasure*, "a shaving" (Cotg.); cf. *frutter*<sup>2</sup>.

**rasores** [ornith.] L., lit. scrapers.

**rasp.** OF. *raspe* (Mod. *râpe*), from OHG. *raspōn*, to scrape together. Cf. *rappée*.

**raspberry.** For archaic & dial. *rasp*, back-formation from earlier *raspis*, app. ident. with ME. *raspise*, a kind of wine, MedL. *raspacia*, of unknown origin. If the berry sense is the earliest there may be connection with OWalloon *raspore*, thicket, of Teut. origin and cogn. with *rasp*.

**rat**<sup>1</sup>. Animal AS *ræt*; cf. Du. *rat*, Ger. *rattle*; also, F. *rat*, obs. It. *ratto*, Sp. *rato*, MedL. *ratus*, all prob. of Teut. origin, the animal having come from the East with the race-migrations. Origin unknown. The usual ME. word was *raton*, F. dim. of *rat* (see *rattening*). Verb to *rat*, desert, is from belief that rats desert a sinking ship (*Temp.* i. 2) or falling house.

**rat**<sup>2</sup>. For *rot* (in exclamation), cf. *drat*.

**rat**<sup>3</sup> [pol.]. Coined (Dec. 1921) in Dublin for *ratificationist* (of Anglo-Ir. treaty).

**ratafia.** F., app. connected with F. *tafia*, Creole name for rum.

**rataplan.** F., imit. of drumming; cf. *rub-a-dub*.

**ratchet** [mech.]. F. *rochet*, ratchet of a clock, dim. from OHG. *vocco* (Mod. *rocken*), spindle.

**rate**<sup>1</sup>. Amount, quantity, etc. AF. *rate*, MedL. *rata*, as in L. *pro rata* (sc. *portione*), from *rēre*, *rat*-, to think, judge (cf. *ratro*). Later applied to degrees of speed or excellence.

- rate**<sup>2</sup>. To chide. ME. also *ret*, *arate*, of which *rate* may be apphet. form. OF. *reter*, *areter*, to accuse, blame, L. *reputare*, to repute, in Late L. to impute, a sense in which *reter* is very common in AF.; cf. OSp. *reblar*, to blame.
- ratel** [SAfr.]. Honey-badger. SAfrDu., for *rateldas*, in which first element is a dial formation from Du. *raat*, honey-comb (for second see *dachshund*).
- rath** [Ir.]. Earthwork, enclosure. Ir. *rāth*, mound, ult. cogn. with L. *pratium*, meadow.
- rathaus**. Ger., council-house, town-hall. See *rede*.
- rathe** [poet.]. Quick; hence, early. See *rather*.
- rather**. Compar. of ME. *rathe*, quick, early (v.s.), orig. adv. AS. *hratthe*, corresponding to adj. *hræd*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *rad*, OHG. *hrad*, ON. *hrathr*, Goth. *rathis*.
- ratify**. F. *ratifier*, Late L. *ratificare*, from *ratus*, agreed, and *facere*, to make. See *rate*<sup>1</sup>.
- ratine**. F., of unknown origin.
- ratio**. L., from *reri*, *rat*-, to judge, etc. (see *rate*<sup>1</sup>); ult. cogn. with *rede*.
- rationcination**. L. *ratiocinatio-n*-, from *ratiocinari*, to calculate, deliberate, from *ratio*.
- ration**. F. *ration*, L. *ratio-n*-, proportion, ratio (q.v.).
- ratlinal**. L. *rationalis*, from *ratio*.
- ratline**, **ratling** [naut.]. Earlier *rade-lyng*. Prob. the *rat*- and *-lyne* are both folk-etym. The analogy of Du. *weveling*, ratline, lit. weaving, suggests that *radelyng* is from dial. & naut. *raddle*, to intertwine, interlace, from *raddle*, or *raddling*, long slender rod used in weaving hurdles, etc., dim. of obs. *rathe*, rail of a cart. The ratlines of early ships are pictured as forming a very wide network.
- rattan**. Malay *rōtan*.
- rat-tat**. Imit. of sharp knock at door.
- ratteen** [archaic]. Fabric. See *ratine*.
- ratteuing** [hist.]. Molestation of non-union workers by tampering with tools in such a way as to cause accidents. From dial. *ratten*, *rat*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.).
- rattle**. Imit.; cf. Du. *ratelen*, Ger. *rasseln*, G. *krädeln*, clapper, etc. AS. has *hratlewyrt*, rattle-wort, the seeds of which "rattle" in the capsule.
- ratty**. Out of temper. ? From *rat*<sup>1</sup>.
- raucous**. From L. *raucus*, hoarse.
- ravage**. F., from *ravir*, to ravish (q.v.).
- rave**. F. *rêver*, to dream, OF. also *raver*, *resver*; cf. OF. *desver*, to be mad. Both are of unknown origin.
- ravel**. Du. *rafelen*, to tangle, fray out; cogn. with AS. *ārāftan*, to unwind (thread), ? and ult. with *reeve*<sup>2</sup>.
- ravelin** [fort.]. F. *ravelin*, perh. ident. with archaic F. *revelin*, kind of shoe, OF. *revelin*, AS. *rifeling*, whence ME. *riveling*, shoe of undressed hide (still in use in the Shetlands). The F. terms of fort. are often taken from articles of dress which their shape suggested, e.g. *bonnet à prétre*, *genouillère*, *fausse-bras*, etc.
- raven**<sup>1</sup>. Noun. AS. *hræfn*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *raaf*, Ger. *rabe* (OHG. *hraban*), ON. *hrafn*, Goth. *hrabns* (in pers. names); prob. cogn. with L. *corvus*, G. *kopax*.
- raven**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. OF. *raviner*, to ravage, from *ravine*, L. *rapina*, from *rapere*, to snatch. Hence *ravenous*, now usu. in sense of hungry.
- ravin** [poet.]. Rapine (v.s.).
- ravine**. F. *ravine*, in archaic sense of violent rush (of water), or *ravin*, from *raviner*, to tear up, as in *des champs ravins par un orage*. See *raven*<sup>2</sup>.
- ravish**. F. *ravir*, *raviss*-, VL. \**rapire*, for *rapere*, to snatch. Cf. *rapture*.
- raw**. AS. *hrēaw*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *rauww*, Ger. *roh*, ON. *hrār*; ult. cogn. with L. *crudus*, raw, *cruur*, blood, G. *krēas*, flesh.
- ray**<sup>1</sup>. Of light. Archaic F. *rai* (usu. replaced by *rayon*), L. *radius*.
- ray**<sup>2</sup>. Fish. F. *raie*, L. *raia*.
- rayah**. Non-Mohammedan subject of Sultan of Turkey. Arab. *ra'iyah*, herd, subjects, peasants.
- rayat**. See *ryot*.
- raze**. F. *raser*, from L. *radere*, *ras*-, to scrape, cogn. with *rodere*, to gnaw. Cf. archaic naut. *razee*, man-of-war cut down by removal of upper decks, F. *rasé*; *razor*, OF. *rasour* (replaced by *rasoir*).
- razzia**. F. *razzia*, "a corrupt Gallicism" (Burton), Algerian Arab. *ghā-zāh*, military raid (see *ghazi*).
- razzle-dazzle**. Redupl. on *dazzle*, with suggestion of *ratile*.
- re** [mus.]. See *gamut*.
- re**, **in re**. L., in the matter, *res*.
- re-**. L. *re-* (*red-* before vowels). In E. often via F. *re-*, *ré-*. Both in L. & F. it is often merely intens.

**reach.** AS. *rēcan*, to stretch out (the hand). WGer; cf. Du. *reiken*, Ger. *reichen*. In sense of attaining from AS. *gerēcan*. With *reach* (of a river) cf. *stretch* (of country) and archaic Du. *rak wegs*, stretch of road, from *rekken*, to stretch.

**read.** AS. *rēdan*, to make out, interpret (see *riddle*). Com. Teut; cf. Du. *raden*, Ger. *raten*, to counsel, ON. *ráða*, Goth. *rēdan*.

**ready.** Lengthened in ME. from (s)-*rede*, prepared, AS. *gerāde* Com. Teut; cf. Du. *gereed*, Ger. *bereit* (MHG. also *gereit*), ON. *greiðr*, Goth. *garaihs*. Prob. from root of *rīde*, *ráð* (cf. relation of Ger. *fertig*, ready, to *fahren*, to travel, fare).

**real<sup>1</sup>.** Adj. F. *réel* (OF. also *réal*), Late L. *realis*, from *res*, thing.

**real<sup>2</sup>.** Com. Sp. *real*, lit. royal, L. *regalis*.

**realgar** [chem.]. Sulphide of arsenic. Ult. Arab. *rehj al-ghār*, powder of the cave.

**realm.** OF. *reame*, *reeme*, L. *regimen*, *regimin-*, later becoming *realme*, *re-aume* (Mod. *royaume*), under influence of OF. *real*, royal. Mod. form, later influencing pronounc, is due to influence of ME *real*, royal, usual early forms being *reame*, *reme*, riming with *dream*.

**realpolitik.** Ger., practical politics Cf. *realschule*, school not following the classical curriculum of the *gymnasium*.

**ream<sup>1</sup>.** Of paper. OF. *raime*, *remme* (Mod. *rame*), Sp. *resma*, Arab. *rismah*, bundle.

**ream<sup>2</sup>.** To widen. Dial., exc. in ref. to clearing out bore of gun. ME. *remen*, to open up, AS. *rýman*, from *room*.

**reaming.** Chiefly Sc., esp. in *reaming full*, from dial. *ream*, cream, AS. *rēam*. Com. Teut; cf. Du. *room*, Ger. *rahm*, ON. *rjómi*.

**reap.** AS. *repan*, *rīpan*, cogn. with *ripe*.

**rear<sup>1</sup>.** Verb. AS. *rēvan*, causal of *rīse*. ME. also *arear*, AS. *ārēvan*. Now replaced in many senses by *raise* (q.v.).

**rear<sup>2</sup>.** Behind. Aphet. for *arrear*, F. *arrière*, L. *ad retro*. With *rear*- for F. *arrière* in *rearguard* (earlier also *rearward*) cf. *van*- for F. *avant* in *vanguard*; but it may be noted that OF. has also the simple *rière* and *rière-garde*, L. *retro*.

**rearmouse, reremouse** [archaic & dial.] Bat<sup>2</sup> AS. *hrēvemus*, perh. altered, after *hrēran*, to move (cf. *flutter-mouse*), from earlier *hreathemūs*.

**reason.** F. *raison*, L. *ratio-n-*, from *rēri*, *rat-*, to judge Cf. *rational*.

**reata, riata.** Tethering rope Sp. *reata*, from *reatar*, to tie, from *re-* and L. *aptare*. Cf. *lariat*.

**Réaumur.** Thermometer, from name of F. inventor (†1757).

**reave, reive.** AS. *rēafian*, to plunder. Com. Teut; cf. Du. *rooven*, Ger. *rauben*, ON. *raufa*, Goth. (bi) *raubōn*; cogn. with *rob*, and ult. with L. *rum-pere*, *rup-*; see also *robe*, *rove*. The spelling *reive* is Sc. See also *bereave*.

**rebate.** F. *rabattre* (see *abate*). See also *rabbet*.

**Rebeccaite** [hist.]. Welsh rioter destroying turnpike gates (1843) With allusion to *Rebekah* (Gen. xxiv. 60).

**rebeck** [archaic]. Early fiddle. F. *rebec*; cf. It. *ribe(c)ca*, "a rebeck, or a croud, or a kit" (Flor.). Port. *rebeca*, MedL. *rebeca*. Unexplained alteration of OF. *nbibe*, ult. from Arab. *ribāb*.

**rebel.** L. *rebellare*, from *bellum*, war. Noun *rebel* is from L. adj. *rebellis*.

**reboisement.** Reafforestation. F., from *bois*, wood.

**rebound.** See *bound<sup>2</sup>*.

**rebuff.** OF. *rebuffe* (replaced by *rebuf-fade*), It. *ribuffo*, from *buffo*, puff.

**rebuke.** AF. *rebuher*, OF. *rebuchier*, to repulse, of doubtful origin. Current sense is earliest in E. and suggests connection with F. *bouche*, mouth; cf. It. *rimboccare*, "to twit or hit one in the teeth, also to retort backe word for word" (Torr.).

**rebus.** Picture puzzle, word or sentence represented "by things." L. *rebus*, abl. pl. of *res*, thing.

**rebut.** F. *rebouter*, from *bouter*, to thrust, butt<sup>5</sup>.

**recalcitrant.** From pres. part. of L. *recalcitrare*, to kick out, from *calx*, *calc-*, heel.

**recant.** L. *recantare*, from *cantare*, to sing. Cf. *palinode*.

**recapitulate.** From Late L. *recapitulare*, from *capitulum*, heading, chapter.

**recede.** L. *recedere*, to go back. See *cede*.

**receipt.** Restored (on L. *recept-*) from ME. *receite*, OF. *receite* (Mod. *recette*), L. *recepta*, from *recipere*, *recept-*, to receive, from *capere*, to take. Cf. *concert* *deceit*.

**receive.** OF. *receivre*, L. *recipere*, and *receveur* (Mod. *recevoir*), VL. \**recipere*. See *conceive*. With *receiver* (of stolen goods) cf. archaic & Sc. *resetter*, *receter*, OF. *receteur*, L. *receptor-em*.

**recension.** L. *recensio-n-*, from *recensere*, to review, from *censere*, to criticize.

**recent.** F. *récent*, L. *recens*, *recent-*.

**receptacle.** L. *receptaculum*, from *recipere*, *recept-*, to receive. Cf. *reception*, *receptive*.

**recess.** L. *recessus*, from *recedere*, *recess-*, to recede, withdraw.

**Rehabite.** Teetotaler, etc. See *Jer.* xxxv.

**réchauffé.** F., p.p. of *réchauffer*, to warm up again. See *chauffeur*.

**recheat** [archaic]. Recall (of hounds). From OF. *rachater*, to reassemble (Mod. *racheter*, to redeem). See *cater*.

**recherché.** F., p.p. of *rechercher*, to seek out. See *search*.

**recidivist** [neol.]. Relapsing criminal. F. *récidiviste* (neol.), from *récidiver*, MedL. *recidivare*, from L. *recidivus*, from *recidere*, from *cadere*, to fall. Cf. *backsliding*.

**recipe.** L., take, imper. of *recipere*, used by physicians as heading of prescriptions.

**recipient.** From pres. part. of L. *recipere*, to receive.

**reciprocal.** From L. *reciprocus*, app. from *re-*, back, and *pro-*, forward.

**recite.** F. *réciter*, L. *recitare*, from *citare*, to cite (q.v.). *Recitative* (mus.) is It. *recitativo*.

**reck.** AS. *reccan*. Com. Teut.; cf. obs. Du. *roeken* (Du. *roekeloos*, reckless), OHG. *ruohhen* (Ger. *ruchlos*, reckless), ON. *rækja*.

**reckon.** AS. *gereceman*. WGer.; cf. Du. *rekenen*, Ger. *rechnen*; cogn. with Goth. *rahnjan*; also with *reck*, with AS. *racu*, account, and ult. with *rake*<sup>1</sup>, orig. sense having been a bringing together.

**reclaim.** F. *réclamer*, L. *reclamare*, lit. to call back (see *claim*).

**recline.** L. *reclinare*. Cf. *decline*, *incline*.

**recluse.** F. *reclus*, L. *reclusus*, from *recludere*, *reclus-*, from *claudere*, to shut.

**recognize.** From OF. *reconoistre* (Mod. *reconnaitre*), *reconoiss-*, L. *recognoscere*, from *cognoscere*, to know; cf. *cognizance* (q.v.). Earlier is *recognizance*, of which the verb is rather a back-formation.

**recoil.** F. *reculer*, from *cul*, L. *culus*, podex. For change of vowel cf. *foil*<sup>2</sup>, *soul*<sup>1</sup>.

**recollect**<sup>1</sup>. Verb. From L. *recolligere*, *recollect-*, lit. to collect again.

**recollect**<sup>2</sup>. Branch of Franciscan order. F. *récollet*, from above (in archaic sense of mystical contemplation).

**recommend.** Earlier *recommand*, F. *recommander*, orig. to entrust. See *command*, *commend*.

**recompense.** F. *récompenser*. See *compensate*.

**reconcile.** F. *réconcilier*, L. *reconciliare*. See *concliate*.

**recondite.** L. *reconditus*, p.p. of *recondere*, from *condere*, to put away, hide, compd. of *dare*, to give.

**reconnoitre.** F. *reconnoître*, archaic spelling of *reconnaître*, to recognize. Cf. *reconnaisance*, earlier also *reconnaissance*.

**reconography** [neol.]. Reconnaissance sketching (v.s.)

**record.** Archaic F. *recorder*, from L. *recordari*, lit. to get by heart, *cor*, cord.

**recount.** OF. *reconter* (replaced by *raconter*). See *count*<sup>2</sup>.

**recoup.** Orig. to deduct. F. *recouper*, from *couper*, to cut. See *coppice*.

**recourse.** F. *recours*, L. *recursus*, from *recurvere*, *recurs-*, to run back.

**recover.** F. *recouvrer*, L. *recuperare*, to get back, ult. cogn. with *capere*, to take.

**recreant** [poet.]. OF. *recreant*, pres. part. of *recreare*, later *recroire*, to yield in trial by combat, lit. take back one's pledge, from OF. *creire*, L. *credere*, to believe. Cf. *miscreant*.

**recreate.** From L. *recreare*, to refresh, lit. to create again.

**crement.** Waste product. L. *crementum*, from *cernere*, to sift out, separate. Cf. *excrement*.

**recriminalize.** From MedL. *recriminari*, from *crimen*, *crimin-*, charge, crime.

**recrudescence.** From L. *recrudescere*, to become raw (*crudus*) again.

**recruit.** Obs. F. *recrute*, dial. var. of *recrue*, p.p. fem. of *recroître*, to grow again, L. *recrescere*. Orig. reinforcement collectively (see *crew*).

**rectangle.** Late L. *rectranguulum*, from *rectus*, straight, right, *angulus*, angle. Cf. *rectilinear*; *rectify*, F. *rectifier*, Late L. *rectificare*; *rectitude*, Late L. *rectitudo*.

**recto** [typ.]. L. *recto* (sc. *folio*). Cf. *verso*.

- rector.** L., from *regere*, *rect-*, to rule, guide.
- rectum** [*anat.*]. L. (sc *intestinum*), from *rectus*, straight.
- recumbent.** From pres. part. of L. *recumbere*, to recline. Cf. *incumbent*
- recuperate.** From L. *recuperare*, to recover (q.v.), get back.
- recur.** L. *recurrere*, to run back.
- recusant.** From pres. part of L. *recusare*, to refuse, from *causa*; cf. *accuse*.
- red.** AS. *rēad*. Com. Teut., cf. Du. *rood*, Ger. *rot*, ON. *rauthr*, Goth. *rauths*; cogn. with L. *ruber*, *rufus*, G. *éubhós*, Gael. Ir. *ruadh*, Welsh *rhudd*. With *redpole*, from *poll*<sup>1</sup>, cf. *redstart*, from AS. *steort*, tail, rump (cf. *wheatear*).
- red-.** See *re-*.
- redaction.** L. *redactio-n-*, from *redigere*, *redact-*, to reduce, from *re-* and *agere*.
- redan** [*fort*]. Outwork forming salient angle. F, earlier *redent*, from *dent*, tooth. Cf. *synon* F. *ouvrage à saie* (saw).
- redd** [*dial.*]. See *rd*.
- redde.** Var of *raddle*, *ruddle*.
- rede** [*poet.*]. Archaic spelling of *read* (q.v.), differentiated to express earlier sense of counsel, etc.
- redeem.** F. *rédimmer*, L. *redimere* (see *ransom*).
- redemptorist.** Member of *Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer* (Naples, 1732).
- red-gum.** Rash on skin of children. Folk-etym. for ME *radegound* (*Piers Plowm*), lit. red pus (see *groundsel*).
- redif.** Soldier of Turk. reserve. Arab. *radif*, one who follows, second.
- redingote.** F, from E. *riding-coat*.
- redintegrate.** From L. *redintegrare*, to make whole (*integer*) again.
- redolent.** From pres. part. of L. *redolere*, from *olere*, to smell.
- redondilla** [*metr.*]. Sp., dim. of *redonda*, fem. of *redondo*, round<sup>1</sup> (q.v.).
- redoubt.** Artificial spelling of *redout*, F. *redoute*, It. *ridotto*, from L. *reducere*, *reduct-*; cf. F. *réduit*, nook, refuge.
- redoubtable.** F. *redoutable*, from *redouter*, to fear, from *douter*, to doubt, in OF. to fear (see *doughty*). For restored -b- cf. *doubt*
- redound.** F. *redonder*, L. *redundare*, "to overflow, reflow or return backe, to redounde" (Coop.), from *re-* and *undare*, from *unda*, wave. Cf. *redundant*.

- redowa.** Dance. F. or Ger. *redowa*, from Czech *redovak*, from *redovati*, to whirl round.
- redress.** F. *redresser*, to put right again (see *dress*).
- redshort** [*metall.*]. Swed. *rodskort*, red brittle. Cf. *coldshort*
- reduce.** L. *reducere*, to lead back.
- reductio ad absurdum.** L., reduction to the absurd.
- redundant.** See *redound*. For sense cf. *superfluous*.
- reduplication** [*ling.*]. See *duplicate*.
- reebok.** SAfr. antelope Du., roebuck.
- reed.** AS. *hrēod* WGer; cf. Du. Ger. *riet* (usual Ger word is *rohr*).
- reef<sup>1</sup>.** In sail. ME. *riff*, ON. *rif*, prob. ident. with *reef<sup>2</sup>*. Hence *reefer*, midshipman (attending in tops during reefing of sail), and *reefer*, coat of naut. cut.
- reef<sup>2</sup>.** Rock. Earlier (16 cent) *riff*, Du. *rif*, ON. *rif*, reef, rib. Prob. ident. with *reef<sup>1</sup>*.
- reek.** AS. *rēocan*, to smoke. Com. Teut; cf. Du. *reken*, to smell, *rooken*, to smoke, Ger. *rechen*, to smell, *rauchen*, to smoke, ON. *rjúka*, to smoke. Noun *reek* is still in gen. Sc. use; cf. *Auld Reekie*, Edinburgh.
- reel.** AS. *hrēol*; cf. ON. *hrēll*, Fris. *raval*. Hence verb to reel, and prob. name of dance.
- reelistic** [*slang*]. Allusion to the reel of the cinema.
- reeve<sup>1</sup>** [*hist.*]. Steward, etc. AS. *gerēfa*, whence also archaic *grieve* (Northumb. *grāfa*). Cf. *portreeve*, *sheriff*.
- reeve<sup>2</sup>** [*naut.*]. Verb. It. *refare*, "to thrif" (Torri.), from *refe*, "any kinde of twisted sowing thred" (Flor.), ? Ger. *ref*, band, rope; ? cf. E. dial. *reeve*, rope (of onions). Not connected with *reef<sup>1</sup>*.
- reeve<sup>3</sup>.** Bird. Fem. of *ruff<sup>1</sup>* (q.v.).
- refectory.** MedL *refectorium*, from L. *reficere*, *refect-*, to remake, repair Cf. *restaurant*.
- refer.** F. *référer*, from L. *referre*, lit. to carry back.
- refine.** F. *raffiner*, from *affiner*, from *fin*, fine<sup>2</sup>.
- reflect.** L. *reflectere*, to bend back. Cf. *reflex*, L. *reflexus*, reflected.
- reform.** F. *réformer*, to form again, *réformer*, to improve, L. *reformare*, from *forma*, shape. Hence *reformatory*.
- refract.** From L. *refringere*, *refract-*,

to break back, from *frangere*. *Refractory* is for earlier *refractory*, F. *réfractaire*, L. *refractorius*.

**refrain**<sup>1</sup>. Verb. From tonic stem (OF. *refrein-*) of F. *refrénér*, L. *refrenare*, to restrain, from *frenum*, bridle, ? cogn. with *frendere*, to gnash the teeth.

**refrain**<sup>2</sup>. Noun. F. *refrain*, lit. break back, from OF. *refraindre*, VL. \**refrangere*, for *refringere*; cf. Prov. *refranh*, Sp. *refrán*.

**refresh**. OF. *refrescher* (replaced by *rafraîchir*), from *frais*, fresh (q.v.).

**refrigerate**. From L. *refrigerare*, from *frigus*, cold.

**reft**. Really p.p. of *reave*, but sometimes used poet. as if from *rive*.

**refuge**. F. *refuge*, L. *refugium*, from *fugere*, to flee. *Refugee* is F. *réfugié*, huguenot migrating after Revocation of Edict of Nantes (1685).

**refund**. L. *refundere*, lit. to pour back, in Law L. to pay back. Associated in sense with *fund*.

**refulgent**. See *fulgent*.

**refuse**. Verb. F. *refuser*, L. *refusare*, ? from *refundere*, *refus-*, to cast back, etc. (v.s.). Noun is F. *refus*, and perh. in earlier adj. sense (*refuse goods*) from p.p. *refusé* with *-é* lost as in *costive*, *signal*<sup>2</sup>, *trove*, etc.

**refute**. L. *refutare*, to repel. Cf. *futile*.

**regal**. L. *regalis*, from *rex*, *reg-*, king.

See *rich*.

**regale**. F. *régaler*, It. *regalare*, prob. from *gala* (q.v.).

**regalia**<sup>1</sup>. Royal jewels. L., neut. pl. of *regalis*, royal.

**regalia**<sup>2</sup>. Cigar. Sp., royal privilege.

**regard**. F. *regarder*, to look at, consider, from *garder*, to heed, guard (q.v.). See also *reward*. It seems possible that *kind regards*, as epistolary formula, may be partly due to Port. *recados* (pl.), "a greeting, commendation, salutation" (Vieyra), used by several early E. travellers and spelt *recarders* by Fryer (17 cent.). This is from *recadar*, to send a message, VL. \**recapitare*.

**regatta**. Orig. boat-race on Grand Canal of Venice. It. (Venet.) *regata*, struggle, match; app. related to archaic E. *regrater* (q.v.).

**regulate**. To freeze together again. See *jelly*.

**regenerate**. From L. *regenerare*, from *genus*, *gener-*, race, breed.

**regent**. F. *régent*, from pres. part. of L. *regere*, to rule.

**regicide**. Coined (16 cent.) on *homicide*.

**régie**. F., p.p. fem. of *régir*, to rule, from L. *regere*.

**régime**. F. *régime*, L. *regimen*, from *regere*, to rule.

**regiment**. F. *régiment*, Late L. *regimentum*, in various senses of *regimen* (v.s.).

**region**. L. *regio-n-*, from *regere*, to rule.

**register**. F. *registre*, OF. also *regestre*, MedL. *registrum*, *regestrum*, altered from Late L. *regesta*, neut. pl., from *regerere*, *regist-*, to record, from *gerere*, to carry (out), execute, etc.

**regius**. L., royal. Title of five professors instituted by Hen. VIII.

**regnant**. From pres. part. of L. *regnare*, to reign, from *regnum*, kingdom, from *regere*, to rule. Cf. hist. *regnal year*, MedL. *regnalis*.

**regorge**. Cf. *disgorge*.

**regrater** [hist.]. Retailer, with suggestion of forestalling and monopoly. F. *regrattier*, from *regratter*, usu. explained as from *gratter*, to scratch, scrape. But AF. *regatour* and It. *rigattare*, "to sell by retaile as hucksters and brokers use, . . . to contend, to cope or fight for the maistrie" (Flor.), Sp. *regatear*, to haggle, suggest that F. *regratter* may be folk-etym. Cf. also It. *recattare*, "to forestall markets" (Flor.), ult. ident. with F. *racheter*, to buy back (see *cater*). See *regatta*.

**regress**. L. *regressus*. Cf. *egress*, *progress*.

**regret**. F. *regretter*, orig. to bewail the dead. Prob. of Teut. origin; ? cf. *greet*<sup>2</sup>.

**regular**. L. *regularis*, from *regula*, rule, from *regere*.

**regulus** [chem.]. L., dim. of *rex*, *reg-*, king (cf. *basilisk*). Orig. applied to metallic form of antimony, from its ready combination with gold, the royal metal. Also applied to the basilisk and the crested wren.

**regurgitate**. From MedL. *regurgitare*, from *gurgus*, *gurgit-*, abyss, gorge.

**rehearse**. OF. *rehercier*, to repeat, lit. to rake or harrow over again (see *hearse*).

**reichstag** [hist.]. Ger. parliament. From *reich*, empire, ult. cogn. with *rajah*, and *tag*, assembly, lit. day (see *diet*<sup>2</sup>). Cf. *landtag*, and Austr. *reichsrat*, from *rat*, counsel, "rede."

**reify**. To materialize. Coined (after *nullify*) from L. *res*, thing.



**reign.** F. *règne*, L. *regnum*, from *regere*, to rule.  
**reimburse.** Coined from archaic *imburse*, after F. *rembourser*, from *bourse*, purse (q.v.).  
**rein**<sup>1</sup>. Of horse. F. *rêne*, OF. *resne*, *reigne*, VL. *\*retna*, in sense of *retinaculum*, from *retinere*, to hold back.  
**rein**<sup>2</sup>. Loin. See *reins*.  
**reindeer.** ON. *hveindýrr*, with obscure first element, perh. cogn. with *horn*.  
**reINETte.** Apple. See *rennet*<sup>2</sup>.  
**reinforce.** For earlier *renforce*, F. *renforcer*, from *re-* and OF. *enforcier*, to strengthen, from *force* (q.v.).  
**reins** [archaic]. Loins. F. *reins*, L. *renes*, kidneys.  
**reinstall.** From archaic *instate* (cf. *install*). See *state*.  
**reintegration.** For *redintegration* (q.v.); cf. MedL. *reintegratio*.  
**reis**<sup>1</sup>. Port. money of account. Port., pl. of *real*<sup>2</sup> (q.v.). Cf. *milreis*.  
**reis**<sup>2</sup>. Arab. skipper, pilot. Arab. *ra'īs*, from *ra'as*, head.  
**reitbuck.** SAfr. antelope. Du. *rietbok*, reed buck.  
**reiter** [hist.]. Ger., rider, trooper.  
**reiterate.** From Late L. *reiterate*, from *iterare*, from *iterum*, again.  
**reive.** See *reave*.  
**reject.** From L. *reicere*, *reject-*, to throw back, from *jacere*. *Rejectiona* is ModL.  
**rejoice.** OF. *rejoir* (Mod. *réjouir*), *réjoiss-*, from *re-* and *éjoir*, VL. *\*exgaudire*. See *enjoy*, *joy*.  
**rejoinder.** F. *rejoindre* (cf. *remainder*). See *join*.  
**rejuvenate.** Coined (after *renovate*) from L. *juvenis*, young. Cf. *rejuvenescence*, from MedL. *rejuvenescere*.  
**relapse.** From L. *relabi*, *relaps-*, to slip back, "backslide."  
**relate.** F. *relater*, from L. *relat-*, p.p. stem of *referre*, to refer, bear back.  
**relax.** L. *relaxare*, from *laxus*, lax, loose.  
**relay.** Orig. set of fresh hounds. OF. *relai* (Mod. *relais*), from *relayer*, from OF. *laier*, to let (see *delay*). ModF. *relais* is due to association with OF. *relaisser*, to release, *laisser* and *laser*, though quite distinct in origin, being used indifferently in OF.  
**release.** OF. *relaissier*, VL. *\*relaxiare*, for *relaxare* (whence *relâcher*). Cf. *lease*.  
**relegate.** From L. *relegare*, from *legare*, to send.

**relent.** Ult. from L. *lentus*, slow, viscous; cf F. *valentir*, to slacken, from OF. *alentir*.  
**relevant.** From pres. part. of L. *relevare*, to raise up, hence, to be of help, importance.  
**relic.** F. *relique*, orig. pl., L. *reliquiae*, from *relinquere*, *reliqu-*, to leave.  
**relict.** L. *relictus*, p.p. of *relinquere* (v s). In spec. sense of widow it represents MedL. *relictia* (sc. *mulier*).  
**relief.** F. *relief*, from tonic stem (OF. *reliev-*) of *relevare*, to raise up, L. *relevare*, from *levare*, light. Etym. sense appears in plastic *relief*, It. *rilievo*, raised or embossed work.  
**religion.** L. *religio-n-*, from *religens*, careful, opposite of *negligens*, and prob. cogn. with *diligens*.  
**relinquish.** OF. *relinquir*, *relinquiss-*, VL. *\*relinquere*, for *relinquere*.  
**reliquary.** F. *reliquaire*, MedL. *reliquarium*, receptacle for relics.  
**relish.** ME. *reles*, archaic F. *relais*, from OF. *relaissier*, to leave (behind). See *release*, which is also recorded in same sense. It is supposed that orig. meaning was after-taste.  
**reluctant.** From pres. part. of L. *reluctari*, to struggle against, from *luctari*, to struggle.  
**rely.** In ME. in sense of *rally*<sup>1</sup>, F. *relier*, L. *religare*, to bind together. From 16 cent. to *rely* on (also to), perh. with idea of rallying to, falling back on, one's supports.  
**remain.** From tonic stem (*remain-*) of OF. *remanoir*, L. *remanere*, from *manere*, to dwell, stay, also OF. *remanere*, VL. *\*remanere*, whence *remainder* (orig. leg.); cf. *misnomer*, *rejoinder*.  
**remand.** Late L. *remandare*, to send back word.  
**remagnet.** L., it remains. Cf. *deficit*.  
**remark.** F. *remarquer*, to mark, notice (see *mark*<sup>1</sup>).  
**remedy.** AF. *remédie*, L. *remedium*, from root of *mederi*, to heal.  
**remember.** OF. *remembrer*, from Late L. *rememorari*, from *memor*, mindful; cf. *memory*.  
**remi-**. From L. *remus*, oar.  
**remind.** Coined from *mind*, perh. after obs. *rememorate*.  
**remembrance.** F. *réminiscence*, Late L. *reminiscentia*, from *reminisci*, to remember, cogn. with *mens*, mind.  
**remise** [archaic]. Coachhouse. F., from *remettre*, to put back.  
**remiss.** L. *remissus*, p.p. of *remittere*, to

send back; also, to slacken, abate. Cf *remission*.

**remit.** L. *remittere*, to send back. In E. chiefly in secondary L. senses (v.s.).

**remnant.** Earlier *remenant* (Chauc.), OF. *remanant*, pres. part. of *remanoir*, to remain (q.v.).

**remonstrate.** From MedL. *remonstrare*, to demonstrate, point out (a fault).

**remora.** Sucking-fish, believed by ancients to delay vessel L., from *mora*, delay.

**remorse.** OF. *remors* (Mod. *remords*), Late L. *remorsus*, from *remordere*, to bite again. In ME. esp. in *remorse of conscience* (Chauc.), rendered in ME. by *ayenbite of inwit*.

**remote.** L. *remotus*, p.p. of *removere*, to remove.

**remove.** OF. *remouvoir*, L. *removere*, from *movēre*, to move.

**remunerate.** From L. *remunerare*, from *munus*, *muner-*, reward.

**renaissance.** F. *renaissance*, from *renaitre*, *renais-*, from *naître*, to be born, OF. *naistre*, VL. *\*nascere*, for *nasci*.

**renal** [anat.]. Late L. *renalis*. See *reins*.

**renard.** See *reynard*.

**renaissance.** Occ. for *renaissance* (q.v.).

**reencounter** [archaic]. F. *rencontre*, from *rencontrer*, to meet, from *re-* and OF. *encontrer*, to encounter (q.v.).

**rend.** AS. *rendan*, to tear, cut; cf. OFris. *renda*.

**render.** From F. *rendre*, VL. *\*rendere*, for *reddere*, to give back, *re-* and *dare*, altered by influence of its opposite *prendere* (*prehendere*), to take.

**rendezvous.** F. *rendez-vous* (16 cent.), imper. of *se rendre*, to betake oneself, proceed (to a spot).

**rendition.** Surrender, rendering. Obs. F., from *rendre*, to render.

**renegade.** Sp. *renegado*, p.p. of *renegar*, L. *renegare*, to deny again. Replaced earlier *renegate* (Chauc.), from MedL., whence also *runagaet* (q.v.).

**renegue.** To revoke at cards. L. *renegare* (v.s.).

**renew.** From *new*, after L. *renovare*.

**reni-** [anat.]. From L. *renes*, kidneys.

**rennet**<sup>1</sup>. For cheese-making. From *renne*, obs. form of *run*<sup>1</sup>; cf. Ger. *rennet*, *rennet*, *gerinnen*, to clot, curdle. Also ME. & dial. *runnet*.

**rennet**<sup>2</sup>. Apple. F. *renette*, *rainette*, usu. explained as named, from spotted skin, from *rainette*, frog, dim. of archaic *raine*, L. *rana*.

**renounce.** F. *renoncer*, L. *renunciare*, to protest against.

**renovate.** From L. *renovare*, from *novus*, new.

**renown.** OF. *renon* (Mod. *renom*), from *renommer*, to make famous, from *nommer*, to name, L. *nominare*, from *nomen*, *nomin-*, name. Cf. *noun*.

**rent**<sup>1</sup>. Fissure, etc. From obs. *rent*, to tear (Chauc.), var. of *rend*, due to the p.p.

**rent**<sup>2</sup>. Of house. F. *rente*, income, yield, VL. *\*rendita*, p.p. of *\*rendere*. See *renter*. *Rental* is AF.

**rentier.** F., man of independent means, esp. with money in the *rentes*, public funds (v.s.).

**renunciation.** See *renounce*.

**rep**<sup>1</sup>. Fabric. Cf. F. *reps*, Du. *rips*, Norw. *ribs*, *rips*, *reps*, of various "ribbed" fabrics Prob. E. *ribs* (= ribbed cloths) gave F. *reps*, whence by back-formation E. *rep*.

**rep**<sup>2</sup> [school slang]. For *repetition*. Cf. *prep*.

**repair**<sup>1</sup>. To mend. F. *réparer*, L. *reparare*, from *parare*, to prepare. Cf. *pare*, *prepare*. Hence *reparation*.

**repair**<sup>2</sup>. To resort. OF. *reparier*, Late L. *repariare*, to return to one's fatherland, *patria*.

**repand** [biol.]. L. *repandus*, bent back.

**reparation.** See *repair*<sup>1</sup>.

**repartee.** F. *repartie*, "an answering blow, or thrust (in fencing, &c.) and thence, a returne of, or answer in speech" (Cotg.), p.p. fem. of *repartir*, to start back. Cf. *riposte*, and see *part*<sup>2</sup>.

**repast.** OF. *repast* (Mod. *repas*), from *repaitre*, to feed, Late L. *repascere*, from *re-* and *pascere*, *past-*, to feed.

**repatriate.** See *repair*<sup>2</sup>.

**repeal.** See *peal*, *appeal*. Cf. F. *rap-peler*.

**repeat.** F. *répéter*, from L. *repetere*, lit. to try again, from *petere*, to assail, seek.

**repel.** L. *repellere*, from *pellere*, *puls-*, to drive. Cf. *repulse*.

**repent.** Orig. reflex. F. *se repentir*, from *re-* and OF. *pentir*, VL. *\*paenitire*, for *paenitēre*, cogn. with *paene*, almost.

**repertory.** L. *repertorium*, from *repere*, *repert-*, to find, from *parere*, to produce, engender.

**repetition.** L. *repetitio-n-*. See *repeat*.

**repine.** Coined from *pine*<sup>2</sup>, after *repent*, *reproach*, *reprove*, etc.

- replenish.** OF. *replenir*, *replemss-*; cf. archaic *plenish* (q.v.).
- replete.** L. *repletus*, from *replēre*, *replet-*, to fill again. Cf. *complete*.
- replevin** [leg.]. Recovery of distrained chattels on security. AF, from OF. *replevir*, from *plevir*, to pledge (q.v.).
- replica.** It, from *replicare*, to reply (q.v.).
- reply.** F. *replier*, to fold back, in OF. also to reply (cf. ModF. *répliquer*), L. *replicare*, from *phicare*, to bend, fold. For metaphor cf. *retort*.
- report.** OF. *reportier*, *raportier* (Mod. *rapporteur*), L. *reportare*, to bring back (e.g. a message). Sense of noise springs from that of carrying back a sound.
- repose.** F. *reposer*. See *pose*. In some senses, e.g. to *repose confidence in one*, rather directly from L. *reponere*, *reposit-*. Cf. *repository*, L. *repositorium*.
- repoussé.** F., p.p. of *repousser*, to push back, repulse. Cf. *relief*.
- reprehend.** L. *reprehendere*, lit. to take hold again; cf. F. *reprandre*, to reprove.
- represent.** F. *représenter*, orig. to bring into presence; hence, to make clear, demonstrate, symbolize (cf. *representative*), stand in place of. See *present*.
- repress.** From L. *reprimere*, *repress-*, to press back, from *primere*.
- reprise.** Orig. to remand (to prison). Altered, app. by association with ME. *preven*, to prove, from earlier *repyr*, F. *repris*, p.p. of *reprandre*, to take back.
- reprimand.** F. *réprimande*, from *réprimer*, to repress (q.v.).
- reprisal.** F. *représaille*, It. *ripresaglia*, from *riprendere*, to take back.
- reproach.** F. *reprocher*, VL. *\*repropiare*, to bring (e.g. a fault) near, from *prope*, near; cf. *approach*. Cf. L. *obicere*, to reproach, lit. to throw before.
- reprobate.** L. *reprobatus*, p.p. of *reprobare*, to reprove, reject, which in Late L. had sense of to cast away from God.
- reprove.** F. *réprouver*, L. *reprobare* (v.s.). Cf. *approve*.
- reptile.** F. *reptile*, Late L. *reptile* (sc. animal), neut. of Late L. *reptilis*, from *repere*, *rept-*, to creep, ? cogn. with *serpent*.
- republic.** F. *république*, L. *res publica*, public thing, common weal.
- repudiate.** From L. *repudiare*, from

- repudium*, divorce, cogn. with *pudor*, shame.
- repugn.** F. *répugner*, L. *repugnare*, from *pugnare*, to fight. Now esp. in *repugnant*, *repugnance*.
- repulse.** See *repel*.
- repute.** F. *réputer*, L. *reputare*, to consider, weigh, from *putare*, to think.
- request.** OF. *requeste* (Mod. *requête*); cf. *quest*, *require*.
- requiem.** L., acc. of *requies*, rest, quiet, init word of Introit in the Mass for the Dead, *Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine*.
- requiescat.** L., may he rest (*in pace*, in peace).
- require.** From tonic stem (*requer-*) of F. *requerr*, VL *\*requaerire* for *requirere*, from *quaerere*, to seek; cf. *inquire*. Cf. *request*.
- requisite.** L. *requisitus*, p.p. of *requirere* (v.s.).
- requite.** Coined from obs. *quite*, early var. of *quit* (q.v.).
- reredos.** AF. *arevedos*, *\*revedos*; cf. AL. *retrodorsorum*. Lit. rear back (see *rear*<sup>2</sup> and *dorsal*).
- reremouse.** See *rearmouse*.
- rereward** [archaic]. For *rearguard*. See 1 Sam. xxix. 2. See *ward*.
- rescind.** L. *rescindere*, lit. to cut off, from *scindere*, *sciss-*, to cut, cf. *rescission*, annulment.
- rescript.** L. *rescriptum*, from *rescribere*, *rescript-*, to write back.
- rescue.** From stem of AF. *rescure*, OF. *rescurre* (archaic Mod. *recourir*), from *re-* and *escourre*, L. *excutere*, to strike out; cf. It. *riscutere*.
- reseda.** Colour. F. *réséda*, mignonette, L. *reseda*, "a certain herbe dissolving impostumes" (Coop), imper. of *resedare*, to allay, lit. make sit down, in formula *reseda morbis*, used as charm when applying the leaves as poultice (Pliny, xxvii. 131).
- resemble.** F. *ressembler*, from *re-* and *sembler*, to seem, L. *simulare*, *simulare*, from *similis*, like, from *simul*, together.
- resent.** F. *ressentir*, from *re-* and *sentir*, to feel.
- reserve.** F. *réserver*, L. *reservare*, lit. to keep back, from *servare*, to save.
- reservoir.** F. *réservoir*, from *réserver* (v.s.).
- reset** [leg.]. To receive stolen goods (Sc.). See *receive*.
- reside.** F. *résider*, from L. *residēre*, from *sedēre*, to sit.
- residue.** F. *résidu*, L. *residuum*, neut.

of *residuus*, remaining, from *residēre* (v.s.).

**resign.** F. *résigner*, L. *resignare*, to unseal, cancel, from *signum*, sign, seal.

**resilient.** From pres. part. of L. *resilire*, to jump back, recoil, from *salire*, to jump.

**resin, rosin.** F. *résine* (OF. also *raisine*, *roisine*), L. *resina*; cf. G. *ῥηῖν*.

**resipiscence.** L. *resipiscētia*, from *resipiscere*, to return to a better frame of mind, from *re-* and incept. of *sapere*, to know.

**resist.** L. *resistere*, to stand against, withstand

**resolute.** See *resolve*.

**resolve.** L. *resolvere*, from *solvere*, *solut-*, to loosen; cf. *dissolve*. Orig. sense of disintegrating passes, via that of solving a problem, to that of deciding a course of action. Cf. F. *résoudre*, with same senses

**resonant.** From pres. part. of L. *resonare*, to resound.

**resort.** F. *ressortir*, to rebound, go back again, from *re-* and *sortir*, to go out, in OF. esp. to have recourse to (a feudal authority), whence E. to *resort* to (counsels, methods, etc.). See *sortie*.

**resource.** F. *ressource*, "a resource, new spring, recovery, uprising, or raising against" (Cotg.), from OF. *resourdre*, to rise again, from *re-* and *sourdre*, L. *surgere*, etym. sense appearing in (lost) *without resource*. Cf. *source*.

**respect.** L. *respectus*, from *respicere*, *respect-*, to look back at, regard, consider. See *respice*

**respire.** L. *respirare*, from *spirare*, to breathe. Cf. *spirit*.

**respice.** OF. *respit* (Mod. *répit*), L. *respectus*. Cf. *re-consideration*.

**resplendent.** From pres. part. of L. *resplendēre*, from *splendēre*, to shine, be splendid.

**respond.** L. *respondēre*, from *spondēre*, to pledge (cf. origin of *answer*). Hence *responsions* (Oxf.), lit. answers.

**ressaldar** [Anglo-Ind.]. Native captain in Indian cavalry. Urdu *risāladār*, from *risālah*, squadron, from Arab. *arsala*, to send, with agent. suffix as in *sirdār*, *chokidār*, etc.

**rest<sup>1</sup>.** Repose. AS *ræst*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *rust*, Ger. *rast*, orig. stage of journey; also ON. *röst*, Goth. *rasta*, stretch of road, mile; cogn. with Goth. *ravn*, house (see *ransack*). App. a word from the nomadic period; cf.

Pers. *manzil*, home, orig. place of dismounting. In the verb there has been association with *rest<sup>2</sup>*,<sup>3</sup>.

**rest<sup>2</sup>.** Remainder. F. *reste*, from *rester*, to remain, L. *restare*, lit. to stand back. Has affected sense of *rest<sup>1</sup>*.

**rest<sup>3</sup>.** Of lance. Aphet. for *arrest*; but the simple *rest* is recorded earlier, and It. *resta*, Sp. *restre*, have same sense. See *rest<sup>2</sup>*.

**restaurant.** F., pres. part. of *restaurer*, to restore. Cf. *refresh*.

**restitution.** L. *restitutio-n-*, from *restituere*, to re-establish, restore, from *statuere*, to set up

**restive.** OF. *restif* (Mod. *rétif*), "restie, stubborn, drawing backward, that will not go forward" (Cotg.), from *rester*, to rest<sup>2</sup>; cf. Sc. *reist*, to stand stock-still, from F. The sense has changed curiously. See also *rusty<sup>2</sup>*.

**restore.** OF. *restorer* (Mod. *restaurer*), L. *restaurare*, to repair, cogn. with G. *orapós*, stake.

**restrain.** F. *restreindre*, *restreign-*, L. *restringere*, *restric-*, whence also *restrict*. See *strain<sup>1</sup>*.

**result.** L. *resultare*, to leap back, from *saltare*, frequent. of *salire*, salt-, to leap.

**resume.** F. *résumer*, from L. *resumere*, to take back. Cf. *résumé*, F. p.p.

**resurge.** L. *resurgere*, *resurveci-*, to rise again. Cf. *resurrection*.

**resuscitate.** From L. *resuscitare*, from *suscitare*, to raise up, arouse, from *sub* and *citare*, to summon, cite (q.v.).

**ret** [techn.]. To steep flax. Archaic Du. *reten*, cogn. with *rot*; cf. Sw. *röta*, Dan. *rode*, Du. *roten*, Ger. *rosten* (for *röizen*, MHG. *retzen*); also F. *rouir*, from Teut.

**retable** [eccl.] Appendage to altar. F. *retable*, altered from OF. *\*reiretable*, rear-table; cf. Prov. *reiretable*, MedL. *retrotabulum*.

**retail.** OF. *retailer*, to cut up (see *tally*).

**retain.** F. *retenir*, VL. *\*retenire*, for *retinēre*, to hold back; cf. *contain*, *detain*, etc. With *retainer*, kept fighting-man, cf. *retinue*.

**retaliante.** From L. *retaliare*, from *talus*, such, like.

**retard.** L. *retardare*, from *tardus*, slow.

**retch.** AS. *hræcan*, from *hræca*, spittle; cf. ON. *hrækja*, to spit. The spelling (for *reach*) is accidental.

**retinary.** Spider L. *retarius*, gladiator armed with net, *rete*.

**reticent.** From pres. part. of L. *reticēre*, from *tacēre*, to be silent.

**reticulate** [biol.]. L. *reticulatus*, from *reticulum*, dim. of *rete*, net.

**reticule**. F. *réticule*, L. *reticulum* (v.s.) *retin-* [chem.]. From G. *ρήτιν*, *resin*.

**retina** [anat.]. MedL. *retina*, from *rete*, net.

**retinue**. ME. *retenue* (Chauc.), p.p. fem. of F. *retenir*, to retain (q.v.).

**retire**. F. *retirer*, to pull back, from *tirer*, to draw.

**retort**. From L. *retorquere*, *retort-*, to twist back. Cf. *retort*, glass vessel with bent neck, MedL. *retorta*.

**retract**. From L. *retrahere*, *retract-*, to draw back. In spec. sense of revoking, recanting, it represents the frequent. *retractare*.

**retreat**. F. *retraite*, from *retrairer*, to draw back, L. *retrahere* (v.s.).

**retrench**. F. *retrancher*, to cut off. See *trench*.

**retribution**. L. *retributio-n-*, from *retribuere*, to pay back (see *tribute*).

**retrieve**. From OF. tonic stem (*retréu-*) of F. *retrouver*, to find again (see *trover*). For vowel cf. *beef*, *people*, and see *contrive*.

**retro-**. L. *retro*, backward (see *rear*<sup>2</sup>); related to *re-* as *intro* to *in*. Earliest in *retrograde* (astron.), L. *retrogradus*, from *gradus*, step. Cf. *retrogression*. *Retrospect* is coined on *prospect*. Hence *retrospective*, now usu. substituted for earlier *retroactive*.

**retroussé**. F., turned up (see *truss*).

**return**. F. *retourner*, from *tourner*, to turn (q.v.). Sense of report occurs orig. of sheriff's return of writ to court with report on its execution.

**retuse** [biol.]. L. *retusus*, from *retrudere*, to beat back. Cf. *obtus*.

**reunion**. F. *réunion*, which, like many F. words in *re-*, *ré-*, has partially lost sense of repetition.

**Reuter**. News agency founded (1850-60) by P. J. von Reuter.

**revanche**. From OF. *revanchier*, L. *revindicare* (see *revenge*). Mod. sense is that of return match or game, and not "revenge."

**reveal**<sup>1</sup>. Verb. F. *révéler*, L. *revelare*, to draw back the veil, *velum*. With *revelation* cf. *apocalypse*.

**reveal**<sup>2</sup> [arch.]. Vertical side of doorway. For obs. *revale*, from OF. *revaler*, to bring down. See *vail*<sup>1</sup>.

**réveillé**, **revelly**. F. *réveillez-vous*, imper. of *se réveiller*, to wake up, from *veiller*, to watch, L. *vigilare*.

**revel**. OF. *reveler*, to make tumult, have a spree, L. *rebellare*, to rebel. It

would appear that the word has been associated in E. with F. *réveillon*, a Christmas Eve supper, and with the gen. idea of night jollifications (cf. *wake*).

**revelly**. See *réveillé*.

**revendication**. F., as *revindication*.

**revenge**. F. *revancher*, OF. *revanchier*, *revengier*, L. *revindicare*, from *vindicare*. See *vindicate*.

**revenue**. F. *revenu*, p.p. of *revenir*, to come back, L. *revenire*. Cf. *income*, *returns*.

**reverberate**. From L. *reverberare*, lit. to beat back.

**revere**. F. *révéler*, from L. *revereri*, from *vereri*, to fear. Much earlier are *reverence*, *reverend* (from gerund, meet to be revered), *reverent* (from pres. part.). With *reverence*, bow, cf. *curtsy*, *obedience*.

**reverie**. F. *réverie*, from *réver*, to dream (see *rave*).

**revers**. F. *revers*, L. *reversus* (v.i.)

**reverse**. F. *reverser*, from L. *versare*, frequent. of *vertere*, to turn.

**revert**. OF. *revertir*, VL. \**revertire*, for *revertere* (v.s.).

**revet** [mil. & arch.]. To face with masonry. F. *revêtir*, OF. *revestir*, from L. *vestire*, to clothe.

**review**. F. *revue*, p.p. fem. of *revoir*, to see again, revise, etc. (see *view*).

**revile**. OF. *reviler*, from *vil*, vile.

**revindicate**. See *vindicate*.

**revise**. F. *réviser*, from L. *revisere*, frequent. of *revidere*, to review.

**revive**. F. *revivre*, Late L. *revivere*, from *vivere*, to live.

**revoke**. F. *révoquer*, L. *revocare*, to call back.

**revolt**. F. *révolter*, It. *rivoltare* (earlier *revoltare*), L. *re-* and *volutare*, frequent. of *volvere*, to roll.

**revolution**. Late L. *revolutio-n-*, from *revolvere* (v.s.).

**revolve**. L. *revolvere* (v.s.). *Revolver* was coined (1835) by Colt.

**revue** [theat.]. F., review (of recent and topical events).

**revulsion**. L. *revulsio-n-*, from *revellere*, *revuls-*, to tear back.

**reward**. ONF. form of *regard*, which is common in same sense in AF. Cf. *award* and see *guard*, *ward*. Gen. sense springs from that of looking favourably on (cf. for a consideration).

**reynard**, **renard**. F. *renard*, OF. *renard*, *renart*, orig. *Renart le goupil*, Renard the Fox, in the famous beast-epic, *Roman de Renart*, OHG.

*Reginhart*, strong in counsel (cf. *Reginald*), used as pers name of the fox. Cf. *chanticleer*, *brunn*, *monkey*. The form *Reynard* was used by Caxton after Du. *Reynart*.

**rhabarb-**. See *rhubarb*.

**rhabdo-**. From G. *ῥάβδος*, rod

**Rhadamanthine**. Inflexible. From *Rhadamanthus*, G. *Ῥαδάμανθος*, one of the judges of the lower world. Cf. *draconic*.

**Rhaeto-Romanic** [ling.]. Romance dialects, of S. E. Switzerland, esp. Romansh (Grisons), Latin (Engadine). From L. *Rhaetia*, name of the region.

**rhanno-**. From G. *ῥάμνος*, buckthorn.

**rhapontic**. See *rhubarb*.

**rhapsody**. G. *ῥαψωδία*, from *ῥαψωδός*, reciter, from *ῥάπτειν*, to stitch, *ᾠδή*, song.

**rhatany**. Astringent shrub. Altered from Sp. Port. *ratana*, Peruv. *rataña*.

**rhea**. S. Amer. ostrich. Adopted from myth. G name *Péa*.

**Rhemish Bible**. E. transl. published (1582) at R(h)ems.

**Rhenish**. ME. *rimisch*, MHG. *rimisch*

(Mod. *rheimsch*), altered on L. *Rhenus*, Rhine.

**rheo-**. From G. *ῥέος*, stream.

**rhesus**. E. Ind. monkey. From *Rhesus*, myth. king of Thrace. Cf. *entellus*.

**rhetoric**. G. *ῥητορικὴ* (sc. *τέχνη*), from *ῥήτωρ*, orator, teacher of eloquence.

**rheum** [archaic]. G. *ῥεῦμα*, flow, from *ῥεῖν*, *ῥεω*, to flow. *Rheumatics*, *rheumatism*, was formerly supposed to be caused by "defluxion of rheum" Cf. F. *rhume*, cold (noun).

**rhine** [dial.]. Large open drain (Somerset, etc.). Altered from earlier *rune*, *roune*, AS. *ryne*, cogn. with *run*<sup>1</sup>.

**rhinegrave** [hist.]. Du. *Rijngrave*, Ger. *Rheingraf*, Rhine count.

**rhino** [slang]. Money. From 17 cent. App. connected by some obscure joke with *rhinoceros*, as *rhinocercal*, wealthy, also occurs.

**rhinoceros**. G. *ῥινόκερως*, lit. nose-horn, from *ῥίς*, *ῥω*, nose, *κέρας*, horn. Cf. *rhinoplastic*, of nose-modelling.

**rhizome** [bot.]. G. *ῥίζωμα*, from *ρίζομαι*, to take root, from *ρίζα*, root

**Rhodes scholarships**. Established at Oxf. by will of Cecil Rhodes (†1902).

**rhodium**<sup>1</sup>. Rosewood. ModL. (sc. *lignum*), from G. *ῥόδον*, rose.

**rhodium**<sup>2</sup> [chem.]. From G. *ῥόδον* (v.s.).

**rhododendron**. G., lit. rose tree, *ῥόδον* (v.s.).

**rhodomontade**. Incorr. for *rodomontade* (q.v.).

**rhoead-** [chem.]. From G. *ῥοιάς*, *ῥοιάδ-*, poppy.

**rhomb**, **rhombus**. G. *ῥόμβος*, anything that can be twirled, from *ῥέμβειν*, to revolve.

**rhotacism** [ling.]. Conversion of other sounds into *r*. From G. *ῥωτακίζειν*, from the letter *ῥω*, *ῥ*.

**rhubarb**. F. *rhubarbe*, MedL. *rheubarbarum*, altered from *rhabarbarum*, foreign "rha," G. *ῥᾱ*, said to be from the ancient name of the river Volga. Cf. *rhapontic*, lit. Pontic "rha."

**rhumb**, **rumb** [archaic naut.]. Sp. Port. *rumbo*; cf. F. *rumb*, "a roombe, or point of the compass; a line drawn directly from wind to wind in a compass, travers-boord, or sea-card" (Cotg.). The origin may be OF. *rum*, room, space, a common naut. word (see *run*<sup>2</sup>), *rhumb* being due to a mistaken etym. from *rhombus*. This view is supported by the double meaning of OF. *arrumer*, to "rummage" (q.v.), stow, and also, "to delineate, or set out, in a sea-card, all the rums of windes" (Cotg.).

**rhyme**, **rime**. The older spelling is *rime*, F. *rime*, L. *rhythmus*, G. *ῥυθμός*, measured motion, rhythm, cogn. with *ῥεῖν*, to flow; cf. It. Sp. *rima*. The persistence of this form was partly due to association with AS. *rim*, number; cf. Ger. *reim*, from F., but also associated with OHG. *rim*, number, sequence. The half-restored spelling *rhyme* was introduced c. 1600.

**rhynch-**. From G. *ῥύγχος*, snout.

**rhyno-** [geol.]. From G. *ῥύαξ*, stream (of lava).

**rhyparo-**, **rhypo-**. From G. *ῥυπαρός*, filthy, *ῥύπος*, filth.

**rhythm**. See *rhyme*.

**ria** [geog.]. Estuary. Sp. *ria*, fem. form of *rio*, river, L. *rivus*.

**riant**. F. pres part. of *rire*, to laugh, VL. \**ridere*, for *ridere*.

**rialto** [hist.]. Exchange, mart. From the *rialto* of Venice (*Merch. of Ven.* i. 3), from the canal (*rivus altus*, deep stream) which it crosses.

**riata**. See *reata*.

**rib**. AS. *ribb*. Com Teut.; cf. Du. *rib*, Ger. *rippe*, ON. *rif*.

**ribald**. OF. *ribauld* (Mod. *ribaud*); cf. It. Sp. *ribaldo*. Prob. a spec. application of the common personal name *Ribaud*, OHG. *Rih-bald*, mighty-bold; cf. AS. *Ric-beald*. This occurs

as a surname in the *Pipe Rolls* (12 cent.), i.e. a century older than the dict. records of the common noun. The choice of the name might be due to OF. *riber*, to wanton Cf. *maraud*.

**riband.** Archaic form of *ribbon* (q v).

**ribband** [naut.]. Prob from *rib band*<sup>1</sup>, which suits the sense

**ribbon.** Earlier *riband*, OF. *riban*, var. of *ruban*. The -d of *riband* is excrescent, though the second element of the F. word is prob. Ger *band*, ribbon.

**ribes.** Gooseberries and currants. MedL. *ribes*, Arab *ribās*, sorrel.

**ribston.** Pippin from *Ribston Park*, Yorks

**Ricardian.** Of *David Ricardo*, economist (†1823). Cf. *Marxian*.

**rice.** OF. *ris* (Mod. *riz*), It. *riso*, VL. \**oryzum*, for *oryza*, G. *öruža*, prob. of Oriental origin.

**rich.** AS. *rice*, powerful, noble, rich. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *ryk*, Ger. *reich*, ON. *rikr*, Goth. *reiks*; cogn. with L. *rex*, Celt -*rix*, in names, and ult. with *raja* Riches, now taken as pl., is F. *richesse* (cf. *laches*), and *rich* is sometimes via F. *riche* (from Teut.).

**Richard.** F. *Richard*, OHG. *Rih-hart*, mighty-strong (see *ribald*). As one of the commonest names it is applied, in pet-form *dicky* (q v), to various animals and objects. For *Richard Roe* see *John Doe*.

**ricinus.** L., castor-oil plant.

**rick**<sup>1</sup>. Stack. AS. *hrēac*; cf. Du. *rook*, ON. *hráukr*. See also *ruck*<sup>1</sup>.

**rick**<sup>2</sup>. To sprain. Var. of obs. *wrick*, ME. *wricchen*, cogn. with *wring*, *wriggle*

**rickets.** Softening of the bones. Perh. corrupt. of *rachitis* (q v.) Hence *rickety*.

**rickshaw.** See *jinricksha*.

**ricochet.** F., of flat stone skipping over water, making "a duck and a drake" (Cotg.); earlier in *chanson (fable) du ricochet*, with recurring refrain, where *ricochet* is a dial. name for the wren.

**ricтус.** L., from *rungi*, to open the mouth.

**rid.** ON. *rythja*, to clear (land), cogn. with Ger. *reiten*, *roden*; cf. E. -*royd*, clearing, common in northern place-names, and AS. *hryding*. In to be (get) *rid* of we have the p p In some senses it falls together with unrelated Sc. *redd*, to clear, tidy, Du. *redden*, cogn. with AS. *hreddan*, to rescue, Ger. *retten*.

**riddle**<sup>1</sup>. Enigma. AS. *ræðels*, from

*ræðan*, to read (q.v.); cf. Du. *raadsel*, Ger. *rätsel*. For loss of -s cf. *burial*.

**riddle**<sup>2</sup>. Sieve. Late AS. *hræðel*, for earlier *hrider*; cogn. with Ger. *reiter*, and ult. with L. *cribrum*. Now dial. in lit. sense, but still common in *riddled with wounds (holes)*

**riddlemere.** Rigmare. Fanciful variation on *read my riddle*.

**ride.** AS *ridan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *ryden*, Ger. *reiten*, ON. *riða*. Naut sense, to *ride (at anchor)* is also AS. With *riðer*, corollary, cf. *riðer*, strengthening timber added to ship.

**ridge.** AS *hrycg*, spine, back. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *rug*, Ger. *rücken*, ON. *hryggv*. Northern form is *rig*.

**ridiculous.** From L. *ridiculus*, from *ridere*, to laugh

**riding** [geog.]. ON. *thrithjungv*, third part, from *thrithr*, third, imt. consonant having been absorbed by final of *north*, *east*, *west*.

**ridotto** [archaic]. Entertainment. It, "a gaming or tabling house, or other place where good companie doth meete" (Flor.). As *redoubt* (q v).

**rifacimento.** It., remaking.

**rife.** Late AS. *ryfe*; cf. archaic Du. *ryf*, LG. *rife*, ON. *ryfr*, copious, abundant.

**riffruff.** From phrase *riff and raff* (14 cent.), every scrap, etc., OF. *ryf et raf*, for which Cotg. has also *rifle et raffe*, app. connected with *rifle* and *raffle*, but perh. a redupl. on one of the two syllables only

**rifle.** F. *ryfter*, to ransack, in OF. also to scratch; cogn. with *raffle* (q.v.). Of Teut. origin; cf. Ger. *riefe*, groove (from LG.), ON. *rifa*, cleft, AS. *gerifian*, to wrinkle With sense of making grooves in bore of fire-arm (17 cent.) cf. archaic sense of F. *ryfter*, to score the back (by flogging). Here immediate source is perh. MHG. *ryfeln*, to comb flax.

**rift.** ON. *rypt*, whence Norw. Dan. *ryft*, cleft; cogn. with *ryve*.

**rig**<sup>1</sup>. Verb. Orig. to equip (not naut.). ? Cf. Norw. dial. *rigga*, to bind, wrap up.

**rig**<sup>2</sup> [archaic]. Fun, trick, etc., esp. in to *run a rig*. Perh. ident. with *rig*<sup>1</sup> (cf. senses of *trick*). It is curious that F. *équiper* is to *rig*<sup>1</sup>, while *équipée* means *rig*<sup>2</sup>.

**rig**<sup>3</sup>. See *ridge*.

**rigadoon** [archaic]. Dance. F. *rigaudon*, said to be named from *Rigaud*, a dancing-master at Marseilles (17

cent.). But the E. word is recorded earlier (1691) than the F. (1696).

**right.** AS. *riht*, straight, erect, just. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *recht*, ON. *reittir*, Goth. *rahts*; cogn. with L. *rectus* and *regere*. *Righteous* is altered from ME. *rightwise*, AS. *rihtwis*; cf. OHG. *rehtwisig*, knowing the right (see *wist*, *wot*, *wise*<sup>2</sup>).

**rigid.** L. *rigidus*, from *rigere*, to be stiff.

**rigmarole.** Altered from *ragman-roll*, used in sense of list, catalogue, in 16 cent.; also earlier, a roll used in a medieval game called *ragman*. Perh. *ragman* = devil (see *ragamuffin*).

**rigour.** F. *rigueur*, L. *rigor-em*. Cf. *rigid*.

**rigsdag.** Dan., cogn. with *reichstag* (q.v.).

**rig-veda.** Chief sacred book of the Hindus. Sanskrit, praise-knowledge.

**riksdag.** Sw., cogn. with *reichstag* (q.v.).

**rile.** Earlier *roil*, to disturb, make muddy. From OF. *rouil*, mud, lit. rust, from *rouiller*, VL. *\*rubiculare*, from *rubigo*, rust.

**rilievo.** It., see *relief*.

**rill.** Cf. Du. *ril*, Ger. *rille* (from LG.), ? cogn. with MHG. *rinnelin*, from *rinnen*, to trickle, run (cf. *runnel*), ? or with AS. *riih*, stream.

**rim.** AS. *rima*, in *dægri-ma*, dawn, *særima*, coast; cf. ON. *rime*, strip of land.

**rime**<sup>1</sup>. See *rhyme*.

**rime**<sup>2</sup>. Frost. AS. *hrim*; cf. Du. *rym*, ON. *hrim*; ? ult. cogn. with Ger. *reif*.

**rimer** [techn.]. See *ream*<sup>2</sup>.

**rimose.** L. *rimosus*, from *rima*, cleft.

**rind.** AS. *rind*, bark; cf. Du. *run* (earlier *rinde*, *rende*), Ger. *rinde*.

**rinderpest.** Ger., from *rinder*, pl. of *rind*, ox, cogn. with obs. E. *rother*, AS. *hrýther*, ? and with *runt*.

**ring**<sup>1</sup>. Noun. AS. *hring*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *ring*, ON. *hringr*. See also *harangue*, *rank*<sup>2</sup>, *ranch*. With *ringleader* cf. Ger. *rädführer*, ring-leader, from dim. of *rad*, wheel. Both are app. from dancing. *Ring-straked* (Gen. xxx 35) is for *-streaked*.

**ring**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. AS. *hringan*; cf. ON. *hringja*. Prob. of imit. origin.

**rink.** Orig. Sc. Earlier *renk*, course for tilting, racing, etc., OF. *renc*, *rank*<sup>2</sup>. In ice sense first of "curling." For early Sc. sense cf. cogn. It. *arringo*, tilting-ground, OHG. *hring*.

**rinse.** F. *rinser*, OF. *reincier*, *recin-*

*cier*; cf. MedL. *recincerare*, *resincerare*, as though from L. *sincerus*, pure, but these are etymologizing forms. Origin unknown.

**riot.** F. *notte*, also OF. *rihote*, *ri(h)ot*; cf. Prov. *nota*, It. *notta*. Origin unknown. Earliest E. sense (13 cent.) is debauchery.

**rip**<sup>1</sup>. Verb. Of LG. or Scand. origin; cf. Fris. *rippe*, to tear, Flem. *rippen*, to strip off roughly, Dan. *rippe op*, of a wound. Hence perh. *rip*, broken water, esp. in *tide-rip*. With current sense of *ripping* cf. *stunning*, *rattling*, *thundering*, etc.

**rip**<sup>2</sup>. Rake, wastrel. App. first used (18 cent.) of inferior animal, jade. Perh. fig. use of one of the mech. senses of *rip*<sup>1</sup> (cf. *screw*). Later associated with obs. *rep*(robate).

**riparian.** From L. *riparius*, from *ripa*, bank of river.

**ripe.** AS. *ripe*. WGer.; cf. Du. *rijp*, Ger. *reif*; cogn. with *reap*.

**riposte.** F. *riposte*, It. *riposta*, answer, from *rispondere*, *rispost-*, to answer, L. *respondere*.

**ripple**<sup>1</sup> [techn.]. To comb flax. Cf. Du. *repelen*, Ger. *riffeln*. ? Cogn. with *rifle*.

**ripple**<sup>2</sup>. Of water. App. from *rip*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.), as it was used orig. of stormy or dangerous agitation of water.

**Riparian** [hist.]. From MedL. *Riparianus*, name of a tribe of Rhine Franks. Connection with L. *ripa*, bank, is doubtful.

**rise.** AS. *risan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *rijzen*, Ger. *reisen*, to travel, orig. to rise for a start, ON. *risa*, Goth. *urrisan*. The simple verb is very rare in AS., so that *rise* may often be aphep. for the commoner *arise*.

**risible.** F. *risible*, L. *risibilis*, from *ridere*, *ris-*, to laugh.

**risk.** F. *risque*, It. *risco*, *risico*, earlier also *risigo*; cf. Sp. *riesgo*. Of doubtful origin. A second meaning of the word in the Rom. langs. is cliff, rock. An ingenious suggested etym. is G. *πίλκον*, from *πίλα*, root, used of a submarine hill, cliff, and in ModG. in sense of fate, chance.

**risorgimento** [hist.]. It. *risorgimento*, uprising (of Italy against Austria, c. 1850-60), from *risorgere*, L. *resurgere*.

**risotto** [cook.]. From It. *riso*, rice.

**risqué.** F., risky.

**rissole.** F. *rissole*, OF. *roussole*, *roussole*, perh. from *roux*, red, russet. It occurs as *russole* in ME.



**rite**. L. *ritus*, prob. cogn. with G. ἀριθμός, number. Hence *ritual*.

**ritornello** [mus.]. It., dim. of *ritorno*, return. Cf. F. *ritornelle*.

**rittmeister** [hist.]. Ger., cavalry captain, lit. *ride-master*.

**ritual**. See *rite*.

**rival**. F. *rival*, L. *rivalis*, ? orig. of those living on opposite banks of river, *rivus*, ult. cogn. with AS. *rīth*, stream. This picturesque etym. is not now gen. accepted.

**rive**. ON. *rifa*, ? cogn. with Ger. *reiben*, to rub. Now chiefly in poet. p.p. *riven*. Cf. *rift*.

**rivelled** [archaic]. Wrinkled. AS. *rifeleda* (see *rifle*).

**river**. F. *rivière*, orig. land lying along river, Late L. *riparia* (sc. *terra*), from *repa*, bank; cf. It. *rivera*, shore, river.

**riverain**. Riparian. F., from *rivière* (v.s.); cf. *riverine*, of E. formation.

**revet**. F. *revet*, from *river*, to clench, from *rive*, bank, from idea of fixing boundaries, turning up ends. This etym. is supported by F. *border un lit*, to tuck in the bedclothes, from *bord*, bank, a sense in which Cotg. has *river*.

**riviera**. See *river*.

**rivière**. Necklace of gems. F., river.

**rivulet**. It. *rivuletto*, dim. of *rivolo*, dim. of *rivo*, L. *rivus*, stream.

**rix-dollar** [hist.]. Du. *rijksdaalder*, Ger. *reichstaler*, from *reich*, empire.

**roach**. ONF. *roche*; cf. F. *rosse*, Dauphiné *roussi*, corresponding to Late L. *rothia*, from *roitus*, recorded as fish-name in 5 cent. Unconnected with *roker* (a sea-fish).

**road**. AS. *rād*, riding, hostile incursion (cf. *raid*, *in-road*), whence ME. *rode* (for horses or ships); cogn. with *ride*.

**roam**. Trad. from *Rome*, as place of pilgrimage; cf. OF. *romier*, pilgrim to Rome, Sp. *romero*, It. *romeo*, "a roamer, a wanderer, a palmer" (Flor.). The *NED.* altogether rejects this. It is quite clear that *roam* was early associated with *Rome*. The word is also older than dict. records, as *roamer*, quoted by *NED.* from *Piers Plowm.*, was a surname in 1273 (*Hundred Rolls*), surviving as *Romer*.

**roan**<sup>1</sup>. Colour of horse. F. *rouan*; cf. It. *roano*, *rovano*, Sp. *roano*, earlier *ruano*. ? Ult. from L. *ravus*, gray-yellow.

**roan**<sup>2</sup>. Leather. ? From *Rouen*, regularly spelt *Roan* in ME. Cf. obs. *roan*, *Rouen* linen.

**roan**<sup>3</sup>. See *rowan*.

**roar**. AS. *rāran*; cf. archaic Du. *reeren*, OHG. *rērēn*; of imit. origin. Much influenced by unrelated ME. *rove*, tumult, for which see *uproar*.

**roast**. OF. *rostr* (Mod. *rôtir*), OHG. *rōstēn*, from *rōst*, *rōste*, gridiron.

**rob**. OF. *rober* (whence Mod. *dérober*), Ger. *rauben*, from *raub*, booty (see also *robe*); cf. It. *rubare*, Sp. *robar*. The E. cognate of *rauben* is *reave* (cf. AS. *rēaf*, *robe*, plunder).

**roband**, **robbin** [naut.]. Earlier also *raband*, ? from obs. *ra*, sailyard, ON. *rā*, and *band*<sup>1</sup>; cf. Du *raband*. This is the accepted etym.; but *robyn* is the earliest E. form (*Nav. Accs.* 1495-97), and this suggests that the word may be only a naut. application of the name *Robert*.

**robbin** [naut.]. See *roband*.

**robe**. F. *robe*; cf. It. *roba*, Sp. *ropa*. From same root as *rob* (q.v.), orig. sense, still in OF., being booty, "spolia."

**Robert** [slang]. Policeman. See *bobby*.

**robin**. Personal name *Robin*, OF. dim. of *Robert*, ident. with *Rupert*, OHG. *Hrōdeberht*, glory bright. Like other common font-names has been widely applied. The bird *robin* is short for *robin redbreast* (cf. *ducky bird*, *jack daw*, etc.). With *robin good-fellow*, Puck, cf. *hob goblin*. Also in many plant-names and in round *robin*.

**robinia**. Plant. From *Robin*, F. gardener (17 cent.).

**robore**. See *robust*.

**robot** [neol.]. Mechanical slave (in Karel Capek's play "*R.U.R.*"). From Czech *robota*, work; cf. OSlav. and ModRuss. *rab*, slave; ult. cogn. with L. *lab-or*, Ger. *arb-eit*.

**rob roy** (canoe). Named by J. Macgregor (†1892) from his famous clansman (see Scott).

**robust**. L. *robustus*, from *robur*, *robore*, strength.

**roc**. In *Arabian Nights*. Arab. *rukḥ*, whence OF. *ruc*, used by Marco Polo (†1323). Of Pers. origin.

**roccell**-[chem.]. From *roccella*, ModL. for *orchil*.

**rochet**<sup>1</sup>. Eccl. vestment. F. *rochet*, dim. of OF. *roc*, mantle, Ger. *rock*, coat; cogn. with AS. *rocc*, upper garment.

**rochet**<sup>2</sup>. Red gurnard. F. *rouget*, from *rouge*, red.

**rock**<sup>1</sup>. Stone. ONF. *roque* (F. *roche*); cf. It. *rocca*, Sp. *roca*. Origin unknown.

**rock**<sup>2</sup> [archaic]. Distaff. Not recorded in AS., but prob. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *rok*, Ger. *rocken*, ON. *hrokk*.

**rock**<sup>3</sup>. Verb. Late AS. *roccian*, cogn. with Ger. *rücken*, to move jerkily, ON. *rykkja*.

**rocket**<sup>1</sup>. Plant. F. *roquette*, It. *ruchetta*, dim. of *ruca*, L. *eruca*.

**rocket**<sup>2</sup>. Firework. It. *rocchetta*, dim. of *rocca* (from Ger.), distaff, in allusion to shape. Cf. relationship of F. *fusée*, rocket, to *fuseau*, spindle. See *rock*<sup>2</sup>.

**rococo**. F., playful alteration of *rocaille*, rock-work, ornamentation of pebbles and shells.

**rod**. AS. *rōd*, cogn. with *rōd*, rood (q.v.). The senses of *rōd* are those of the continental cognates of rood.

**rodent**. From pres. part. of L. *rodere*, to gnaw, cogn. with *radere*, to scrape.

**rodeo** [Mex. Sp.]. Round-up (of cattle). Sp., from *rodear*, to go round, L. *rotare*.

**rodomontade**. F. *rodomontade*, It. *rodomontata*, from *Rodomonte*, braggart Saracen in Ariosto's *Orlando Furioso*. The name means "gnaw mountain" and is of a type often given to the "fire-eater" of early comic drama. Cf. *Shake-spear*.

**roe**<sup>1</sup>. Deer. AS. *rā*, *rāha*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *ree*, Ger. *reh*, ON. *rā*.

**roe**<sup>2</sup>. Of fish. Cf. ON *hrogn*, Ger. *rogen* (OHG. *rogo*), and E. dial. *roan*, *rown*, from which *roe* is perh. a back-formation (cf. *msiletote*).

**roer** [SAfr]. Long-barrelled Boer rifle. Du. *roer*, reed, tube, Ger. *rohr*, as in *feuerrohr*, lit fire-tube.

**Roffen**. Signature of bishop of Rochester, AS *Hrōfescæster*.

**rogation**. L. *rogatio-n*, supplication, from *rogare*, to ask.

**Roger, jolly**. Pirate flag. Reason unknown. Earliest name (1723) was *Old Roger*.

**Roger de Coverley**. *Roger of Coverly*, tune and dance (17 cent.), later adopted by Addison as name of character in *Spectator*. Prob. from *Calverley* (Yorks).

**rogue**. Cant word for vagabond (16 cent.). Distinct from F. *rogue*, arrogant, but perh connected with *rogation*, petition (cf. F. *roi Pétaud*, king of the beggars, which some connect with L. *petere*, to ask).

**roil**. See *rile*.

**roister**. Verb is from archaic *roister*, noisy bully, for obs. *reister*, German trooper, OF. *reistre* (Mod. *reître*), German trooper serving in France (16

cent.), Ger. *reiter*, rider. For intrusive -s- cf. *filibuster*, for change of vowel cf. *boil*<sup>1</sup>.

**roker**. Fish. Norw. *rokke* or Sw. *rocka*, ray<sup>2</sup>, cogn. with *rough*, formerly used in same sense.

**Roland for an Oliver**. *Roland*, nephew of Charlemagne, and *Oliver*, nephew of Girard of Roussillon, fought for three days without being able to decide which was the better man.

**rôle**. F., orig the "roll" (v.i.), on which an actor's part was written.

**roll**. First as noun, parchment scroll (cf. *Master of the Rolls*). F. *rôle*, L. *rotulus*, dim. from *rota*, wheel. The verb is F. *rouler*, VL. *\*rotulare*, from *rotula*, little wheel.

**rollick**. Origin unknown. ? Mixture of *romp* and *frolic*.

**rollock**. See *row*<sup>2</sup>.

**roly-poly**. Redupl. on *roll*.

**rom**. Male gipsy. Romany *rom*, man.

**Romaic**. Of mod. Greece. G. *Ῥωμαῖκός*, Roman, used esp. of the Eastern Empire. Cf. *Romanka*, national dance.

**romance**. OF. *romanz*, ong. adv., in phrase *romanz écrire*, L. *Romanice scribere*, to write in the vernacular, as distinguished from literary L., tongue. This became a noun and evolved a sing. *roman* or *romant*, whence archaic E. *romauit* (cf. *romantic*). The older word survives in E. *romance*. Orig. sense appears in *Romance languages*, also called *Romanic*, i.e. those derived from vernacular Latin.

**Romanes lectures** [Oxf.]. Founded (1891) by George J. *Romanes*.

**romanesque** [arch.]. In ModF. only in sense of romantic, fanciful.

**Romanic** [lng.]. See *romance*.

**Romansh, Rumansh** [lng.]. Grisons form of *romance* (q.v.). See *Rhaeto-Romanic*.

**romantic**. See *romance*.

**Romany** [lng.]. Gipsy *romani*, pl. of *romano*, adj. from *rom* (q.v.).

**romaunt**. See *romance*.

**romic**. Phonetic notation based on Roman alphabet by Sweet (1877).

**romp**. Altered from *ramp*<sup>2</sup>, "a Tom-rig, or rude girl" (*Dict. Canting Crew*, c. 1700).

**rondeau** [metr.]. F., earlier *rondel* (whence ME. *roundel*), from *rond*, round.

**rondo** [mus.]. It. *rondo*, F. *rondeau*.

**röntgen rays**. Discovered (1895) by *Röntgen*, of Marburg.

**rood**. AS. *rōd*, gallows, the Cross,

orig. sense of rod, wand, etc., appearing only in *segldröd*, yard of sail; cf. Du. *roede*, Ger. *rule*, senses of which go with those of *rod* (q.v.).

**roof**. AS. *hröf*; cf. Du. *roef*, cabin, coffin-lid, ON. *hröf*, boat-shed. For Com. Teut. word see *thatch*.

**rooinek** [hist.]. S AfrDu., red neck, nickname for British soldier, replacing earlier *roorbatje*, red coat.

**rook**<sup>1</sup>. Bird. AS. *hrōc*; cf. Du. *roek*, OHG. *ruoh*, ON. *hrōkr*. Of imit. origin; cf. Goth. *hrukjan*, to crow. Also for predatory sharper.

**rook**<sup>2</sup>. At chess Cf. OF. *roc*, It. *vocco*, Sp. *roque*; also Ger. *roch*, ON. *hrōkr*; all ult. from Pers. *rukḥ*, *rokh*, of doubtful origin.

**rooky** [army slang]. Corrupt. of *recruit*. **room**. AS. *rūm*, space, wide place, etc. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *rūim*, Ger. *raum*, ON. *rūm*, Goth. *rūm*.

**roost**<sup>1</sup>. For fowls. AS. *hrōst*; cf. archaic Du. *voest*. Orig. sense prob. loft, upper room, as still in dial.

**roost**<sup>2</sup>. Tidal race (Orkney and Shetland). ON. *rōst*.

**root**<sup>1</sup>. Of plant. Late AS. *rōt*, from ON.; cf. LG. *rut*. The native cognate is *wort*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.). In math. & ling. sense with symbol  $\sqrt{\quad}$  for *r*.

**root**<sup>2</sup>. To grub up, "rout out." Altered, by association with *root*<sup>1</sup>, from earlier *wroot*, AS. *wrōtan*, from *wrōt*, snout, cogn. with Ger. *rüssel*; cf. Du. *wroeten*, "suffodere rostro humum" (Kil.). Hence *rooile*.

**rope**. AS. *rāp*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *reep*, Ger. *reiß* (usu hoop), ON. *reip*, Goth. *raip* (in *skaudararp*, shoe-thong).

**roquefort**. Cheese from F. village of *Roquefort* (Aveyron).

**roquelaure** [hist.]. Mantle. From *Duc de Roquelaure* (†1738).

**rocket**. At *croquet*, of which it is an arbitrary alteration. Cf. *ruff*<sup>2</sup>.

**rorqual**. F. *rorqual*, Norw. *rōyrkval*, from ON. *reythir*, in same sense, and *hvalr*, whale. First element orig. meant red.

**rorty** [slang]. ? Rimed on *naughty*.

**rosace**. F., rose-window.

**rosaceous**. From L. *rosaceus*, from *rosa*, rose

**Rosalie** [hist.]. French bayonet. Cf. *Josephine*, field-gun, also *Archie*, *Rupert*, etc.

**rosary**. Rose-garden. L. *rosarium*. Later used as fanciful title of book of devotion; hence, series of prayers,

string of beads for counting them; cf. F. *rosaire*, "a rosary, or Our Ladies psalter" (Cotg.).

**Roscian**. Of *Roscius*, Roman actor (†62 B.C.)

**rose**. AS. & F. *rose*, L. *rosa*, from G. *róðor*, which is prob. of Eastern origin. *Rose* of a garden-can may have been suggested partly by F. *arroser*, to water, *arrosoir*, watering-pot, from L. *ros*, dew.

**rosemary**. Altered (after *rose* and *Mary*) from earlier *rosmarine*, OF. *rosmarin* (Mod. *romarin*), L. *ros marinus*, lit. sea-dew.

**roseola**. German measles. ModL. *roseola*, F. *rosetole*, prob. coined (from *rose*) on *rougeole*, measles.

**Rosetta stone**. Discovered (1798) at *Rosetta*, Egypt.

**rosette**. F., dim of *rose*.

**Rosicrucian**. Member of supposed mystic order, trad. founded (1484) in Germany by *Christian Rosenkreuz*, and known in 17 cent. E. as the *Rosy Cross*.

**rosin**. See *resin*.

**rosinante**. Sorry jade. Name of Don Quixote's charger, Sp. *Rocinante*, from *rocin*, jade, *ante*, before. With *rocin* cf. F. *roussin* and ME. *rouncy*, of unknown origin.

**rosolio**. Liqueur. It. *rosolio*, earlier *rosoli*, L. *ros solis*, because orig. made from the plant sundew, latinized as *rosa solis*.

**rostell**. From L. *rostellum*, dim. of *rostrum* (q.v.)

**roster** [mil.]. Du. *rooster*, list, table, lit. gridiron ("roaster"), with allusion to parallel lines on the paper.

**rostrum**. L., beak (cogn. with *rodere*, to gnaw), the platform for speakers in the Forum being adorned with beaks of ships taken from the Antiates (338 B.C.).

**rot**. AS. *rotian*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *rotten*, OHG. *rozzen*, ON. *rota*. The p.p. is *rotted*, *rotten* being ON. *rotinn*, app. an old strong p.p. of cogn. origin.

**rota**. L., wheel; ult. cogn. with Ger. *rad*, Gael. Ir. *roth*, Welsh *rhod*.

**rotation**. L. *rotatio-n*, from *rotare*, to revolve, from *rota*, wheel.

**rote**<sup>1</sup> [hist.]. Fiddle of medieval minstrel. OF. *rote*, of Celt. origin; cf. Welsh *crwth*, Ir. *cruit*. See *crowd*<sup>2</sup>.

**rote**<sup>2</sup>. Orig. habit, practice. Now esp. in *by rote*. App. var. of *route*, in sense of travelled way. Cf. *routine*, for which Cotg. gives *par routine*, "by

rote." But the vowel suggests rather L. *rota*, wheel, used in MedL. for a regular course.

**rotten.** See *rot*.

**Rotten Row.** Occurs as street-name in many towns, in the north usu. *ratton raw*. Origin obscure. Perh. orig. street of ruinous houses inhabited by *rattens*, i.e. rats.

**rotul-.** From L. *rotula*, kneecap, dim. of *rota*, wheel.

**rotund.** L. *rotundus*, from *rota*, wheel. *Rotunda* is for It. *rotonda*.

**roturier.** F. *roturier*, plebeian, from *roture*, L. *ruptura* (sc. *terrae*), earth-breaking, agriculture.

**rouble.** Russ. *rubl'*, from *rubit'*, to cut, chop. Current spelling is F.

**roué.** F., p.p. of *rouer*, to break on the wheel, *roue*, L. *rota*.

**rouge<sup>1</sup>.** Colour. F. *rouge*, red, L. *rubeus*, ult. cogn. with *red*.

**rouge<sup>2</sup>.** Football scrummage. An Eton word of unknown origin.

**rough.** AS *rūh*. WGer.; cf. Du. *rung*, Ger. *rauh*. Rough, dangerous character, is prob. short for *ruffian*.

**roulade** [*mus*]. F., from *rouler*, to roll.

**rouleau.** F., dim. of *roule*, roll.

**roulette.** F. dim. of *rouelle*, dim. of *roue*, wheel, L. *rota*.

**Roumansh** [*ling.*]. See *Romansh*.

**round<sup>1</sup>.** Circular. F. *roné*, OF *roond*, L. *rotundus*, from *rota*, wheel. Round of a ladder is prob. altered from *rung* (q.v.).

**round<sup>2</sup>** [*archaic*]. To whisper. ME. *rounen*, AS. *rūnian*, to whisper, conspire (see *rune*); cf. Ger. *raunen*. For excrement -d cf. *sound<sup>1</sup>*, *bound<sup>2</sup>*.

**roundel.** OF. *rondel*, *rondeau* (q.v.) Roundelay is OF. *rondelet*, with ending assimilated to *lay<sup>2</sup>*, or perh. suggested by *virelay* (q.v.).

**roup** [*Sc.*]. To sell by auction, lit. to cry, shout. Du. *roepen*. Com. Teut.; cf. AS. *hrōpan*, Ger. *rufen*, ON. *hrōpa*, Goth. *hrōpan*.

**rouse<sup>1</sup>** [*archaic*]. Carousal. Aphet. for *carouse* (q.v.), the phrase to make (take) *carouse* being understood as to make (take) a *rouse*. Prob. associated also with Sw. Dan *rus*, Du. *roes*, Ger. *rausch*, fit of drunkenness. See *row<sup>2</sup>*.

**rouse<sup>2</sup>.** Verb. Orig. intrans., of hawk ruffling its feathers. Origin unknown. Hence *arouse*, suggested by *awake*, *arise*.

**roustabout.** Wharf labourer (US.), handy man (Austral.). Dial. E. *rouseabout*, restless person, from *rouse<sup>2</sup>*.

**rou<sup>1</sup>.** Noun. F. *route*, in archaic sense of band, company, L. *rupta* (sc. *pars*, etc.), from *rupere*, *rupt-*, to break. In 17 cent. of fashionable assembly, whence *rou-seat* (-cake). In sense of complete defeat, it is OF. *route*, now replaced by *déroute*.

**rou<sup>2</sup>.** Verb. Esp. in to *rou* out. Var. of *root<sup>2</sup>*.

**route.** F. *route*, L. *rupta* (sc. *via*), broken way.

**routine.** F., from *route*.

**rove.** App. from OF. *roer*, *rouer*, to wander, prowl, L. *rotare*; perh. influenced by obs. *rave*, to wander, ON. *rāfa*. It has naturally been associated with *rover*.

**rover.** Orig. pirate. Du. *roover*, cogn. with E. *reaver* (see *reave*). This has influenced *rove*, to wander.

**row<sup>1</sup>.** Series. AS. *rāw*, rare and doubtful var. of *rēw*, whence obs. *rcw*, in same sense; cogn. with Du. *rij*, Ger. *reihe*.

**row<sup>2</sup>.** Verb. AS. *rōwan*, cogn. with *rudder* (q.v.) Rowlock (*rollock*, *rullock*) is altered (on *row*) from earlier *oarlock*, AS. *ārloc*, lit. oar-fastening.

**row<sup>3</sup>.** Disturbance App back-formation from *rouse<sup>1</sup>* (q.v.); cf. *cherry*, *pea*, etc. Row-de-dow is partly suggested by *rowdy*.

**rowan, roan.** For *rowan-tree*. Of Scand. origin; cf. Norw. *rogn*, Dan. *ron*, Sw. *ronn*. Ult. cogn. with *red*, from *bernes*.

**rowdy.** Orig. US., lawless backwoodsman. Origin unknown.

**rowel.** OF. *rouelle*, dim. of *roue*, wheel, L. *rota*.

**rowlock, rollock.** See *row<sup>2</sup>*.

**roxburghe** [*book-bind.*]. From third Duke of Roxburghe, bibliophile (†1804).

**royal.** F. *royal*, L. *regalis*, from *rex*, *reg-*, king *Royalty* (on coal, books) is extended from the sense of right granted to individual by the crown.

**rub.** Orig. intrans. and containing idea of friction with rough surface. Of obscure origin; app. cogn. with Norw. *rubba*, to scrub, EFr. *rubben*.

**rub-a-dub.** Imit. of drum

**rubber<sup>1</sup>.** Caoutchouc. For earlier *indra-rubber*, from its use in erasing.

**rubber<sup>2</sup>.** At whist. Orig. (c. 1600) the deciding game at bowls. Earliest form, always a *rubbers*, suggests perversion from F. *à rebours*, backwards, altered by association with *rub*. At *rebours*, at *robours*, occur in ME., though not in ref. to bowls.

**rubbish.** Earliest form is AF. *rubious*; cf. ModL. *rubiosa*. In early use synonym with *rubble*, both being applied to waste building-material. App. pejorative formation from OF. *robe*, goods, plunder (see *rob*, *robe*); cf. It. *roba*, goods, *robaccia*, rubbish.

**rubble.** ME. *robeyll*, *rubel*, etc. Evidently cogn. with *rubish*.

**rubescent.** From pres. part. of L. *rubescere*, to become red, *ruber*.

**Rubicon.** Stream marking southern boundary of Cisalpine Gaul. Crossed by Caesar when he left his province to attack Pompey.

**rubicund.** L. *rubicundus*, from *ruber*, red.

**rubidium** [chem]. From L. *rubidus*, red.

**rubric.** F. *rubrique*, L. *rubrica* (sc. *terra*), red ochre, from *ruber*, red. Orig. red-printed directions in liturgical books.

**ruby.** OF. *rubī*, back-formation from *rubis* (used as sing. in ModF.), pl. of OF. *rubin*, VL. \**rubinus* (*lapis*), from *ruber*, red.

**ruche.** Frill. F. *ruche*, lit. bee-hive (of plaited straw), OF. *rusche*, ? ident. with OF. *rusche*, *rousche*, *rush*<sup>1</sup> (cf. *frail*<sup>2</sup>).

**ruck<sup>1</sup>.** Crew, band. Orig. stack, heap. Of Scand. origin and cogn. with *rick*<sup>1</sup>; cf. Norw. dial. *ruka*, ON. *hrūga*, heap.

**ruck<sup>2</sup>.** Crease. Norw. *rukka*, ON. *hrukka*, wrinkle; cf. dial. *runkle*, wrinkle, Ger. *rünzel*, and L. *ruga*, furrow, wrinkle (q.v.).

**ruckle** [archaic]. To gurgle, sound the death-rattle. Cf. synonym. Norw. dial. *rukla*, Ger. *röcheln*; ? ult. cogn. with L. *rugire*, to roar

**rucksack.** Swiss Ger., from *rücken*, back, with Upper Ger. *u* for *ü*.

**ruction.** "A memory of the Insurrection of 1798, which was commonly called 'the Ruction'" (Joyce). *Rection*, for *insurrection*, occurs in 16 cent. E.

**rudd.** Fish. Cogn. with obs. *rud*, red, AS. *rudu*, cogn. with red. Cf. *ruddy*.

**rudder.** AS. *rōthor*, steering-oar. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *voer* (earlier *roder*), Ger. *ruder*, oar; also ON. *rōthr*, act of rowing; ult. cogn. with L. *remus*, G. *ῥέμνιον*, OIr. *rāme*. See *row*<sup>2</sup>.

**reddle.** Red ochre for marking sheep. From AS. *rudu*, red. Also *raddle*, *reddle*.

**reddock** [dial.]. Robin. AS. *rudduc* (see *rudd*).

**ruddy.** AS. *rudig*, from *rudu*, red.

**rude.** F. *rude*, L. *rudis*, rough, raw.

**rudesheimer.** Wine from *Rüdesheim*, on Rhine.

**rudiment.** L. *rudimentum*, from *rudis*.

**rue<sup>1</sup>.** Plant. F. *rue*, L. *ruta*, G. *ῥούή*.

**rue<sup>2</sup>.** To repent. AS. *hrēowan*; cf. Du. *rouwen*, Ger. *reuen*; also ON. *hryggth*, sorrow, ruth. Archaic noun *rue*, AS. *hrēow*, survives in *rieful*.

**ruelle.** F., morning reception held by lady while still in bed, from *ruelle*, passage between bed and wall, lit. alley, dim. of *rue*, street, L. *ruga*, furrow.

**ruff<sup>1</sup>.** Fish. Prob. for *rough*; hence ModL. *aspreto*, scient. name, from *asper*, rough.

**ruff<sup>2</sup>.** Neckwear. Orig. used in sense of *ruffle* for wrist. See *ruffle*<sup>1</sup>.

**ruff<sup>3</sup>.** At whist. Orig. a card-game. F. *ronfle*, "hand-ruffe at cards" (Cotg.), cf. It. *ronfa*, "a game at cards called ruffe or trumpe" (Flor.). These are perh. arbitrary perversions of F. *trionphe*, It. *trionfo* (see *trump*<sup>2</sup>). The nasal is also lost in Du. *troef*.

**ruff<sup>4</sup>.** Bird. Perh. named from the *ruff* of feathers developed by male bird in breeding season. But the existence of the fem. *reeve*<sup>2</sup> is against this and points to Teut. origin with vowel-change as in *fox*, *vixen*.

**ruffian.** Cf. F. *rufian*, It. *ruffiano*, Sp. *rufián*, ModL. *ruffianus*, all esp. in sense of pander; ? cogn. with *ruffle*<sup>3</sup>. Sense of E. word has been affected by *rough*.

**ruffle<sup>1</sup>.** For wrist. Appears later than *ruff*<sup>2</sup>, but app. belongs to *ruffle*<sup>2</sup>, in sense of creasing, wrinkling.

**ruffle<sup>2</sup>.** Verb. Much older (13 cent.) than *ruff*<sup>3</sup>, *ruffle*<sup>1</sup>. Cf. LG. *ruffelen*, to crumple, curl, ON. *hrufila*, to scratch.

**ruffle<sup>3</sup>.** To swagger. Orig. to contend. App. cogn. with Ger. *raufen*, to pluck, tear out, whence *sich raufen*, to fight; cf. Ger. *rupfen*, to pluck (a fowl), *raufbold*, ruffler, ruffian.

**rufous.** From L. *rufus*, red, cogn. with *ruber*.

**rug.** Of Scand. origin. Cf. Norw. dial. *rogga*, coarse coverlet, *skinn-rugga*, skin rug, Sw. *rugg*, coarse hair; cogn. with *rag* (q.v.).

**rugby.** Football. From *Rugby School*.

**rugged.** App. related to *rug*, as *ragged*, with which it was earlier synonym, to *rag*. It is much older than *rug*. ME. had also *ruggy*; cf. Sw. *ruggig*.

**rugger.** For *rugby* (q.v.). Cf. *soccer*.  
**rugose.** L. *rugosus*, from *ruga*, furrow.  
**ruin.** F. *ruine*, L. *ruina*, from *ruere*, to rush down.

**rule.** OF. *reule* (replaced by *règle*), L. *regula*, from *regere*, to govern, direct.

**rum<sup>1</sup>.** Spirit. Short for earlier *rum-bullion*, app. a jocular formation (? or F. *bouillon*, hot drink) from *rum<sup>2</sup>*; cf. cant *rum bouse*, wine, lit. good liquor (16 cent.).

**rum<sup>2</sup>.** Adj. App. spec. use of obs. *rum*, good, a very common cant word, which was prefixed, with varying sense, to a great number of nouns and is supposed to be ident. with *rom* (q.v.). The *Dict. Canting Crew* (c. 1700) gives fifty-two such compds., including *rum cove*, which orig. meant a great rogue.

**Rumansh.** See *Romansh*.

**rumb.** See *rhumb*.

**rumble<sup>1</sup>.** Noise. Imit.; cf. Du. *rommelen*, Ger. *rummeln*. Cf. *rumble* of a carriage, also called (c. 1800) *rumbler* and *rumble-tumble*.

**rumble<sup>2</sup> [slang].** To detect. Rimed on *tumble<sup>2</sup>* (q.v.).

**rumbustious.** Joc. alteration of *robustious*.

**ruminate.** From L. *ruminari*, to chew the cud, from *rumen*, *rumin-*, throat, first stomach.

**rummage.** Orig. stowage of casks. OF. *arrumage* (Mod. *arrimage*), from *arrumer* (Mod. *arrimer*), to arrange the cargo in the hold; cf. Sp. *arrumar*. An older F. form is *arrumer*, from OF. *run*, hold of a ship (see *run<sup>2</sup>*). Cf. MedL. *runagrum* (14 cent.).

**rummer.** Du. *roemer*, whence also Ger. *roemer*, trad. associated with *Römer*, Roman, but prob. from Du. *roem*, glory, boast, etc. (cf. *bumper*).

**rumour.** F. *rumeur*, L. *rumor-em*, noise

**rump.** ME. *rumpe*, from Scand., cf. Dan. *rumpe*, Sw. *rumpa*; cogn. with Du. *romp*, Ger. *rumpf*, trunk (of body).

**rumple.** Also earlier *rimple*. Cf. Ger. *rumpfen*, Du. *rimpelen*; also AS. *hrimpan*, only in p.p. *gehrumpen*.

**rumpus [slang].** Cf. Swiss Ger. (Basel) *rumpus*, ? orig. students' slang use of G. *ρόμπος*, spinning-top, also commotion, disturbance.

**rum-tum.** Light clinker-built sculling boat. Light formation on *rum<sup>2</sup>*, suggested by *funny* (q.v.).

**run<sup>1</sup>.** Verb. AS. *runnan* (usu. in form *yrnan*), strong intrans, *earman*, *cernan* (metath. of *\*rennan*), weak trans. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *runnen* (obs.), *rennen*, Ger. *rennen*, *rennen*, ON. *rinna*, *renna*, Goth. *runnan*, *rannjan*. The rarity of *runnan* and absence of *\*rennan* in AS. point to the words having been rather borrowed from ON.

**run<sup>2</sup> [naut.].** Part of ship's hold. OF. *run*, *rum*, "the hold of a ship" (Cotg.); of Teut. origin (? AS. *rum*, room). See also *rummage*. Cf. naut. F. *donner rum à une roche*, to give room (a wide berth) to a rock.

**runagate [archaic].** Folk-etym. for ME. *renegat* (see *renegade*). *Agale* is a ME. adv., on the way, road (see *gate<sup>2</sup>*), and *run-agate* was no doubt suggested by *run-away*.

**runcinate [bot.].** Saw-toothed. From L. *runcina*, plane, formerly understood as meaning saw.

**rundale.** Joint occupation of land in small strips, esp. in Ireland. From *run<sup>1</sup>* and *dale* (*deal<sup>1</sup>*), division, share.

**rune.** Dan. *rune*, ON. *rūn*, mystery, dark secret. Com. Teut.; cf. AS. *rūn* (see *round<sup>2</sup>*), OSax. *rūna*, MHG. *rune*, Goth. *rūna*.

**rung.** AS. *hrung*; cf. Du. *rong*, Ger. *runge*, Goth. *hrugga*. In Sc. still used for a cudgel, staff.

**runlet<sup>1</sup> [archaic].** Cask. OF. *rondelet*, double dim. of *rond*, round.

**runlet<sup>2</sup>.** From *runnel* (q.v.), after *streamlet*.

**runnel.** For earlier *rnnel*, *rindle*, AS. *rnnelle*, brook, from root of *run<sup>1</sup>*.

**runt.** Cattle. Du. *rund*, ox; cf. Ger. *rind* (as in *rinderpest*), AS. *hriiher* (whence dial. *rother*). Also applied to a species of pigeon, app. from its stout build.

**rupee.** Urdu *rūpiyah*, Sanskrit *rūpya*, wrought silver, from *rūpa*, form.

**Rupert [hist.].** Ger. stationary balloon. Perh. from Prince *Ruprecht* of Bavaria, commanding one of the great blocks of German armies. Cf. *Archie*.

**Rupert's drop.** Glass toy invented, or introduced, by Prince *Rupert* (17 cent.).

**rupture.** L. *ruptura*, from *rumper*, *rupt-*, to break.

**rural.** L. *ruralis*, from *rus*, *rur-*, country.

**Ruritanian.** Of imaginary kingdoms, like *Ruritania*, in Anthony Hope's *Prisoner of Zenda*.

**rusa.** EInd. deer. Malay *rūsa*. Cf. *babiroussa*.

**ruse.** In ME. chiefly as hunting term, used of the doubling of the game. F. *ruse*, from *ruser*, OF *reuser*, L. *refusare* (see *refuse*).

**rush<sup>1</sup>.** Plant. AS. *rysc*, var. of *risc*, also *rix*, as still in dial. ME. has *rish* and *rush*, and both -*r*- and -*u*- forms are found in cogn. Du. & Ger. words. The prevalence of *rush* may be partly due to OF. *rousche*, from Teut.

**rush<sup>2</sup>.** Verb. AF. *russcher*, *russer*, F. *ruser* (see *ruse*). First in Barbour, both as trans., to drive back, and intrans., to dash forward, the former sense corresponding exactly with his use of *ruse* and with earliest examples of OF. *reuser*. For -*sh* cf. *push*. Some senses perh. from Teut.; cf. Ger. *rauschen* (MHG. *ruschen*), Du. *ruischen*, archaic Dan. *ruse*, all expressing noisy movement.

**rusk.** Sp. or Port. *rosca*, coil, twist (of bread).

**russell cord.** ? From maker.

**russet.** OF. *rousset*, dim. of *roux*, red, L. *russus*.

**rust.** AS. *rūst*; cf. Du. *roest*, Ger. *rost*, and cogn. ON. *ryth*; ult. cogn. with *red*, *ruddy*.

**rustic.** L. *rusticus*, from *rus*, country. Hence *rusticate* (univ.), to send into the country.

**rustle.** Imit.; cf. synon. Du. *ritselen*, Ger. *rauschen*. US. *rustler* shows association with *bustle<sup>1</sup>*, *hustle*.

**rusty<sup>1</sup>.** Of bacon. Altered from *reasty*, *resty*, F. *resté*, p.p. of *rester*, to remain, be left over (see *rest<sup>2</sup>*).

**rusty<sup>2</sup>.** Of temper. Orig. of horses. Altered from earlier *reasty*, *resty*, pop. form of *restive* (q.v.). Thus ident. with *rusty<sup>1</sup>*.

**rut<sup>1</sup>.** Sexual excitement of deer. F. *rut*, OF. *ruit*, VL. \**rugitus*, for *rugītus*, from *rugire*, to roar.

**rut<sup>2</sup>.** In road. F. *route*, "a rutt, way, path, street, course, passage" (Cotg.). For the vowel cf. obs. *ruttier*, sailing instructions, F. *roulier*.

**ruth.** Now archaic, exc. in *ruthless*. Formed from *rue<sup>2</sup>* by analogy with other words in -*th*; cf. ON. *hryggth*.

**Ruthene** [ethn.]. Member of Little Russian race. MedL. *Rutheni*, for *Russi*; cf. MedL. *Pruihem*, for *Prussi*.

**ruthless.** See *ruth*.

**rutilant.** From pres. part. of L. *rutilare*, to gleam, cogn. with *ruber*, red.

**rye.** AS. *ryge*; cf. Du. *rogge*, Ger.

*roggen* (OHG. *rocho*), ON. *rugr*; with Slav. cognates.

**rye-grass.** For earlier *ray-grass*, from obs. *ray*, darnel; cf. Du. *raar*, *raai-gras*, Ger. *raden*.

**rye-peck** [Thames]. Ironshod pole. Origin unknown.

**ryot.** Ind. peasant. Urdu *raiya*, ult. Arab (see *rayah*).

**s-.** This initial includes a large number of words of imit. and echoic origin (*slam*, *squeal*, *sizzle*, etc.) and many others which have been altered or influenced by such associations. Initial *s-* also differs from other sounds in its detachable character, and also in the fact that it is often prefixed as an intensive, esp. in *scr-*, *spl-*, *sqw-*. The classical example of the first phenomenon is the infantile *tummy*, while *s-mash*, *s-quash*, *s-craich*, *s-crunch*, etc. illustrate the second. So also *Nottingham* was orig. *Snoothingham*, and *queasy*, *squeasy*, *quinsy*, *squinsy*, occur indifferently in early texts. The same peculiarity is noticed in F. (see *Excalibur*, *scaffold*) and far back in the Aryan langs., e.g. *foam* is cogn. with L. *s-prima*, *s-now* with L. *nix*, *nuv-*; cf. G. *μικρός*, small, earlier *quikrós*. It should be noted also that a large number of words in *sc-*, *sp-*, *st-* correspond to OF. words which were normally spelt *esc-*, *esp-*, *est-*, e.g. *scarlet*, *spice*, *state*. This phenomenon is due to the VL. tendency to prefix a vowel sound in order to facilitate the pronunc. of L. *sc-*, *sp-*, *st-*. ModF. has now usually lost the -*s* (*écarlate*, *épice*, *état*).

**Sabaoth.** Heb. *ṣəbā'ōth*, pl. of *ṣābā*, host, army.

**sabbath.** Heb. *shabbāth*, from *shābāth*, to rest.

**Sabine** [lang.]. Ancient Italic dial., traces of which are found in L.

**sable.** OF. *sable* (replaced by cogn. *zibelline*, It. *zibellino*); cf. MedL. *sabellum*, Du. *sabel*, Ger. *zobel*; all from Russ. *sobol'*, name of the animal. The fur was artificially darkened (cf. *gules*).

**sabot.** F., cogn. with *savate* (q.v.), both with orig. *ḡ-*. *Sabotage*, malicious damage, is from slang *saboter*, to work badly, from contemptuous slang sense of *sabot*, inferior tool, etc.

**sabre.** F. *sabre*, Ger. *säbel*, applied to

the Turk. curved sword; cf. Russ. *sablja*, Pol. *szabla*. Origin unknown. F. *sabretache* is Ger. *säbellasche*, from *iasche*, pocket.

**sabulous**. L. *sabulosus*, from *sabulum*, sand.

**sac**. F., sack.

**saccate** [bot.]. MedL. *saccatus*, from *saccus*, sack, bag.

**saccharine**. From MedL. *saccharum*, G. *σάκχαρον*, sugar (q.v.).

**saccul-**. From L. *sacculus*, little sack.

**sacellum** [antiq.]. Sanctuary. Dim. of L. *sacrum* (v.1.).

**sacerdotal**. L. *sacerdotalis*, from *sacerdos*, *sacerdot-*, priest, lit. offerer of sacrifices, from *sacer*, sacred, *dare*, to give.

**sachem**. Namer. Ind. (Narragansett), cogn. with *sagamore*.

**sachet**. F., dim. of *sac*, sack, bag.

**sack**<sup>1</sup>. Bag. AS. *sacc* or F. *sac*, L. *saccus*, G. *σάκκος*, Heb. *saq*; cf. Assy. *saqu*. *Sack*, plunder, F. *sac*, It. *sacco*, orig. in to *put* to *sack*, is the same word; cf. sporting use of *bag*.

**sack**<sup>2</sup> [archaic]. Sp. wine. Orig. *wyne sek*, F. *vin sec*, dry wine.

**sackbut**. Kind of trombone. F. *saqueboute*, from OF. *siquer*, to drag, *bouter*, to shove. In Dan. iii. it is a mistransl. due to superficial resemblance of form, of L. *sambuca*, G. *σαμβύκη*, a stringed instrument, of Aram. origin.

**sackless** [archaic & dial.]. Innocent. AS. *saclēas*, from *sacu*, dispute at law, crime (see *sake*).

**sacque**. Garment. E. trade-word for *sack*<sup>1</sup>.

**sacrament**. L. *sacramentum*, oath, pledge, etc., from *sacrare*, from *sacer*, holy, ult. cogn. with *saint*.

**sacrarium**. L., sanctuary, from *sacer*, holy.

**sacré**. F., sacred, euph. for *sacré nom de Dieu*.

**sacred**. Orig. p p. of ME. *sacre*, to bless, F. *sacer*, L. *sacrare* (v.s.). Cf. *sacring-bell*.

**sacrifice**. F. *sacrifice*, L. *sacrificium*, from *sacer*, holy, *facere*, to make.

**sacrilege**. F. *sacrilège*, L. *sacrilegium*, from *sacrilegus*, stealer of sacred things, from *legere*, to gather.

**sacristan**. MedL. *sacristanus*, for Late L. *sacrista*, keeper of holy things. See *sexton*, and cf. *sacristy*.

**sacrosanct**. L. *sacrosanctus*, from *sacer*, holy, *sanctus*, holy.

**sacrum** [anat.] L. *os sacrum*, lit. sacred bone.

**sad**. AS *sæd*, sated. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *zat*, Ger. *satt*, ON. *sathr*, Goth. *saths*, all in sense of satiated; cogn. with L. *sat*, *satis*.

**saddle**. AS. *sadol*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *zadel*, *zaal*, Ger. *sattel*, ON. *solhull*; ult. cogn. with *sit* and L. *sedere*; cf. L. *sella*, saddle, for \**sedla*.

**Sadducee**. Late Heb. *Qaddūqī*, from pers. name *Qaddūq*, Zādok (2 Sam. viii. 17), from whom the priesthood of the captivity claimed descent.

**sadism** [med.]. F. *sadisme*, from Count (commonly called Marquis) de *Sade* (†1814), author of infamous books.

**safari**. Procession, caravan. Arab, from *safara*, to travel.

**safe**. F. *sauf*, L. *salvus*, cogn. with G. *ῥλος*, whole. Noun *safe*, orig. for meat, is for earlier *save*, from verb.

**safran**. F. *safran*, ult. Arab. *za'farān*.

**sag**. Orig. naut., earlier also *sack*, LG. *sachen*; cf. Du. *zakken*, Sw. *sacka*, to subside, cogn. with Norw. dial. *sakka*, ON. *sokkva*, to sink. All cogn. with *smk*.

**saga**. ON., tale, lit. saying. See *saw*<sup>2</sup>.

**sagacious**. From L. *sagax*, *sagac-*, from *sagire*, to discern acutely, ult. cogn. with *seek*.

**sagamore**. Namer. Ind. (Penobscot) *sagamo*, sachem.

**sage**<sup>1</sup>. Plant. F. *sauge*, L. *salvia*, from *salvus*, in allusion to preserving properties.

**sage**<sup>2</sup>. Wise. F. *sage*, VL \**sapnus*, for *sapiens*, from *sapere*, to know.

**sagitt-**. From L. *sagitta*, arrow.

**sago**. Malay *sāgū*.

**Sahara**. Arab. *sahrā*, desert.

**sahib**. Urdu, Arab. *sāhib*, friend, used as respectful address.

**sail**. AS. *segl*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *zeil* (earlier *seghele*), Ger. *segel*, ON. *segl*.

**sainfoin**. F. *sainfoin*, lit. wholesome hay, L. *sanum* and *foenum*, but often understood as *saint foin*.

**saint**. F. *saint*, L. *sanctus*, from *sancire*, to consecrate (cf. *sancton*), cogn. with *sacer*.

**Saint-**. For some combinations see *Andrew*, *Elmo*, *Vitus*, etc.

**Saint-Bernard**. Dog from Hospice of the Great St Bernard, pass between Italy and Switzerland.

**Saint-Leger**. Race established (1776) by Colonel St Leger.

**Saint-Lubbock** [slang]. Bank holiday, because established (1871) by Sir John Lubbock's Act.



**Saint-Michael.** Orange. One of the Azores

**Saint-Simonian.** Of *Saint-Simon*, F. socialist (†1825).

**sais.** See *syce*.

**sake.** AS. *sacu*, dispute at law, accusation, crime. Com Teut.; cf. Du. *zaak*, Ger. *sache*, ON. *sok*, Goth. *sakjō*, quarrel; ult. cogn. with *seek*. Cf. *forsake*.

**saké.** Fermented drink from rice. Jap.

**saker** [hist.]. Cannon. Earlier, kind of hawk. F. *sacre*, "a saker; the hawk, and the artillerie, so called" (Cotg.), It *sacro*, Arab. *sagr*. See *musket*.

**saki.** SAmr monkey. F. *saki* for Brazil. *çahy*.

**salaam.** Arab. *salām*, peace, as greeting, cf. Heb. *shālōm* (*Judges* vi. 23-4).

**salacious.** From L. *salax*, *salac*-, lustful, from *salire*, to leap.

**salad.** F. *salade*, L. *salata* (sc. *herba*), from *salare*, from *sal*, salt.

**salade** [hist.]. See *sallet*.

**salamander.** G. *σαλαμάνδρα*, lizard supposed to be able to endure fire, prob of Eastern origin.

**sal ammoniac.** See *ammonia*.

**salary.** F. *salair*, L. *salarium*, soldiers' pay, orig. allowance for salt.

**sale.** Late AS. *salā*, from ON. See *sell*.

**Salem.** Nonconformist chapel. From *Jerusalem* (see Heb. vii 1). Cf. *Bethel*.

**salep.** Meal from dried tubers. F., Sp. *salep*, Turk. *sālep*, Arab. *tha'leb*, for *khisyai-al-tha'lab*, orchis, lit. fox testicles.

**saleratus** [US.]. ModL. *sal aeratus*, aerated salt.

**salet** [hist.]. See *sallet*.

**Salian**<sup>1</sup>. From L. *Saliv*, priests of Mars, ? lit. leapers, from *salire*.

**Salian**<sup>2</sup>. As *Salic*.

**Salic** [hist.]. F. *salique*, MedL. *Salicus*, Salian Frank, tribe whence sprang the Merovingians. Perh. from the river *Sala* (now *Yssel*) which runs into the *Zuyder Zee*. Esp. in *Salic law*.

**salicional.** Organ-stop. Ger. *salizional*, from L. *salix*, willow, because suggesting tone of willow-pipe.

**salicyl** [chem.]. From L. *salix*, *salic*-, willow.

**salient.** From pres. part. of L. *salire*, to leap, whence F. *saillir*, to jut out, which has given the E. sense.

**saliferous.** From L. *sal*, salt.

**saline.** VL. \**salinus*, from *sal*, salt; cf. L. *salinae*, salt-panns.

**saliva.** L., spittle.

**salle.** F, hall. See *saloon*.

**salleeman, sallyman.** Sailor's name for marine hydrozoan, for *Sallee man*, i.e. pirate from *Sallee* (Morocco). Cf. *Portuguese man-of-war*.

**sallender.** Disease in hock of horse. Cf F. *solandre*. App in some way associated with obs. *malander* (q.v.).

**sallet, salade** [hist.]. Helmet; orig. a plain steel cap. F. *salade*, It. *celata*, "a sallet, a headpiece" (Flor.), from *celare*, to hide (or Sp. *celada*, from *celar*), perh. because orig. worn under a hood, or, like the bascinet, under the ornamental tilting-helm. Cf. It. *secretta*, "a thinne steele cap worne under a hat" (Flor.), and obs. F. *secrete*, *segrette*, "an yron scull, or cap of fence" (Cotg.).

**sallow**<sup>1</sup>, **sally.** Willow. AS. *sealh*; cf. OHG. *salaha* (surviving in *salweide*, *sally-withy*), ON. *selja*; cogn. with L. *salix*, G. *έλικη*, Gael. *seileach*, Ir. *saileach*, Welsh *helyg*. F. *saule* is from Teut.

**sallow**<sup>2</sup>. Adj. AS. *salo*, *salu*; cf. archaic Du. *zaluw*, OHG. *salō*, ON. *sölvr*. F. *sale*, dirty, is from Teut.

**sally.** F. *saillie*, p.p. fem. of *saillir*, to rush, L. *salire*, to leap. Cf. *sortie*. Hence also *sally* (bell-ringing), first movement, later applied to the woolly grips on the ropes.

**Sally Lunn.** Said (by Hone, 1827) to be named from a young woman who first cried them at Bath c. 1780-90.

**salmagundi.** F. *salmigondis*, earlier *salmigondin*, "a hachee" (Cotg.), app. connected with It. *salame*, salted meat, from *sal*, salt. Cf. also F. *salmi*(s), explained as shortened from *salmigondis*, but perh. the original of that word. As the latter is app. first recorded in Rabelais, it may be one of his fantastic coinages. Some connect the second element with Prov. *coundit*, pickled, L. *conditus*.

**salmi.** See *salmagundi*.

**salmiac** [chem.]. Ger. *salmiak*, for *sal ammoniak*.

**salmon.** L. *salmo-n*; cf. L. *salar*, trout; both prob. from Celt. For Teut. name see *lax*<sup>1</sup>.

**saloon.** F. *salon*, It. *salone*, hall, from Ger. *sal*, cogn. with AS. *sal*, ON. *salr*; cf. Goth. *saljan*, to dwell.

**saloop.** Var. of *salep*.

**Salopian.** Of Shropshire, esp. of Shrewsbury School. AF. *Sloppesberie*, for AS. *Scrobbesbyrig*, was further corrupted to *Salop*-.

- salpiglossis**. Plant. From G. *σάλπιγξ*, trumpet, *γλῶσσα*, tongue.
- salsify**. Vegetable. F. *salsifis*, earlier *sassefique*, *sassefrique*, It. *sassefrica*, from L. *fricare*, to rub. For formation cf. *saxifrage*, with which Florio identifies it.
- salt**. AS. *sealt*. W. *yan*; cf. Du. *zout*, Ger. *salz*, ON. Goth. *salt*, L. *sal*, G. *Salz*, Ir. *salann*, Welsh *halen*, Russ. *sol'*.
- saltarello** [mus.]. It., from *saltare*, to dance (v.i.).
- saltation**. L. *saliatio-n-*, from *saltare*, frequent. of *salire*, to leap.
- salt-cellar**. Altered (on *cellar*) from *salt-seller*, pleon. for MF. *saler*, *seler*, F. *salière*, "a salt-seller" (Cotg.), from L. *sal*, salt.
- saltern**. Salt-works AS *sealterm*, second element, *æm*, dwelling, cogn. with ON. *rann*, house (see *ransack*).
- saltigrade** [biol.]. Going by jumps, L. *per saltum*; cf. *plantigrade*.
- saltire** [her.]. F. *sautoir*, St Andrew's Cross (X), orig. stirrup-rope, Late L. *saltatorium*, from *saltare*, frequent. of *salire*, to leap. Also in F. a sash worn cross-wise.
- saltpetre**. Altered (on *salt*) from earlier *salpêtre* (Chauc.), F. *salpêtre*, MedL. *sal petrae*, salt of stone.
- salubrious**. From L. *salubris*, from *salus*, health, cogn. with *salvus*, safe.
- salutary**. F. *salutaire*, from L. *salutaris*, from *salus* (v.s.).
- salute**. L. *salutare*, to hail, wish health, *salus*.
- salvage**. OF. *salvage*, from *salver* (Mod. *sauver*), Late L. *salvare*, from *salvus*, safe.
- salvation**. L. *salvatio-n-*, from *salvare* (v.s.).
- salve**<sup>1</sup>. Ointment. AS *sealf*; cf. Du. *zalf*, Ger. *salbe*; ult. cogn. with Sanskrit *sarpis*, clarified butter.
- salve**<sup>2</sup>. To rescue. Back-formation from *salvage*.
- salver**. Altered (on *platter*, *trencher*) from Sp. *salva*, from *salvar*, to save, orig. applied to the "pre-gustation" of food and drink, partly as precaution against poison. See *credence*.
- salvia**. Plant L., sage<sup>1</sup>.
- salvo**<sup>1</sup>. Of artillery. For It. *salva*, "a volée or tire of ordinance" (Flor.), orig. salute, cf. L. *salve*! hail!
- salvo**<sup>2</sup> [leg.]. Saving clause. L, abl. of *salvus*, safe, in such phrases as *salvo jure*, without prejudice to the right. Cf. *save*<sup>2</sup>.
- sal volatile**. ModL., volatile salt.

- Sam, Uncle**. No doubt suggested by initials *US*. Hence *Sammy*, Amer. soldier (War slang).
- Sam, upon my** [slang]. For earlier *salmon* (in 16 cent. cant), explained by contemporary writers as for *Salomon*, i.e. Solomon. To stand *Sam(my)*, 19 cent. slang, may be of different origin.
- Samaritan**. Usu allusive to *Luke* x 33.
- sambo**. Of part negro blood. Sp. *zambo*. As nickname for negro perh. Foulah *sambo*, uncle. But a W. Afr. tribe called the *Samboses* is mentioned repeatedly in the narrative of the Hawkins voyage of 1564, and *Sanbo* would be a natural back-formation from this (cf. *Chinee*).
- Sam Browne**. Mil. belt. From Sir Samuel Browne, Anglo-Ind. general (19 cent.).
- sambur**. Indian elk. Hind. *sābar*, *sāmbār*.
- same**. ON. *samr*. Com. Teut.; cf. AS *swā same*, likewise, OHG. *sama*, Goth. *sama*; cogn. with L. *similis*, G. *δύος*, OIr. *som*, also with *some*.
- samite** [poet.]. OF. *samit*, It. *sciamito*, MedL. *examitum*, MedG. *ἐξάμιτρον*, app. six-thread, *ἔξ* and *μῖτρος* (cf. *dimity*, *twirl*, *drill*<sup>4</sup>).
- samlet**. Young salmon (Walton); cf. earlier *salmonet*.
- Sammy** [War slang]. US. soldier. See *Sam, uncle*.
- samovar**. Russ, lit self-boiler (v.i.), from *varit'*, to boil, with first element ult. cogn. with *same*.
- Samoyede** [ling]. Turanian lang. of Mongol race in Siberia. Russ., lit. self-eater (v.s.), cannibal, ult. cogn. with *same* and *eat*.
- sampan**. Chin. boat. Cantonese *sam-pan*, three-board.
- samphire**. Altered from earlier *sampere*, *samper*, F. (herbe de) *saint-Pierre*, a name perh. due to association of *Peter* with *rock*.
- sample**. Aphet. for ME. *essample* (see *example*). Cf. *sampler*, OF. *esemplaire*, exemplar.
- Samurai**. Jap., orig. mil. retainer of daimio.
- sanatorium**. ModL, from *sanare*, to cure.
- sanbenito** [hist.]. Worn, under Inquisition, by impenitent heretic at auto-da-fé. From resemblance to scapular introduced by St Benedict.
- sanctify**. F. *sanctifier*, L. *sanctificare*, from *sanctus*, holy, *facere*, to make.

**sanctimonious.** From L. *sanctimonia*, holiness.  
**sancion.** L. *sancio-n-*, law, decree, from *sancire*, *sanc-*, to ratify, make sacred.  
**sanctity.** L. *sanctitas* (v.s.).  
**sanctuary.** F. *sancuaire*, L. *sancuarium*, irreg. from *sancus*, holy.  
**sanctum.** L., holy (place) Prob. for earlier *sancum sancorum*, rendering G. τὸ ἅγιον τῶν ἁγίων.  
**Sanctus.** L., init. word of "angelic hymn" (Is. vi. 3).  
**sand.** AS *sand*, *sond*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *zand*, Ger. *sand*, ON. *sandr*.  
**sandal.** F. *sandale*, L. *sandala*, pl. of *sandalum*, G. *σανδάλιον*, dim. of *σάνδαλον*, perh. of Pers. origin.  
**sandal-wood.** OF. *sandle* (Mod. *santal*), Sp. *sándalo*, Arab. *sandal*; cf. Sanskrit *chandana*.  
**sandarac.** Resin. G. *σανδαράκη*, of Asiatic origin.  
**sandblind** [archaic]. Purblind. First element is AS. *sam-*, half, common in such compds.; cf. dial. *samsodden*, imbecile, lit. half boiled; cogn. with L. *semi*.  
**sandringham.** Hat. From royal residence (Norf.).  
**sandwich.** From John Montagu, *Earl of Sandwich* (†1792), who once spent twenty-four hours at the gaming-table without other refreshment than some slices of cold beef placed between slices of toast.  
**Sandy** [slang]. Scotsman. For *Alexander* (whence also *Sanders*, *Saunders*). Cf. *Paddy* and see also *Sawney*.  
**sane.** L. *sanus*, healthy, ult. cogn. with *sacer* (cf. relation of *whole* to *holy*).  
**sangar** [mil]. Breastwork of stone. Pushtoo, from Pers. *sang*, stone.  
**sangaree.** Sp. *sangría*, drink composed of red wine and lemon, lit. bleeding.  
**sang-de-bœuf.** In ref. to porcelain. F., lit. bullock's blood.  
**sang-froid.** F., cold blood.  
**sangrado.** Ignorant doctor. Character in Lesage's *Gil Blas* (c. 1700); from Sp. *sangrador*, bleeder.  
**sangrail** [poet.]. OF. *saint graal* (see *grail*, *holy*).  
**sanguinary.** L. *sanguinarius*, from *sanguis*, *sanguin-*, blood.  
**sanguine.** F. *sanguin*, from L. *sanguineus* (v.s.), applied to one of the four "humours" of medieval physiology.  
**sanhedrim.** Supreme council of Jews. Late Heb. *sanhedrîn*, G. συνέδριον, council, from σύν, together, ἔδρα, seat.

**sanicle.** Plant. F. *sanicle*, MedL. *sancula*, from *sanus*, whole, from healing properties.  
**sanitary.** F. *santuaire*, from L. *sanitas*, health, from *sanus*, healthy.  
**sanity.** L. *sanitas* from *sanus*, healthy.  
**sanjak.** Division of vilayet. Turk. *sanjâq*, lit. banner.  
**sans.** F., without, OF. *sens*, VL. *\*sene*, for *sine* (si ne, if not), with adv. -s. Hence *sansculotte*, F. revolutionary (1789), lit. without breeches (*culotte* from *cul*, rump).  
**Sanskrit** [ling.]. Sanskrit *samskr̥ta*, put together, perfected, from *sam-*, together, cogn. with *same*, *kr*, to perform, cogn. with *create*. Cf. *Prakrit*.  
**Santa Claus.** Du. dial. *Sante Klaas*, Du. *Sint Klaas*, Saint Nicholas.  
**santal-.** From MedL. *santalium*, sandal-wood.  
**santon-** [chem.]. From plant *santonica*, named from the *Santonnes*, tribe of Aquitania.  
**Saorstát Eireann** [pol.]. Irish Free State. Ir. *saor*, free. See *state*, *Darl*.  
**sap**<sup>1</sup>. Of plants. AS. *sæp*. WGer.; cf. Du. *sap*, Ger. *saft*, juice (OHG. *saf*); cogn. with ON. *saf*, and perh. with L. *sapere*, to taste (get to know), *sapa*, must boiled thick. Some authorities regard the Teut. words as borrowed directly from L. *sapa*.  
**sap**<sup>2</sup>. To undermine. Earlier *zappe*, It. *zappare*, from *zappa*, spade, whence also F. *saper*; cf. Sp. *zapa*, spade, Late L. *sappa*. Origin unknown. With *sap*, to "swot," cf. synon. F. *piocher*, from *pioche*, pick, mattock.  
**sap**<sup>3</sup> [slang]. Simpleton. Short for dial. *sapskull*, from *sap*<sup>1</sup>, in sense of soft wood.  
**sanserif** [typ.]. Without *serif*, *ceriph* (q.v.).  
**sapajou.** SAm. monkey. F., from Cayenne.  
**sapan-wood.** Adapted from Du. *sapan hout*, Malay, from some SInd. lang.; cf. Tamil *shappangam*.  
**sapid.** L. *sapidus*, savoury. See *sapient*.  
**sapient.** From pres. part. of L. *sapere*, to know, orig. to taste (see *sap*<sup>1</sup>).  
**sapling.** From *sap*<sup>1</sup>.  
**sapodilla.** Tree. Sp. *zapotillo*, dim. of *zapote*, Mex. *zapotl*.  
**saponaceous.** From L. *sapo-n-*, soap.  
**sapor.** L., savour, from *sapere*, to taste.  
**sapota.** See *sapodilla*.  
**sapper.** See *sap*<sup>2</sup>.  
**Sapphic.** G. Σαπφικός, from Σαφώ, poetess of Lesbos (c. 600 B.C.).

**sapphire.** F. *saphir*, G. *σάπφειρος*, Heb. *sappir*, ? Sanskrit *sanipriya*, lit. dear to the planet Saturn.

**sapr-** [med]. From G. *σαπρός*, putrid.

**saraband.** Dance. F. *sarabande*, Sp. *zarabanda*, ? from Pers. *sarband*, lit. head-band.

**Saracen.** Late L. *Saracenus*, Late G. *Σαρακηνός*. Origin uncertain, perh. from Arab. *sharq*, east.

**Saratoga trunk** [U.S.]. From *Saratoga Springs*, summer resort in New York State.

**sarbacane** [hist.]. Blow-pipe. F. *sarbacane*, altered (on *canne*) from earlier *sarbatenne*, "a long trunk to shoot in" (Cotg.), Sp. *cerbatano*, Arab. *zabatāna*. ? Cf. *sumptan*.

**sarcasm.** Late G. *σαρκασμός*, from *σαρκάζειν*, to speak bitterly, lit. to tear flesh, *σάρξ*, *σαρκ-*.

**sarsenet.** See *sarsenet*.

**sarsin-**. From L. *sarcina*, bundle.

**sarcoma.** Fleishy tumour. G. *σάρκωμα*, from *σάρξ*, *σαρκ-*, flesh.

**sarcophagus.** G. *σαρκοφάγος*, lit. flesh eating (v.s.), coffin made of a stone reputed to consume the body.

**sard.** Gem. F. *sarde*, L. *sarda*, synonym. with *sardius*, sardine<sup>1</sup>.

**Sardanapalian.** Of *Σαρδανάπαλος*, G. name for *Assur-bani-pal*, king of Nineveh (7 cent. B.C.), famous voluptuary.

**sardelle.** It. *sardella*, dim. of *sarda*, sardine<sup>2</sup>.

**sardine**<sup>1</sup>. Gem (Rev. iv. 3). G. *σάρδιος*, var. reading of *σάρδιος*, sardius (q.v.).

**sardine**<sup>2</sup>. Fish. F. *sardine*, L. *sardina*, G. *σαρδίνη*, from *σάρδη*, app. from *Σαρδῖννα*, G. *Σαρδῶ*.

**sardius.** Gem, sardine<sup>1</sup>. G. *σάρδιος*, from *Σάρδεῖς*, Sardis, in Lydia.

**sardoniac.** F. *sardonique*, from L. *sardonius*, lit. Sardinian. Said to be due to a poisonous plant, *herba Sardonica*, death from which was preceded by convulsive grinning.

**sardonix.** G. *σαρδόνιξ*, compd. of *σάρδιος* and *ὄνιξ*.

**saree, sari.** Bright-coloured wrap. Hind. *sāṛī*.

**sargasso.** Gulf-weed. Port. *sargaço*, ? from *sarga*, osier, from L. *salix*.

**sarissa** [hist.]. Macedonian pike. G. *σάρισα*.

**sark** [Sc.]. Shirt. ON. *serkr*, cogn. with AS. *serc*; cf. *berserk*.

**Sarmatian.** From G. *Σαρμάται*, orig. Scythian inhabitants of Poland, whence poet. use for Polish.

**sarment-** [bot.]. From L. *sarmentum*, twig, from *sarpere*, to prune.

**sarong.** Malay garment. Malay; cf. Sanskrit *sāraṅga*, variegated.

**sarracenia.** Plant. From Dr *Sarrazin*, of Quebec (c. 1700).

**sarsaparilla.** Sp. *zarzaparrilla*, from *zarza*, bramble (? Basque *sarizua*), *parra*, vine-trellis. So explained in 16 cent.

**sarsen** [loc.]. Sandstone boulder. For *Saracen*.

**sarsenet, sarsenet** [archaic]. Fabric. AF. *sarsinett*, from ME. *sarsin*, Saracen (v.s.); cf. OF. *drap sarra-sinois*.

**sartorial.** From L. *sartor*, tailor, from *sarcire*, *sart-*, to patch.

**Sarum.** Signature of bishop of Salisbury. MedL., from first element of *Salisbury*, now, by dissim. of *r-r*, *Salisbury*.

**sash**<sup>1</sup>. Attire, orig. part of turban. Earlier *shash*, Arab. *shāsh*, muslin, turban-sash. For loss of *-h-* (by dissim.) cf. *sash*<sup>2</sup>.

**sash**<sup>2</sup>. Of window. Earlier (17 cent) *shash* (v.s.), back-formation from *shashes*, F. *châssis*, "a frame of wood for a window" (Cotg.), taken as pl. See *chassis*.

**sasin.** Ind antelope. Nepalese.

**saskatoon.** Canadian berry. NAmer. Ind (Cree) *msāskwatomin*.

**sassaby.** SAfr. antelope. Sechwana *tsessébe*.

**sassafras.** Sp. *sasafrás*, a NAmer. tree. Usu. thought to be corrupted, perh. by influence of some native name, from Sp. *sassifragia*, obs. for *saxifraga*, saxifrage (q.v.).

**Sassanian** [hist.]. Dynasty of Pers. kings (A.D. 211-651) of the family of *Sasan*.

**Sassenach.** Gael. *Sasunnach*, English, from *Sasunn*, Saxon.

**sassy** [WAfr.]. Wood, bark, used as ordeal poison. Said to be WAfr. adaptation of E. *saucy*!

**Satan.** Heb. *sātān*, adversary, from *sātān*, to plot against.

**satchel.** OF. *sachel*, L. *sacculus*, dim. of *saccus*, sack<sup>1</sup>.

**sate.** Altered (after *satiare* or L. *sat*, *satus*) from earlier *sade*, lit. to make sad (q.v.).

**sateen.** Mod., after *velveteen*.

**satellite.** Back-formation from L. pl. *satellites* (cf. *stalactite*).

**satiare.** From L. *satiare*, from *satis*, enough.

**satin.** F. *satén*, archaic It. *setino* (sc. *panno*, cloth), from *seta*, silk, L. *saeta*, lit. bristle, hair.

**satire.** F. *satire*, L. *satira*, for *satyra*, (poetic) medley, fem. of *satyr*, full, as in *satyra lanx*, full dish, hotch-potch, from *sat*, enough. For sense-development cf. *farce*.

**satisfy.** OF. *satisfier*, from L. *satisfacere*, lit. to make enough.

**satrap.** G. *σατράπης*, from OPers. *kshathra-pāvan-*, country protector.

**Satsuma ware.** Name of province in island of Kiusiu, Japan.

**saturate.** From L. *saturare*, to satiate, from *satur*, full, from *sat*, enough.

**Saturday.** AS. *sætern(es)dæg*, half-transl. of L. *Saturni dies*, day of (the planet) Saturn.

**Saturn.** L. *Saturnus*, Italic god of agriculture, perh. the sower (*serere*, *sat-*, to sow), later identified with G. Cronos. Hence *saturnalia*, L., neut. pl. of *saturnalis*, feast of unrestrained merry-making in December; *saturnine*, MedL. *saturninus*, born under the planet Saturn (cf. *jovial*, *mercurial*).

**satyr.** G. *σάτυρος*, silvan god. With *satyriasis*, priapism, cf. *nymphomania*.

**sauce.** F. *sauce*, L. *salsa*, fem. of *salsus*, salted. With fig. *saucy*, cf. *piquant*, *spicy*, etc. *Saucer*, F. *sau-cière*, was orig. a vessel for sauce.

**sauerkraut.** Ger., sour herb.

**saumur.** Wine. From *Saumur* (Maine-et-Loire).

**saunter.** From c. 1660, to roam, loiter, an earlier and rare *saunter*, to muse, hesitate, being perh. a different word. Origin unknown.

**saurian.** From G. *σαῦρος*, lizard.

**sausage.** ME. *sausige*, ONF. *saussiche* (F. *saucisse*), Late L. *salsiccia*, from *salsus*, salted; cf. It. *salsiccia*, Sp. *salchicha*. Another view is that the It. word is the original and represents a compd. of *sal*, salt, and It. *ciccia*, dried meat, VL. *\*isicium*, for *insicium*, from *insecare*, to cut.

**sauté** [cook.]. F., p.p. of *sauter*, to leap, L. *saltare*.

**sauterne.** Wine. From *Sauterne* (Gironde).

**sauve-qui-peut.** F., save (himself) who can.

**savage.** F. *sauvage* (OF. *salvage*), L. *silvaticus*, from *silva*, wood.

**savannah** [geog.]. Obs. Sp. *xavana* (Mod. *sabana*), said (16 cent.) to be Carib.

**savant.** F., obs. pres. part. of *savoir*, to know, VL. *\*sapēre*, for *sapere*.

**savate.** Kick, in F. form of boxing; orig. old shoe; cf. It. *ciabatta*, Sp. *zapata*, MedL. *sabbatum*; ? from Turk. *shabata*, galosh; cf. *sabot*.

**save<sup>1</sup>.** Verb. F. *sauver*, L. *salvare*, from *salvus*, safe, cogn. with *salus*, health.

**save<sup>2</sup>.** Quasi-prep. For earlier *safe*, used, like F. *sauf*, *sauve*, in constructions like the L. abl. absolute, e.g. *sauf l'honneur*=*salvo honore*. But it also represents the p.p., as in AF. *sauvé et excepté*, with ending lost as in *costive*, *trove*, etc.

**saveloy.** Mod. corrupt. of obs. *cervelas*, *cervelat*, F. *cervelas*, It. *cervellata*, from *cervello*, brain, L. *cerebellum*. Said to have been made orig. of pigs' brains.

**savey, savvy** [slang]. Orig. negro or pidgin, after Sp. *sabe usted*, you know.

**savin-e.** Shrub. OF. *savine* (replaced by *sabine*), L. *Sabina* (sc. *herba*), Sabine herb.

**savoir faire.** F., to know (how) to do; cf. *savoir vivre*, to know (how) to live.

**savory.** ME. *saverey*, Late AS. *sætherne*, L. *satureia*; prob. via very early OF. For *-ih-* altered to *-v-* cf. numerous examples in dial. and childish speech. Or *savory* may be OF. *savorée*.

**savour.** F. *saveur*, L. *sapor-em*, from *sapere*, to taste, know.

**savoy.** Cabbage from *Savoy*.

**savvy.** See *savey*.

**saw<sup>1</sup>.** Tool. AS. *saga*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *zaag*, Ger. *säge*, ON. *sog*; cogn. with L. *secare*, to cut.

**saw<sup>2</sup>** [archaic]. Saying. AS. *sagu*, cogn. with *say<sup>1</sup>*; cf. obs. Du. *zage*, Ger. *sage*, ON. *saga*.

**sawder** [slang]. Chiefly in *soft sawder*, app. from obs. form of *solder*.

**Sawney.** Archaic nickname for Scotsman; cf. *Sandy*. Current sense of simpleton must be due to antiphrasis.

**saxe.** Porcelain, etc. F. *Saxe*, Saxony.

**saxhorn.** Invented by C. J. Sax (†1865), a Belgian.

**saxifrage.** F. *saxifrage*, L. *saxifraga* (sc. *herba*), stonebreaker, from *saxum*, rock, *frangere*, to, break, explained by Pliny as named from its med. use against stone in the bladder; for formation cf. *feverfew*. See also *salsify*.

**Saxon.** L. *Saxo-n-* (cf. G. *Stämme*), from WGer. name of tribe, AS. *Seaxan*, OHG. *Sahsin*, trad. connected with AS. *seax*, axe, knife (cf. *Lombard*).

**saxophone, saxtuba.** Inventions of son of C. J. Sax (see *saxhorn*).

**say<sup>1</sup>.** Verb. AS *secgan*. Com Teut.; cf. Du. *zeggen*, Ger. *sagen*, ON. *segja*.

**say<sup>2</sup>** [*archaic*]. Fabric. F. *sare*, L. *saga*, pl. of *sagum*, mil. cloak, G. *sáyos*. In E. prob. confused with OF *serie* (Mod. *soie*), silk.

**sayyid, seyd.** Title of Mohammedan claiming descent from elder grandson of Prophet. Cf. *Cid*.

**sbirro.** It., police-officer. Earlier also *birro*, from his red cloak (see *biretta*).

**sc.** Abbrev. of *schicet* (q.v.).

**sc-.** AS. *sc-* becomes regularly *sh-*, so that mod. words in *sc-* are almost all of foreign (often Scand.) origin. See also under *sk-*.

**scab.** Orig. disease, itch. ON. *\*skabbr* (cf. Sw. *skabb*, earlier *skabber*), cogn. with AS *sceabb* (whence *shabby*); cogn. with L. *scabies* (see *scabious*).

**scabbard.** ME. also *scauber*, AF. *escaubert*, OF. *escalberc*, by dissim. for *\*escarberc*, from OHG. *scār*, blade, share<sup>1</sup>, *bergan*, to hide. Cf. *hauberk*, the final of which is similarly changed in ModF. *haubert*.

**scabious.** F. *scabieuse*, MedL. *scabiosa* (sc. *herba*), supposed to be effective against skin disease, *scabies*, from *scabere*, to scratch.

**scabrous.** F. *scabreux*, Late L. *scabrosus*, from *scaber*, *scabr-*, rough, cogn. with above.

**scad.** Horse-mackerel. Dial. (Corn.) for *shad*.

**scaffold.** ONF. *escafaut* (F. *échafaud*), earliest OF. *escadafaut* (cf. Prov. *escadafalc*), with *es-* prefixed to OF. *chafault*, *cadefaut* (cf. Prov. *cadafalc*), corresponding to It. *catafalco*, *catafalque*, VL. *\*catafalcum*, whence also various forms in Rom langs., and also Du. *schavot*, Ger. *schaffot*. Ult. source obscure.

**scagliola.** Plaster-work. It. *scaghiuola*, dim. of *scagha*, scale<sup>2</sup>, Goth. *skalja*.

**scalade** [*hist.*]. See *escalade*.

**scalar** [*math.*]. L. *scalaris* (see *scale*<sup>3</sup>).

**scald<sup>1</sup>.** With hot water. ONF. *escaldier* (F. *échauder*), Late L. *excaldare*, to wash in hot water, from *calidus*, hot.

**scald<sup>2</sup>.** Scabby; chiefly in *scald-head*. For *scalled*. See *scall*.

**scald<sup>3</sup>.** Poet. See *skald*.

**scale<sup>1</sup>.** Of balance. ON. *skāl*, bowl. Com. Teut.; cf. AS. *scealu*, cup, shell (see *shale*), Du. *schaal*, Ger. *schale* (OHG. *scala*), Goth. *skalja*; cogn. with *scale*<sup>2</sup>. See also *shell*.

**scale<sup>2</sup>.** Of fish, etc. OF. *escale* (Mod. *écaille*), husk, chip, OHG. *scala* (v s). ModF. has, in gen. sense of *scale*<sup>2</sup>, *écarille*, OF. *escaille*, Goth. *skalja*.

**scale<sup>3</sup>.** Measure, graduation. It or L. *scala*, ladder, cogn. with *scandere*, to climb. With verb to *scale*, OF. *escalier*, It. *scalare* or Sp. *escalar*, cf. *escalade*.

**scalene** [*math.*]. G. *σκαληνός*, uneven, etc.

**scall** [*dial.*]. Skin-disease (Lev xiii. 30). ? ON. *skalle*, bald head, whence Sw. *skalle*, skull; cogn. with *scale*<sup>1, 2</sup>, *shell*. See *scald*<sup>2</sup>.

**scallawag.** See *scallywag*.

**scallion** [*archaic*]. ONF. *escalogne*, OF. *eschaloigne*, VL. *\*escaloma*, for *Ascaloma* (sc. *caepa*, onion), from *Askalon*, Palestine. See *shallot*.

**scallop, scollop.** OF. *escaloipe*, shell (in ModF. only in cook. sense), cogn. with *scale*<sup>1, 2</sup>, but with unexplained suffix. Cf. Du. *schelp*, shell.

**scallywag.** Orig. US., loafer, also applied to undersized cattle, prob. the orig. sense. ? From *scall*.

**scalp.** Orig. skull, cranium (Ps. vii. 17 in *Early Eng. Psalter*, 13 cent.). Later sense has developed from Bibl. *hairy scalp* (Coverd.) in Ps. lxxviii. 21. Contr. of *scallop*, which, in 14 cent., was used of shell-shaped vessel. Cf. Ger. *hirschschale*, brain-pan, from *schale*, shell, *scale*<sup>1</sup>.

**scalpel.** L. *scalpellum*, dim. of *scalprum*, from *scalpere*, to cut.

**scammony.** Drug. G. *σκαμμωνία*.

**scamp<sup>1</sup>.** Noun. Orig. cant for rogue, highwayman. From obs. *scamp*, to run wild, go on the highway, OF. *escamper*, *eschamper*, to decamp. Cf. *scamper*.

**scamp<sup>2</sup>.** Verb. Of recent adoption from dial. ? From ON. *skemma*, to shorten, whence also *skimp*, *scant*.

**scamper.** Frequent. of obs. *scamp* (see *scamp*<sup>1</sup>). Cf. obs. Du. *schampen*, "to escape or flee, to be gone" (Hexham), from OF.

**scan.** Earlier also *scand*, L. *scandere*, to climb, also to analyse verse.

**scandal.** G. *σκάδαλον*, cause of stumbling, supposed to have meant orig. the spring of a trap and to be cogn. with L. *scandere*, to climb.

**scandaroon.** Carrier pigeon. From *Scanderoon*, *Iskanderin*, seaport in Syria. Due to news of vessels being transmitted to Aleppo by pigeon post.

**Scandinavian.** From Late L. *Scandinavia*, for *Scadinavia*; from a Teut. compd represented by AS *Scedemg*, ON. *Skāney*, southern extremity of Sweden. Second element means island (cf. *ait*, *Jersey*, etc.).

**Scandian** [ling]. From L. *Scandia*, Scandinavia.

**scandium** [chem.]. Discovered in *Scandinavia* (cf. *hafnium*).

**scansorial** [ornith.]. From L. *scansorius*, from *scandere*, *scans-*, to climb.

**scant.** ON *skamt*, neut. of *skammr*, short, cogn. with OHG. *scam*. See *scamp*<sup>2</sup>, *skimp*.

**scantling.** Perversion of obs. *scantillon*, ONF. *escantillon* (F. *échantillon*), pattern, sample, dim., with prefixed *es-*, from OF. *chant*, *chantel* (Mod. *chanteau*), cantle (q.v.). In some senses coloured by mistaken association with *scant*.

**scape**<sup>1</sup>. Aphet for *escape* (q.v.). Hence *scapegoat*, rendering Vulg. *caper emissarius*, which is supposed to be a mistransl. of Heb. *Azazel* (RV.), perh. a proper name; *scapegrace*, one who escapes Divine grace.

**scape**<sup>2</sup>. Shaft of column, stalk. L. *scapus*, G. *σκᾶπος*, cogn. with *shaft*.

**scape**<sup>3</sup>. Back-formation from *landscape*, used for forming new compds. (*seascape*, *cloudscape*).

**scaphoid.** Shape of boat, G. *σκάφη*.

**scapular.** MedL. *scapularis*, from *scapula*, shoulder (only in pl in L.). Cf. *scapulary*, F. *scapulaire*.

**scar**<sup>1</sup>. Of wound. Obs. *scar*, cleft, incision, for *scarth*, dial. for cleft, ON. *skarth*, cleft, cogn. with *score*. Influenced by obs. *escar*, *eschar*, archaic F. *eschare*, scab resulting from burn, G. *εσχάρα*, hearth.

**scar**<sup>2</sup>, **scaur.** Rock. ON. *sker*, skerry, cogn. with *shear* (see *skerry*).

**scarab.** L. *scarabaeus*, cogn. with G. *κάραβος*, beetle, crab.

**scaramouch.** F. *Scaramouche*, It. *Scaramuccia*, lit. skirmish (q.v.), one of the stock characters of the It. pantomime (cf. *harlequin*, *pantaloons*).

**Scarborough warning** [archaic]. Short notice. Cf. *Jeddari justice*, *Lydford law*.

**scarce.** ONF. *escars* (archaic F. *échars*), VL. \**excarpsus*, from \**excarpere*, to pluck out, select; cf. MedL. *scarpsus*, *scarsus*.

**scarce.** Noun. ME. *skerre*, ON. *skirra*, from *skjarr*, shy, timid.

**scarf**<sup>1</sup>. Article of dress. ONF. *escarpe* (Mod. *écharpe*), var. of OF. *escrepe*, orig. purse hanging from neck, of Teut. origin and cogn. with *scrip*<sup>1</sup>. Ger. *scharpe*, LG. *scherte*, are from F. **scarf**<sup>2</sup>. To join two timbers. Sw. *skarfa* or Norw. Dan. *skarve* (verbs).

**scarf-skin.** Cf. Du. *scherf*, shred, shard, cogn. with AS. *sceorfan*, to scrape, scarify.

**scarify.** F. *scarifier*, L. *scarificare*, for *scarifare*, G. *σκαριφᾶσθαι*, from *σκάριφος*, pencil, stylus.

**scarious** [biol.]. Of dry appearance. ModL. *scariousus*, of unknown origin.

**scarlatina.** It. *scarlattina*, fem. of *scarlattino*, dim. of *scarlatto*, scarlet.

**scarlet.** Orig. rich fabric, not necessarily red. OF. *escarlato* (Mod. *écarlate*), ult. from Pers. *saqirāt*, broadcloth, whence also ME. *ciclatoun* (Chauc. B. 1924). The Pers. word is Arab. *siqlāt*, and this is prob. from G. *κυκλᾶς*, *κυκλᾶδ-*, mantle, from *κύκλος*, circle.

**scarp** [fort.]. It. *scarpa*, whence also F. *escarpe*, *escarp* (q.v.).

**scart** [Sc.]. Cormorant, shag. Altered from *scarf*, ON. *scarfr*.

**scarus.** Fish. G. *σκάρος*, from *σκαίρω*, I leap.

**scat** [hist.]. Tribute. ON. *skattr*. Com. Teut.; cf. AS. *sceatt*, Du. *schat*, Ger. *schatz*, treasure, Goth. *skatts*, piece of money.

**scat, to go.** ? Imit. of smash.

**scathe.** ON. *skatha* (impers.). Com. Teut.; cf. AS. *scathian*, Du. Ger. *schaden*, Goth. *skathjan*; cogn. with G. *ἀσκηθῆς*, unscathed.

**scatology.** Obscene literature. From G. *σκῶπ*, *σκατ-*, dung. Cf. *scoria*.

**scatter.** From 12 cent. Supposed to be ident. with *shatter*, and perh. cogn. with G. *σκαθάνωμαι*.

**scaup.** Sea-bird. For *scaup-duck*, from obs. *scalp*, mussel-bed.

**scaur.** See *scar*<sup>2</sup>.

**scavenger.** For ME. *scavager* (cf. *messenger*), from *scavage*, London toll levied on foreign merchants, AF. *scawage*, from ONF. *escaveuer*, to inspect, of Du. origin and cogn. with E. *shew*, *show*. Orig. a kind of customs inspector, who was also entrusted with the care of the streets.

**Scavenger's daughter** [hist.]. Instrument of torture. Jocular for *Shedding-ton's gyves*, *irons*, its inventor having been Lieutenant of the Tower temp. Hen. VIII.

**scazon** [*metr.*]. Modified iambic trimeter. Pres. part. of G. σκάζω, to limp.

**scenario**. It., from *scena*, scene (q v). Cf. *scenery*, formerly *scenary*.

**scene**. F. *scène*, L. *scena*, G. σκηνή, booth, stage.

**scent**. Artificial spelling of ME. *sent*, orig. hunting term, from F. *sentir*, to smell. But there has also been contact with archaic F. *sente*, path, track (of the game), L. *semita*.

**sceptic**. From G. σκεπτεσθαι, to investigate, cogn. with σκοπεῖν, to look. Applied to disciples of Pyrrho (4 cent. B.C.).

**sceptre**. F. *sceptre*, G. σκήπτρον, staff, sceptre, cogn. with σκῆπτεσθαι, to lean upon.

**shako**. See *shako*

**schanse** [*hist.*]. Du., see *sconce*<sup>2</sup>.

**schedule**. MedL. *schedula*, L. *scedula*, dim. of *sceda*, *scheda*, scroll, etc.

**scheme**. G. σχῆμα, form, figure, cogn. with ἔχω, to have (fut. σκῆσω).

**scheneclady** [*gol.*]. Putter (obs.). From *Scheneclady*, New York State.

**scherzando** [*mus.*]. It., from Ger. *scherz*, sport, jest.

**schieber**. Ger., profiteer, lit. shover.

**schiedam**. Gm. From *Schiedam*, Holland.

**schiller** [*geol.*]. From Ger. *schillern*, to glisten.

**schipperke**. Small dog. Du. dial., lit. little *shipper*. Said to be bred esp. by Du. boatmen.

**schism**. G. σχίσμα, cleft, rent, from σχίζω, to split.

**schist** [*geol.*]. G. σχιστός (sc. λίθος), split stone (v.s.).

**schizo-**. From G. σχίζω, to split.

**schloss**. Ger., castle, orig. lock<sup>2</sup>. See *slot*<sup>2</sup>.

**schnaps**. Ger. *schnaps*, LG. *snaps*, from *snappen*, to snap, swallow. Cf. *nip*.

**schnorrrer**. Jewish beggar. Yiddish, from Ger. *schmurren*, to beg, orig. with the *schmurrpfeife*, instrument played by vagrant musician; of imit. origin.

**scholar, scholiast**. See *school*.

**school**<sup>1</sup>. Place of learning. ME. *scole*, OF. *escole* (Mod. *école*), L. *schola*, G. σχολή, leisure, discussion, place for holding such.

**school**<sup>2</sup>. Of whales. Du. *school*, crowd, etc. See *shoal*<sup>2</sup>.

**schooner**. Earlier *scooner*, *skooner*, type of vessel first built (c. 1713) at Gloucester (Massachusetts), and named

there prob. from verb to *scon*, send skimming over the water, still in Sc. use.

**schorl** [*min.*] Tourmaline. Ger. *schorl*, earlier *schüril*, *schrull*, etc.

**schottische**. Ger., Scottish (sc. dance).

**schuyt** [*naut.*] Du. *schuit*, flat bottomed river-boat. Also found in E. as *scout*, *scoot*, *shout*; cf. ON. *skúta*.

**sciamachy**. G. σκιμαχία, fight with a shadow, G. σκιά Cf. *sciagraphy* (also *skia-*).

**sciatica**. MedL. (sc. *passio*), fem. of MedL. *sciaticus*, G. ισχιαδικός, ischiatic (q.v.).

**science**. F. *science*, L. *scientia*, from *scire*, to know, ult. cogn. with *scindere*, to cut, divide.

**scilicet**. L., to wit, for *scire licet*, it is permitted to know. Cf. *videlicet*.

**scilla**. Plant. G. σκίλλα, squill.

**scimitar**. Cf. F. *cimeterre*, It. *scimitarra*, Sp. *cimitarra*, all with many early vars. Described in 15 cent. as Turkish sword, but no Oriental etymon has been found. My own conjecture is that it is no more Oriental than *assagar* is Zulu, but simply E. *smiter*, which was used for *scimitar* in 16-17 cents. (also *smeeter* in Cotg.) and may easily have been a sailors' word much earlier. If borrowed by the Rom. langs. it would normally become *semiler*, *cimeter*; cf. F. *semaque*, smack<sup>2</sup>, *senau*, snow<sup>2</sup>.

**scinc-**. See *skink*.

**scintillate**. From L. *scintillare*, from *scintilla*, spark.

**scio-**. See *sciamachy*.

**sciolist**. Smatterer. From Late L. *sciolus*, dim. of *scius*, from *scire*, to know.

**scion**. F. *scion*, shoot, esp. for grafting, OF. *cion*, *chion*, dim. of some lost word of Teut. origin, ult. cogn. with *synon*. AS. *cūth*.

**scire facias** [*leg.*]. L., make (him) to know.

**scirrhus** [*med.*]. From G. σκίρρος, hard tumour, from σκίρός, hard.

**scission**. F. *scission*, L. *scissio-n-*, from *scindere*, *sciss-*, to cut, cogn. with G. σχίζω.

**scissors**. ME. *cisours*, *sysowres*, archaic F. *cisoures*, large shears (for F. *ciseaux*, scissors, see *chisel*), from Late L. *cisorium*, from *-cidere*, *-ciss-*, to cut, form taken in compds. by L. *caedere*. Later confused with L. *scissor*, cutter, tailor, from *scindere*, *sciss-*, to cut.

**sciurine** [*biol.*]. Of the squirrel (q.v.).



**sclaff** [golf]. Sc, to strike with flat surface. Imit, cf. *slap*.

**Slavonic.** See *Slav*.

**sclerosis** [med.]. G., from *σκληρός*, hard.

**scoff**<sup>1</sup>. Derision. First (c. 1300) as noun. Cf. *synon.* ON *skop*, *skaup*, OHG. *scoph*, OFris. *schof*; ? cogn. with AS. *scoop*, poet (cf. *scold*).

**scoff**<sup>2</sup> [slang]. To eat, "grub." Safr-Du., for Du. *schof*, eating time, cogn. with *schuiven*, to shove, in ref. to spell of work.

**scold**. First as noun App. ON. *skáld*, poet, skald, via intermediate sense of "lampooner." Cf. ON. *skáldskapr*, lit. skaldship, poetry, but also libel in verse.

**scolec-.** From G. *σκώληξ*, worm.

**scallop**. See *scallop*.

**scolopendra**. Centipede, millipede. G. *σκολοπενδρα*.

**sconce**<sup>1</sup>. Candlestick-bracket, orig. screened lantern. OF. *esconse*, monastic L. *sconsa*, for *abconsa*, from *abcondere*, to hide away.

**sconce**<sup>2</sup> [hist.]. Small fort. Earlier *scans*, *scanse*, Du. *schans* or Ger. *schanze*. Orig. sense of Ger. word was bundle of brushwood, rough basket for holding earth or stones (cf. *fascine*, *gabion*).

**sconce**<sup>3</sup> [archaic]. Head. ? Jocular use of *sconce*<sup>1</sup>. Hence, according to Minshew (earliest authority for the word), to *sconce*, fine (Oxf.), "to set up so much in the butterie booke upon his head."

**scone**, **scon**. Orig. Sc. Shortened from obs. Du. *schoonbrot*, fine bread, cogn. with Ger. *schoon*, fine (see *sheen*).

**scoop**. Two separate words are here combined. *Scoop* for water (orig. naut.) is of LG. origin, cogn. with Du. *schoep*, baler, bucket, and Ger. *schöpfen*, to draw water; *scoop*, shovel (also orig. naut.), is Du. *schop*, shovel, cogn. with *shove* and with dial. Ger. *schuppe*, "a scoop, a wooden shovel" (Ludw.).

**scoot**. Current form is from US., but *scoot* was used in 18 cent. naut. E. in same sense. Sw. *skjuta*, to shoot (intrans.).

**scope**. It. *scopo*, "a mark or but to shoot at, a scope, purpose, intent or roome" (Flor.), G. *σκοπός*, cogn. with *σκοπεῖν*, to look.

**-scope**. From G. *σκοπεῖν*, to look.

**scops**. Little horned owl. G. *σκόψ*.

**scorbutic**. Cf. F. *scorbut*, scurvy, Du. *scheurbuik*, ? for earlier \**scheur-bot*,

lit. rend-bone, with second element assimilated to *buik*, belly; cf. archaic Du. *scheurmond*, scurvy of mouth, *scheurbeen*, scurvy of bones. Prob. a Du. sailors' word adopted by other Europ. langs, e.g. It. *scorbuto*, Ger. *scharbock*. But some authorities regard MedL. *scorbutus* as orig. form and derive it from Russ. *shrebot*, to scrub.

**scorch**. App. altered (by influence of OF. *escorcher*, now *écorchur*, to flay, Late L. *excoricare*, from *cortex*, *cortic-*, bark) from earlier *skorhen*, *skorkle*, cogn. with ON. *skorpin*, shrivelled.

**score**. ON. *skor*, notch, tally, cogn. with *shear*. Oldest sense (11 cent.) is twenty, perh. from counting sheep, etc. orally and notching a stick at each twenty.

**scoria**. G. *σκαρία*, refuse, from *σκάω*, dung.

**scorn**. Earlier *scarn*, OF. *escarnir*, *eschernir*, of Teut. origin; cf. OHG. *skernōn*, obs. Du. *schermen*. Later uses perh. coloured by OF. *escorner* (Mod. *écerner*), to disgrace, lit. unhorn.

**scorpion**. L. *scorpio-n-*, from *scorpius*, G. *σκορπίος*.

**scorzonera**. Plant, "viper's grass."

It. *scorzonera*, from *scorzone*, snake, adder, ? from Late L. *curtio-n-*, snake.

**scot**. Contribution. ON. *shot*, cogn. with *shot* (q.v.). Some senses via *synon.* OF. *escot* (Mod. *écot*), from Teut.; cf. Ger. *schoss*, "scot, cess, tribute" (Ludw.), and *schossfrei*, scot-free.

**Scot**. AS. *Scottas* (pl.), Irishmen, Late L. *Scothi*, *Scoti* (c. 400), of uncertain origin. Irish Gaels settled in N.W. of Great Britain in 6 cent., whence later meaning.

**scotch**. ? AF. \**escoche*, from F. *coche*, "a nock, notch, nick" (Cotg.). This would also explain *scotch*, a support, check (see s-).

**Scotist**. Adherent of John Duns Scotus. See *dunce*.

**scoto-**. From G. *σκότος*, darkness.

**Scott, great**. ? Euph. alteration of *Great God*!

**scoundrel**. ? From AF. *escoundre* (Rymer's *Foedera*), OF. *escondre*, common in sense of evasion, excuse, L. *ex* and *condere*, to hide. For formation cf. *wastrel*.

**scour**<sup>1</sup>. To cleanse. OF. *escurer* (Mod. *écurer*), "to scowre" (Cotg.), from *ex* and OF. *curer*, L. *curare*, to care for; cf. MedL. *scurare*, Du. *schuren*, Ger.

*scheuern* (from OF.). Immediate source may be Du.

**scour<sup>2</sup>.** To move swiftly. App. combined from obs. noun *scour*, rush, onset, ON. *skúr*, storm, shower, and ME. *discoure*, *discure*, discover, used in ME. of reconnoitring. For form cf. *curfew*, and archaic *scomit* for *discomit*. See also *scurry*. Influenced by *scour<sup>1</sup>*. It may also be partly from OF. *escourre*, to run out, the normal E. form of which would have been *scur*. Cf. F. *courir le pays*, to scour the country.

**scourge.** AF. *escorge*, from OF. *escorgree* (Mod. *écorgée*), from *ex* and OF. *corgree*, scourge, VL. \**coriata*, from *corum*, hide.

**scouse** [naut.]. For earlier *lobscouse* (see *lob*). ? *Scouse* from *couscous* (q.v.).

**scout<sup>1</sup>.** Watchman. Orig. act of spying, reconnoitring. OF. *escoute* (Mod. *écoute*), from *écouter*, to listen, VL. \**excultare* for *auscultare*.

**scout<sup>2</sup>.** To reject with scorn (from c. 1700), ? ident. with *scout*, to deride, taunt (*Temp.* III. 2). It. *scuotere*, to shake, L. *excutere*, satisfies both senses, if we suppose that Shaks. *scout* had the sense of F. *berner*, "to flout" (Cotg.); lit. to toss in a blanket. It. *scuotere* is used in sense of disregarding, making light of (punishment).

**scow.** Flat-bottomed boat. Du. *schouw*, earlier *schoude*, cogn. with LG. *schalde*, punt-pole.

**scowl.** Of Scand. origin; cf. *synon*. Dan. *skule*; ult. cogn. with AS. *sceolh*, ON. *skjalgr*, oblique, used as in Ger. *scheel ansehen*, to look askance, scowl at.

**scrabble.** Du. *schrabbelen*, frequent. of *schrabben*, to scrape, scratch.

**scrag.** Lean individual (whence *scraggy*), neck of mutton. For earlier *crag*, in both senses, the lean person perh. being likened to the neck of mutton. See *craw*. Cf. to *scrag*, throttle, orig. to hang.

**scramble.** ? Altered, by influence of *scrabble*, in sense of clawing, from earlier *scamble* in same sense. *Scramble* and *scamble* are used early (16 cent.) both of clambering and of struggling for money.

**scran** [slang]. Broken victuals, "grub." ? Cogn. with *scrammel*. Hence Anglo-Ir. *bad scran* to.

**scrammel.** Lean, meagre (*Lycidas*, 124).

? Cf. Norw. *skran*, lean, shrivelled, ON. *skrælma*, to shrivel.

**scrap<sup>1</sup>.** Fragment. ON. *skrap*, cogn. with *scrape*.

**scrap<sup>2</sup>.** Fight, orig. nefarious scheme (cant). App. from *scrape*.

**scrape.** AS. *scrapian* or ON. *skrapa*; cogn. with Du. *schrapen*, Ger. *schroffen*, earlier *schrepfen* (from LG.), and ult. with *sharp*. See also *scrap<sup>1,2</sup>*.

**scratch.** Combination of earlier *scrat* (still in dial.) and *cratch*; cf. Sw. *krata*, Ger. *kratzen*, Du. *krassen* (earlier *kratsen*), all from a Teut. root which appears in F. *gratter*, to scratch (*grate<sup>2</sup>*). For *scrat* see *s-* and cf. *scrag*.

**Scratch, Old.** The devil. Altered (cf. *scratch*) from earlier *Scrat*, ON. *skratte*, goblin, monster.

**scrawl<sup>1</sup>.** To write badly. App. a new sense given to ME. *scrawl*, var. of *crawl*, by association with *scribble*, *scribble*, *scroll*. See *s-*.

**scrawl<sup>2</sup>** [Lanc.]. Small crab (Tennyson, *Sailor Boy*). ? Cf. OF. *escrouelle*, "a little shrimp-resembling worme" (Cotg.), which is prob. cogn. with *scrawl<sup>1</sup>* and ult. with *crab<sup>1</sup>*.

**scream.** Imit.; cf. *screech*, *shreek*.

**scree** [north]. ON. *skriða*, land-slip, cogn. with AS. *scrīðan*, to glide, Ger. *schreiten*, to stride. Back-formation from pl. *scree(th)es*, in which consonant is lost as in *clo(th)es* (cf. *old clo'*).

**screech.** Earlier *scritch*. Imit.; cf. *scream*, *shreek*; also ON. *skrækja*.

**screed.** Northern var. of *shred*. Current sense perh. partly due to obs. *screet*, writing, list, Port. *scritto*.

**screen.** OF. *escren* (Mod. *écran*), OHG. *scerm* (Mod. *schirm*). For *screen*, sieve, cf. double sense of ME. *riddle* (sieve, curtain), the common idea being that of separation.

**screever** [slang]. Pavement artist. From East End *screeve*, to write, ? It. *scrivere*, L. *scribere*. Cf. *scriving-board*, for plan of vessel (ship-building).

**screw.** OF. *escroue* (Mod. *écrou*, female screw, nut); cogn. with Du. *schroef* (earlier *schruwe*), Ger. *schraube* (MHG. *schrube*), all supposed by some authorities to come from L. *scrofa*, sow, used fig. of mech. appliance. Cf. Sp. *puerca*, female screw, L. *porca*, sow. Senses of inferior horse and salary are both 19 cent. slang of obscure origin (? for former cf. *rip<sup>2</sup>*).

**scribble.** MedL. *scribillare*, from L.

*scribere*, to write; cf. OHG. *scribilōn*, F. *écrivait*.

**scribe**. L. *scriba*, from *scribere*, to write, orig. to scratch (cf. *write*).

**scrim**. Upholstery lining. Origin unknown.

**scrimmage**. Alteration of obs. *scrimush*, for *skirmish* (q.v.). In football sense earlier *scrummage*, whence *scrum*.

**scrimp**. Cf. Dan Sw. *skrumpen*, shrivelled, Ger. *schrumpfen*, to shrivel (MHG. *schrumpfen*); ult. cogn. with AS. *scrimman*, to be paralysed, shrink.

**scrimshaw**. Naut. slang for small objects, ornaments, etc., made by sailors. Also *scrimshander*. Cf. mil. slang *scrimshanker*, shirker. Origin unknown.

**scrip**<sup>1</sup> [archaic]. Wallet. OF. *escrêpe*, ON. *skreppa* (see *scarf*<sup>1</sup>). Immediate source of E. word is MedL. *scrippum*.

**scrip**<sup>2</sup>. Paper securities. Short for *subscription* (*receipt*); cf. *tec. flu.*

**script**. L. *scriptum*, from *scribere*, to write. Cf. *scriptorium*, MedL. for writing-room of monastery, etc.

**scripture**. L. *scriptura*, writing (v.s.).

**scribe**. See *screever*.

**scrivello** [WAfr.]. Elephant's tusk under 20 lb. Port. *escrevelho*, ? var. of *escaravelho*, pin, peg.

**scrivener**. Lengthened from obs. *scrivain*, OF. *escrivain* (Mod. *écrivain*), Late L. *scribanus*, scribe.

**scrobi-**. From L. *scrobis*, trench.

**scrofula**. From Late L. pl. *scrofulae*, dim. of *scrofa*, sow, supposed to be subject to the disease.

**scroll**. Earlier *scrowle*, lengthened from obs. *scrow*, list, etc., OF. *escrou* (Mod. *écrou*, prison register), from L. *scrobis*, trench, also female pudendum, ? whence sense of parchment made from uterine membrane (cf. *matriculate*). Form is due to analogy with *rowle*, roll.

**scrooge**. See *scrouge*.

**scroop**. To creak, grate. Imit., after *scrape*.

**scrotum** [anat.]. L., ? ident. with *scortum*, hide, skin.

**scrouge**, **scrounge**, **scrooge** [slang]. To push, jostle. Earlier *scriuze* (Spens.), perh. suggested by *screw* and *squeeze*. Pegge (*Anecdotes*) gives it as cockneyism for *crowd* (cf. Mrs. Gamp's *scroud*). In mod. mil. slang, to acquire unlawfully.

**scrub**<sup>1</sup>. Noun. Var. of *shrub*.

**scrub**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. Obs. Du. *schrubben*. Orig. a naut. word borrowed in 16

cent., but also found (once) in ME. (with var. *shrub*) in sense of currying a horse. Analogy of *brush*, *broom*, suggests ult. connection with *scrub*<sup>1</sup>.

**scruff**. Altered from earlier *scuff*, *scuft*, cogn. with ON. *skopt*, Goth. *skuft*, hair, Ger. *schopf*.

**scrummage**. See *scrimmage*.

**scrimp**. Something shrivelled; cf. *scrimp*.

**scrumptious**. Orig. US., fastidious, ripping. ? Ident. with dial. *scrump-hous*, stungy (see *scrimp*), with current sense influenced by *sumptuous*.

**scrunch**. Intens. of *crunch*. See *s-*.

**scruple**. L. *scrupulus*, *scripulus* (dim. of *scrupus*, sharp stone), small weight, orig. pebble, "a little sharpe stone falling sometime into a mans shooe" (Coop.). Sense of compunction is from fig. sense of cause of uneasiness (Cic.).

**scrutiny**. Late L. *scrutinium*, from *scrutari*, to examine closely. Cf. OHG. *scruton*, to examine, and L. *scruta*, rubbish, perh. cogn. with *shred*.

**scry** [spiri.]. To see objects (in crystal, etc.). Aphet. for *descry*.

**scud**. Orig. of the running of a hare. This fact, and existence of synon. dial. *scut*, to scuttle, point to connection with *scut* (q.v.), which had in ME. the meaning hare.

**scudo**. Coin. It. *scudo*, lit. shield, L. *scutum*; cf. OF. *escu* (Mod. *écu*), crown-piece.

**scuffle**. Cf. Sw. *skuffa*, to push, and E. dial. *scuff*, to brush against, drag the feet; cogn. with *shove*. Cf. *shuffle*.

**scull**. Oar. From 14 cent. Origin unknown.

**scullery**. OF. *escuelerie*, from *escuele*, bowl, dish (Mod. *écuelle*), L. *scutella*, dim. of *scutra*, cogn. with *scutum*, shield.

**scullion** [archaic]. Not orig. connected with *scullery*, but app. a composite from F. *souillon*, scullion, orig. dish-clout, "swab," from *souiller*, to soil<sup>2</sup> (q.v.), and OF. *escouillon* (Mod. *écouvillon*), oven-brush, mop, etc., dim. from L. *scopa*, broom.

**sculpin**. Small spiny fish. Corrupt. of Sp. *escorpina*, L. *scorpaena*, cogn. with *scorpion*.

**sculpture**. L. *sculptura*, from *sculpere*, *sculpt-*, to carve, cogn. with *scalpere*, to cut.

**scum**. Orig. foam, froth. Of LG. origin; cf. Du. *schuim*, Ger. *schaum* (OHG. *scūm*), as in *meerschäum*; also,

from Teut., OF. *escume* (Mod. *écume*), which may be one source of E. word. Cf. *skim*.

**scumble** [*paint*]. To soften effect by a film of more opaque colour. From *scum*.

**scuncheon** [*arch.*]. Also *scunch*, *squunch*. OF. *escousson* (Mod. *écousson*), "a scunche; the backe part of the jaumbe of a window" (Cotg.), from *coin*, corner, wedge.

**scupper**<sup>1</sup> [*naut.*]. First in *scupper-nail*, *scupper-leather* (15 cent.). Connection with *scoop* (q.v.) seems likely. Or it may be an altered use of OF. *escubier* (Mod. *écubier*), hawse-hole.

**scupper**<sup>2</sup> [*mil. slang*]. To surprise and massacre. Also *cooper*. Origin unknown.

**scurf**. Late AS. *scurf*, altered under Scand. influence from *sceorf*, *scruf*; cf. Sw. *skorv*, Dan. *skurv*; cogn. with Du. *schurft*, Ger. *schorft*, and ult. with *scarf-skin*.

**scurrilous**. From L. *scurrilis*, from *scurra*, buffoon.

**scurry**. Back-formation from *hurry-scurry*, redupl. on *hurry* (q.v.). Perh. partly suggested by *scour*<sup>2</sup>.

**scurvy**. First as adj. From *scurf*. For fig. senses cf. *shabby*, lit. *scabby*. As name of disease (see *scorbutic*) it varies in 16 cent. with *scorbute*, *scurby*, *scorby*, etc., regarded by sailors as a "scurvy" disease.

**scut**. Tail of hare. App. ME. *scut*, short, short garment, hare. ? Ult. cogn. with *short* and *skirt*.

**scutage** [*hist.*]. MedL. *scutagium*, from *scutum*, shield.

**scutch**. To beat (flax, etc.). OF. \**escoucher*, whence *escouche* (Mod. *écouche*), scutching instrument, VL. \**excuiticare*, from *cuitis*, skin.

**scutcheon**. Aphet. for *escutcheon* (q.v.).

**scutell** [*biol.*]. From L. *scutella*, little dish, dim. of *scutra*, but used in scient. lang. as though from *scutum*, shield.

**scuti**. From L. *scutum*, shield.

**scutter**. Mod. alteration of *scuttle*<sup>3</sup>.

**scuttle**<sup>1</sup>. Receptacle. AS. *scutel*, L. *scutella*, dish (see *scullery*).

**scuttle**<sup>2</sup> [*naut.*]. OF. *escoutille* (Mod. *écoutille*), hatchway, orig. the lid of the hatchway. ? From Du. *schutten*, to shut (cf. E. dial. *shuttle*, part of flood-gate). Later sense is square hole, in hatchway or elsewhere, whence to *scuttle* (a ship).

**scuttle**<sup>3</sup>. To make off. Also *scuddle*, frequent. of *scud* (q.v.).

**scye** [*tailoring*]. Armhole. Sc. & Ulster dial. word. Origin unknown.

**Scylla**. Rock on It. side of Straits of Messina, opposite whirlpool of Charybdis.

**scyphi**, **scypho**-. From G. *σκύφος*, cup.

**scythe**. Earlier *sithe*, AS *sithe*, for \**sigthi*, cogn. with ON. *sigthr*, and ult. with Du. *zeis*, Ger. *sense*, and L. *secare*, to cut.

**Scythian**. From G. *Σκυθία*, part of Russia orig. inhabited by nomad race.

**se**-. OL. *se*, *sed*, without, apart, prob. cogn. with *se*, self, thus *sednto*=going for oneself, on one's own.

**sea**. AS. *sæ*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *see*, lake, sea, ON. *sæ*, Goth. *sauns*, sea, marsh.

**seal**<sup>1</sup>. Animal. AS. *seolh*, *sēol*-. Com. Teut.; cf. archaic Du. *zele*, OHG. *selah*, ON. *selr*.

**seal**<sup>2</sup>. Imprint. OF. *seel* (Mod. *sceau*), Late L. *sigillum*, engraved figure, dim. of *signum*, sign.

**sealyham**. Terrier. From *Sealyham*, seat of Edwards family, near Haverfordwest.

**seam**. AS. *sēam*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *zoom*, Ger. *saum*, ON. *saumr*; cogn. with *sew*, L. *suere*, Sanskrit *syūman*, seam.

**séance**. F. *séance*, from archaic *seor*, to sit, L. *sedere*.

**sear**<sup>1</sup>. To burn. AS. *sēarnan*, from *sēar*, dry, sere (q.v.).

**sear**<sup>2</sup>. Part of gun-lock controlling trigger. F. *serre*, talon, in OF. part of lock, from *server*, to grasp, Late L. *serare*, from *sera*, bolt.

**search**. OF. *cerchier* (Mod. *chercher*, by assim.), Late L. *circare*, from *circa*, around.

**season**. F. *saison*, L. *satio-n*-, sowing, in VL. seed-time, from *serere*, *sāt*, to sow; cf. It. dial. *sason*, Sp. *sazón*. This is the accepted etym.; but it seems possible that the origin is rather VL. \**satio-n*-, dissim. of *statio-n*-, station, whence It. *stagione*, season.

**seat**. ON. *sēth*. Com. Teut.; cf. rare AS *gesæt*, Du. *gezeet*, Ger. *gesäss*; cogn. with *sit* (q.v.).

**sebaceous** [*biol.*]. From L. *sebaceus*, from *sebum*, tallow.

**sebesten**. Fruit. Arab. *sabastān*, Pers. *sapistān*, ? for *sag-pistān*, dog's teats.

**secant** [*math.*]. From pres. part. of L. *secare*, to cut.

**seccotine**. Coined from It. *secco*, dry, L. *siccus*.

**secede.** L. *secedere*, to go apart.  
**secern.** L. *secernere*, to separate away.  
**seclude.** L. *secludere*, from *claudere*, to shut  
**second.** F. *second*, L. *secundus*, from *sequi*, *secu-*, to follow. As noun for MedL. *secunda minuta*, lit. second minute, i.e. further subdivision.  
**secret.** L. *secretus*, p.p. of *secernere*, to separate. Hence *secretary*, F. *secrétaire*, MedL. *secretarius*, confidential agent. Etym. sense appears in med. *secretion*, separation.  
**sect.** F. *secte*, L. *secta*, from *sequi*, to follow, with sense influenced by a supposed connection with *secare*, to cut (cf. *schism*). See also *set*<sup>2</sup>, *suit-e*.  
**section.** L. *sectio-n-*, from *secare*, *sect-*, to cut.  
**sector.** L., cutter (v.s.).  
**secular.** OF. *seculer* (Mod. *seculier*), L. *saecularis*, from *saeculum*, century, used in Church L. for this world as contrasted with eternity.  
**secure.** L. *securus*, remote from care, *cura*.  
**securi-** From L. *securis*, axe, from *secare*, to cut.  
**sedan.** Popularized by Sir Sanders Duncombe, who secured a monopoly for them (1634). He may have coined the word from It. *sedere*, to sit.  
**sedate.** L. *sedatus*, p.p. of *sedare*, to settle, set, allay, causal of *sedere*, to sit.  
**sedentary.** L. *sedentarius*, from pres. part. of L. *sedere*, to sit.  
**sederunt.** Sitting, meeting. L., (they) sat (v.s.).  
**sedge.** AS. *secg*, ident. with rare *secg*, sword, cogn. with *saw*<sup>1</sup> and L. *secare*, to cut.  
**sedile** [arch.]. L., from *sedere*, to sit. Usu. in pl. *sedilia*.  
**sediment.** L. *sedimentum*, from *sedere*, to sit, settle.  
**sedition.** L. *seditiō-n-*, from *se(d)-* (q.v.) and *ire*, to go.  
**seduce.** L. *seducere*, to lead away.  
**sedulous.** From L. *sedulus*, from adv. *sedulo*, honestly, OL. *se dolo*, without guile.  
**sedum.** L., house-leek, with var. *sadum*. Prob. not a L. word.  
**see**<sup>1</sup>. Verb. AS. *seon*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *zien*, Ger. *sehen*, ON. *sjá*, Goth. *saihwān*.  
**see**<sup>2</sup>. Noun. OF. *sie*, VL. \**sedes* (for *sēdes*), from *sedere*, to sit.  
**seed.** AS. *sēd*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *zaad*, Ger. *saat*, ON. *sáih*, Goth. *sēths*

(in *manasēths*, mankind); cogn. with *sow*<sup>2</sup> (q.v.).  
**seedy-boy, sidi-boy** [Anglo-Ind.]. Negro. Ironic use of Urdu *sīd*, Arab. *sayyid*, my lord (see *Cid*).  
**seek.** AS. *sēcan*, past *sōhte*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *zoeken*, Ger. *suchen*, ON. *sēkja*, Goth. *sōkjan*; cogn. with L. *sagire*, to scent out, G. *ῥυεῖσθαι*, to lead.  
**seem.** ON. *sōma*, from *sōmr*, fitting, seemly, cogn. with AS. *sēman*, to reconcile, and with *same*. Orig. sense survives in *beseem*, *seemly*. Later senses may have been influenced by obs. *semble*, F. *sembler*, L. *simulare*, from *simul*, together.  
**seep** [dial. & US.]. To ooze. Cogn. with *sip*.  
**seer**<sup>1</sup>. From *see*<sup>1</sup>. Cf. *sightseer*.  
**seersucker.** Fabric. Corrupt. of Pers. *shir u shakkār*, milk and sugar, striped garment.  
**see-saw.** Redupl. on *saw*<sup>1</sup>. Jingle sung by children imitating sawyers at work. Cf. synon. Du. *ziegezagen*.  
**seethe.** AS. *sēoþan*, to boil. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *zieden*, Ger. *sieden*, ON. *sīðtha*; cogn. with Goth. *sauþs*, sacrifice.  
**segar.** Earliest E. spelling of *cigar*.  
**segment.** L. *segmentum*, for \**semen-tum*, from *secare*, to cut.  
**segregate.** From L. *segregare*, to remove from the flock, *grex*, *greg-*.  
**seguidilla.** Dance. Sp. *seguidilla*, from *seguida*, sequence, from *seguir*, to follow, VL. \**sequire*, for *sequi*.  
**seid.** See *sayyid*, *Cid*.  
**seidlitz powder.** Possessing properties like those of medicinal spring at Seidlitz, Bohemia.  
**seigneur.** F. *seigneur*, lord, L. *senior-em*, elder. Hence also hist. E. *seignior*.  
**seine.** Net. AS. *seigne* or F. *seine*, L. *sagena*, G. *σαγήνη*.  
**seisin** [hist.]. Possession. F. *saisine*, from *saisir*, to seize.  
**seismic.** From G. *σεισμός*, earthquake, from *σειν*, to shake.  
**seize.** F. *saisir*, Frankish L. *sacire*, to put (into possession), prob. Teut. \**saijan*, to set.  
**selachian** [zool.]. Of the shark, G. *σέλαχος*.  
**selah** [Bibl.]. Heb., supposed to be a musical or liturgical direction.  
**seldom.** AS. *seldan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *zelden*, Ger. *sellen*, ON. *sjalðan*; cogn. with Ger. *seltam*, strange, rare, Goth. *sīðalerks*, wonderful.

**select.** From *L. seligere, select-*, from *legere*, to pick, choose.

**selen-, seleno-.** From *G. σελήνη*, moon.

**Seleucid** [*hist.*]. Of dynasty founded (312 B.C.) in Syria by *Seleucus Nicator*, general of Alexander.

**self.** AS. *self*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *zelf*, Ger. *selb*, ON. *sialfr*, Goth. *silba*.

**Seljuk** [*hist.*]. Name of reputed founder of certain Turk. dynasties (11-13 cents.).

**sell.** AS. *sellan*, to give up, sell. Com. Teut.; cf. OSax. *sellian*, to give, OHG. *sellen*, to deliver up, ON. *selja*, to give up, sell, Goth. *saljan*, to offer (sacrifice); all from the Teut. noun which appears in E. *sale*.

**sellender.** See *sallender*.

**seltzer.** Altered from Ger. *selterser*, from *Selters*, village in Hesse-Nassau with mineral spring.

**selvage.** For *self-edge*, after archaic Du. *selfegge*; cf. Ger. *salband*, for *selbende*, self end. Hence naut. *selvagee*.

**semantic** [*ling.*]. *G. σηματικός*, significant, from *σημαίνειν*, to show. *Semasiology*, from *G. σημασία*, signification, and *sematology*, from *σημα*, *σημαρ*, sign, were used earlier in similar sense.

**semaphore.** *F. sémaphore*, from *G. σημα* (v.s.).

**semblance.** Archaic *F. semblance*, from *sembler*, to seem, *L. simulare*, from *simul*, together.

**semeiology, semiology.** Science of sign, *G. σημαίον*.

**semester.** Univ. half-year. Ger. *semester*, *L. semestris (cursus)*, six months (course), from *sex* and *mensis*.

**semi-.** *L.*, half, cogn. with *G. ήμι-*, Sanskrit *sām-*, AS. *sām-* (see *sand-blind*), OHG. *sām-*.

**seminal.** *L. seminalis*, from *semen*, *semin-*, seed, from root of *serere*, to sow.

**seminar.** Ger., seminary.

**seminary.** *L. seminarium*, seed-plot, also fig.

**semeiology.** See *semeiology*.

**Semitic** [*ling.*]. From *Shem*, eldest son of Noah. Cf. *Hamitic, Japhetic*.

**semolina.** From It. *semolino*, from *semola*, bran, *L. simila*, wheat-meal.

**semper-.** *L. semper* (v.i.).

**sempiternal.** Med. *L. sempiternalis*, from *L. sempiternus*, from *semper*, always, with ending as in *aeternus*.

**sempstress.** Double fem. (-ster, -ess), from (verb) *seam*.

**senary.** *L. senarius*, from *seni*, distrib. of *sex*, six.

**senate.** *L. senatus*, lit. council of old men, from *senex*, old.

**send.** AS. *sendan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *zenden*, Ger. *senden*, ON. *senda*, Goth. *sandjan*; all causals of a lost Teut. verb meaning to go; cf. AS. *sith*, Goth. *sinths*, journey.

**sendal** [*archaic*]. Fabric. OF. *cendal*, ult. from *G. σινδών*, fine linen, lit. stuff of India (q.v.).

**senecio.** Plant. From *L. senex*, old man.

**senescent.** From pres. part. of *L. senescere*, from *senex*, old.

**seneschal.** OF. *seneschal* (Mod. *sénéchal*), of Teut. origin, with second element as in *marshal* (q.v.), and first cogn. with *L. senex*, old. Cf. Goth. *sinista*, eldest.

**senhor.** Port., see *senior*.

**senile.** *L. senilis*, from *senex*, old.

**senior.** *L. senior*, compar. of *senex*, old; cogn. with archaic *G. ένος*, Gael. Ir. *sean*, Sanskrit *sana*, and with *seneschal, sennachie*. Hence titles of respect, *F. sire, sieur, seigneur*, It. *signor*, Sp. *señor*, Port. *senhor*, with their derivatives.

**senna.** Arab *sanā*.

**sennachie** [*Sc.*]. Gaelic teller of tradition. Gael. *seanachaidh*, from *sean*, old (see *senior*). Cf. Gaulish name *Seneca*.

**sennight** [*archaic*]. For *seven night*. Cf. *fortnight*.

**sennit, sinner, cinet** [*naut.*]. Plait. Explained as *seven knot*, but Capt. John Smith defines it as of two, four, six, eight, or nine strings, and Cotg. as of three.

**Senonian** [*geol.*]. From the *Senones*, Gaulish tribe.

**señor.** Sp., see *senior*.

**Senoussi.** See *Senussi*.

**sense.** *F. sens*, *L. sensus*, from *sentire*, *sens-*, to feel; ult. cogn. with *send* and with Ger. *sinn*, sense. From Late *L. sensatus*, gifted with sense, comes *sensation-al-ism*. *Sensual-ity* is from Late *L. sensualis*. *Sensuous* was coined by Milton.

**sentence.** *F. sentence*, *L. sententia*, opinion, from *sentire*, to feel (v.s.). *Sententious* is *F. sententieux*, "sententious, grave, wise, pithy, instructive" (Cotg.).

**sentient.** From pres. part. *L. sentire*, to feel (v.s.).

**sentiment.** *F. sentiment*, from *sentir*, to feel, *L. sentire*.

**sentinel.** F. *sentinelle* (f.), It. *sentinella*. OF. *sentinelle* also meant sentry-box, and I take orig. It word to be a dim. of *sentina*, latrine, used as nickname for sentry-box on rampart. This may seem fantastic, but those acquainted with medieval architecture are aware that the external latrine is not, to the amateur eye, distinguishable from a sentry-box. OF. also has *sentinelle*, sink, jakes.

**sentry.** Quite unconnected with *sentinel*. It is the popular form of *sanctuary*, as in *sentry-fields*, common in dial. for Church fields. The order of senses is sanctuary, place of safety, shelter for watchman, watchman; cf. F. *guérite*, sentry-box (see *garret*), in OF. sanctuary, refuge (from *guérir*, to save), which would now also prob. mean sentry, if *sentinelle* had not been introduced from It.

**Senussi, Senoussi.** Mohammedan sect and league (NAfr), named from founder, born in Algeria (c. 1800).

**sepal** [bot.]. F. *sépale*, ModL. *sepalum*, coined (on *petalum*) from G. σκέπη, covering.

**separate.** From L. *separare*, from *se-* (q.v.) and *parare*, to make ready.

**Sephardi.** Sp. or Port. Jew. From *Sepharad* (*Obad.* 20), identified by rabbis with Spain.

**sephiroth.** The ten divine emanations in the cabbala. Heb., from *sāphar*, to number.

**sepia.** G. σηπία, cuttle-fish.

**sepoy.** Port. *sipae*, Urdu, Pers. *sipāhī*, horseman, soldier, from *sipāh*, army.

**sept** [antiq.]. Division of Ir. clan. Artificial spelling of *sect*.

**September.** L., from *septem*, seven.

**septenary.** L. *septenarius*, from *septeni*, distrib. of *septem*, seven (q.v.).

**septennial.** From L. *septennium*, space of seven years.

**septentrional.** L. *septentrionalis*, from *septem-triones*, orig. *septem triones*, seven plough-oxen, the Great Bear.

**septic.** G. σηπτικός, from *σήπew*, to putrefy.

**septillion.** F., from *sept*, seven, after *million*, etc.

**septuagenarian.** From L. *septuagenarius*, from *septuagēni*, distrib. of *septuaginta*, seventy.

**Septuagesima.** L., seventieth (sc. *dies*).

**Septuagint.** L. *septuaginta*, seventy, from the tradition that the G. version of the OT. was the work of 72 Jews

of Palestine who completed the task in 70 days. Abbrev. LXXX.

**septum** [scient.]. Partition. L., from *saepire*, to enclose, from *saepes*, hedge.

**sepulchre.** F. *sépulcre*, L. *sepulcrum*, from *sepelire*, *sepult-*, to bury.

**sequacious.** From L. *sequax*, *sequac-*, from *sequi*, to follow.

**sequel.** F. *séquelle*, series, L. *sequela*, from *sequi*, to follow.

**sequela** [med.]. After-result. L. (v.s.)

**sequence.** F. *séquence*, Late L. *sequētia*, from *sequi* (v.s.).

**sequester.** Late L. *sequestrare*, to separate, put in safe keeping, from *sequestor*, mediator, third person called in as umpire, from *sequi*, to follow (cf. *arbiter*).

**sequin** [hist.]. F. *sequin*, It. *zecchino*, from *zecca*, mint, Arab. *sikkah*, coining die.

**sequoia.** Tree, wellingtonia. Named after *Sequoyar*, a Cherokee Indian. Cf. *quassia*.

**serac** [Alp.]. Ice-tower on glacier. Swiss F. *serac*, kind of cheese. From shape.

**seraglio.** It. *serraglio*, inclosure, cloister, etc., from L. *sera*, lock; erron. used, owing to superficial resemblance of form and sense, to render *serax* (q.v.)

**serai.** Turk. *serāī*, orig. Pers., lodging, residence, palace. Esp. of Sultan's palace at Constantinople.

**serang** [Anglo-Ind.]. Lascar boatswain. Pers. *sarhang*, commander.

**serape.** Shawl. Mex. Sp.

**seraph.** Heb. *sārāph*, regarded by some as ident. with *sārāph*, serpent, used in apposition with *nāhāsh*, serpent (*Numb.* xxi., *Deut.* vii.).

**seraskier.** Turk. pronunc. of Pers. *ser'asker*, from *sar*, head, *'askar*, army. Cf. *sivdar*, *askari*.

**Serbonian bog.** Milton's name (*Par.* L. ii. 592) for *Lake Serbonia* (Egypt), G. *Σερβωνίς* (λίμνη).

**sere**<sup>1</sup>. Adj. AS. *sēar*, dry, withered; cogn. with Du. *zoor*.

**sere**<sup>2</sup>. See *sear*<sup>2</sup>.

**serenade.** F. *sérénade*, It. *serenata*, from *sereno*, the open air, lit. serene. App. associated with *sera*, evening, from L. *serus*, late (whence F. *sour*). Cf. *aubade*.

**serendipity.** Gift for finding one thing when looking for another. Coined by Horace Walpole from fairy story of *Three Princes of Serendip*, i.e. Ceylon.

**serene.** L. *serenus*.

- serf.** F. *serf*, L. *servus*, slave, orig. (cattle) keeper, from *servare*, to preserve.
- serge.** F. *serge*, L. *serica* (sc. *lana*), from the *Seres*, G. Σήπες, prob. the Chinese (see *silk*).
- sergeant, serjeant.** F. *sergent*, L. *serviens*, *servient-*, pres. part. of *servire*, to serve.
- sericulture.** Production of raw silk. Altered from F. *sericiculture* (see *serge, silk*).
- series.** L. *series*, from *severe*, to join, connect, cogn. with G. εἶREW, to bind. *Serratim* is MedL. (after *gradatim*).
- serif.** See *ceriph*.
- serin.** Bird of canary tribe. F. *serin*, ? VL. \**citrinus*, lemon-coloured.
- Serindia** [geog.]. Western China and Central Asia. Coined (on *India*) from L. *Seres* (see *serge*).
- seringa.** Shrub. Port. *seringa*, L. *syringa* (q.v.).
- serious.** F. *sérieux*, MedL. *seriosus*, from L. *serius*, orig. heavy; cogn. with Ger *schwer*.
- serjeant.** See *sergeant*.
- sermon.** F. *sermon*, L. *sermo-n-*, discourse.
- sero-.** From *serum* (q.v.).
- serotinous** [bot.]. Late-flowering. From L. *serotinus*, from *sero*, adv. of *serus*, late.
- serous.** See *serum*.
- serow.** Antelope. Native name (N.W. Himalayas).
- serpent.** F. *serpent*, L. *serpens*, *serpent-*, pres. part. of *serpere*, to creep, cogn. with G. ἑρπεύω, Sanskrit *srp-*, ? and with *reptile*. With *serpentine* (rock) cf. *ophite*.
- serpiginous** [med.]. Of ringworm, MedL. *serpigo*, from *serpere*, to creep (v.s.).
- serpula.** Marine annelid. L., small serpent.
- serra.** Port for *sierra* (q.v.).
- serrated.** From L. *serratus*, from *serra*, saw.
- serrefile** [mil.]. F., rear soldier of file, lit. lock file.
- serried.** From obs. *serry*, from F. *server*, to lock, from L. *sera*, bolt, bar.
- serum** [med.]. L. *serum*, whey, watery fluid, cogn. with synon. G. ὀρός.
- serval.** Afr. bush-cat. F. *serval*, used of Asiatic lynx, Port. (*lobo*) *cerval*, lit. (wolf) hunting deer.
- servant.** F., pres. part. of *servir*, to serve.

- serve.** F. *servir*, L. *servire*, from *servus*, slave, *serf* (q.v.).
- service<sup>1</sup>.** F. *service*, L. *servitium* (v.s.).
- service<sup>2</sup>.** Tree. Orig. *serves*, pl. of obs. *serve*, AS. *syrf*, VL. \**sorbea*, from *sorbus*, L. name of tree.
- serviette.** F., from *servir*, to serve.
- servile.** L. *servilis*, from *servus*, slave.
- Servite.** From MedL. *Servitae*, members of order called *Servi Beatae Mariae* (founded 1233).
- servitor.** Late L., from *servire*, to serve.
- servitude.** Late L. *servitudo*, from *servire* (v.s.).
- sesame.** G. σησαμή, EInd. plant, prob. of Oriental origin; cf. Arab. *simsim*.
- sesqui-.** L., for \**semis que*, a half in addition. Esp. (after Horace) in *sesquipedahan*, from L. *sesquipedalis*, of a foot and a half.
- sess.** See *cess*.
- sessile** [bot.]. L. *sessilis*, sitting down, stunted, from *sedere*, *sess-*, to sit.
- session.** L. *sessio-n-*, from *sedere*, *sess-* (v.s.).
- sesterce** [hist.]. L. *sesterthus* (sc. *nummus*), for *semis tertius* (see *sesqui-*), i.e. two and a half (*asses*). *Sesterthum*, thousand sesterces, is genitive pl. (in *mille sesterthum*) taken as neut. sing.
- setet.** It. *setetto*, from *sesto*, sixth, L. *sextus*.
- setina** [metr.]. It., poem of six-lined stanzas, from *sesto* (v.s.).
- set<sup>1</sup>.** Verb. AS. *settan*, causal of *sit*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *setten*, Ger. *setzen*, ON. *setja*, Goth. *satjan*.
- set<sup>2</sup>.** Noun. As act of setting, from *set<sup>1</sup>*, e.g. in *dead set*, orig. cant for a scheme regarded as certain. But in sense of number, group, it is OF. *sette*, ident. with *sect* (q.v.) and thus ult. with *sui-*. So also with *sett*, an archaic form surviving in various senses, e.g. the paving *sett* is prob. from *set<sup>1</sup>*, but the tennis *sett* is OF. *sette*, sequence.
- setaceous** [biol.]. From L. *seta*, *saeta*, bristle, hair.
- seton** [surg.]. Thread run through skin to keep wound open. F. *seton*, It. *setone*, MedL. *seto-n-*, from *seta* (v.s.).
- sett.** See *set<sup>2</sup>*.
- settee<sup>1</sup>** [naut.]. It. *saetta*, "a very speedie pinnace" (Flor.), L. *sagitta*, arrow.
- settee<sup>2</sup>.** Couch. Unexplained substitution for *settle<sup>1</sup>*.
- setter.** Dog. From *set<sup>1</sup>*.
- setterwort.** Cf. *settergrass*, ME. *satur-*,



- with cogn. LG. & MHG. forms. Origin unknown.
- settle**<sup>1</sup>. Noun. AS. *seil*; cf. Ger. *sessel*, Goth. *sittls*; cogn. with *sit*, *saddle*.
- settle**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. AS. *seilan*, from above; cf. Ger. *siedeln*, to settle (in country).
- setwall**. Plant, orig. drug. AF. *zedewale*, OF. *citoual*, *citouar*, Arab. *zidwār*, from Pers. (see *zedoary*).
- seven**. AS. *seofon*. Aryan; cf. Du. *zeven*, Ger. *sieben*, ON. *sjuu*, Goth. *sibun*, L. *septem*, G. *ērrā*, Sanskrit *sapta*, Gael. *seacht*, Welsh *sauth*, etc.
- sever**. F. *sever* (in ModF. only to wean), VL. \**seperare*, for *separare*, to separate (v.i.).
- several**. OF. *several*, Late L. *separahs*, from *separ*, separate, from *se-* (q.v.) and *par*, equal.
- severe**. L. *severus*, strict, etc., from *se-*, without, and an obscure second element perh. cogn. with ON. *værr*, tranquil, tolerant.
- sèvres**. Porcelain from Sèvres (Seine-et-Oise).
- sew**. AS. *sīwian*, *sēowian*. Com. Teut.; cf. Fris. *sije*, OHG. *siuwan*, ON. *sýja*, Goth. *siujan*; cogn. with L. *suere*, G. *kaosēu*, Sanskrit *siv*, and ult. with *seam*.
- sewer**<sup>1</sup>. Drain. AF. *sewere*, OF. *esseveur*, from *essever*, to drain, VL. \**exaquare*, from *aqua*, water. For form cf. *ewer*.
- sewer**<sup>2</sup> [hist.]. Attendant at table. Aphet. for AF. *asseour*, lit. putter, from F. *asseoir*, L. *assidēre*, from *sedēre*, to sit.
- sewin**<sup>1</sup>. Bull-trout. In Welsh use, but app. not Welsh.
- sewin**<sup>2</sup>. In pheasant-shooting. Corrupt. of obs. *sewel*, *shewel*, scare-crow, cogn. with *shy*<sup>1</sup>. Cf. synonym. Ger. *scheusal*.
- sex**. F. *sexe*, L. *sexus*, ? cogn. with L. *secare*, to cut, divide.
- sexagenarian**. From L. *sexagenarius*, from *sexageni*, distrib. of *sexaginta*, sixty.
- Sexagesima**. L., sixtieth (sc. *dies*).
- sexennial**. From L. *sexennium*, six years.
- sext** [ecc]. L. *sexta* (sc. *hora*), sixth.
- sextant**. L. *sextans*, *sextant*-, sixth part.
- sextet**. Altered (on L. *sex*, six) from *sestet* (q.v.).
- sextile** [astron.]. L. *sextilis*, from *sextus*, sixth.
- sextillion**. After *million*, etc.
- exton**. Contr. of AF. *segerstain*, OF.

- secrestein*, *segrestein*, MedL. *sacris-lanus*, from *sacer*, *sacr*-, holy.
- sextuple**. From L. *sex*, six, after *quintuple*, etc.
- seyd**. See *sayyid*.
- sforzando** [mus.]. It., from *sforzare*, to force, VL. \**exfortiare*.
- sgraffito**. It., as synonym. *graffito* (q.v.); both prob. from G. *γράφειν*, to write.
- sh-**. Exc. for a few foreign words all words in *sh-* are AS., the digraph representing an original *sc-*, which persists in doublets and cognates of Scand. origin.
- sh!** Imposing silence. Usu. written *hush*. Cf. *st!*
- shabby**. From dial. *shab*, AS. *sceabb*, scab (q.v.).
- shabrack** [mil.]. Saddle-cloth. Ger. *schabracke* or F. *schabrique*, of Eastern Europ. origin; cf. Turk. *chābrāq*.
- shack**<sup>1</sup> [dial.]. Person of disreputable appearance. Short for *shackrag* (c. 1600), i.e. shake-rag.
- shack**<sup>2</sup> [US.]. Shanty. ? From Mex. *jacal*, Aztec *xacalli*, wooden hut.
- shackle**. AS. *scacul*, bond, cogn. with ON. *skokull*, pole of wagon; cf. LG. *schakel*, hobble, Du. *schakel*, link of chain.
- shad**. Fish. AS. *sceadd*; cf. Norw. dial. *skada*; also Gael. Ir. *sgadán*, herring.
- shaddock**. EInd. fruit. From *Capt. Shaddock*, who introduced it (17 cent.) into the Windies from the EIndies.
- shade**. AS. *sceadu*, *sceadw-*, whence also *shadow*, the two representing all senses of L. *umbra*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *schaduw*, Ger. *schatten*, Norw. *skodde*, mist, Goth. *skadus*; cogn. with G. *skotos*, darkness, Gael. *sgáth*, Welsh *ysgod*, etc.
- shadoof**. Irrigation machine. Egypt. Arab. *shādūf*.
- shadow**. See *shade*.
- shaft**. AS. *sceaft*, shaft of spear, pole, etc. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *schacht*, Ger. *schaft*, ON. *scapt*; cogn. with L. *scapus*, scape<sup>2</sup>. Sense of cylindrical rod passes into that of cylindrical cavity (*shaft* of mine). For a similar transference of meaning cf. *socket*.
- shag**. Orig. matted hair. AS. *sceaga*, head of hair; cogn. with ON. *shegg*, beard, and with AS. *sceaga*, small wood, shaw; also ult. with *shock*<sup>2</sup>.
- shagreen**. Quasi-phonetic spelling of *chagrin* (q.v.).
- shah**. Pers. *shāh*, shortened from

OPers. *kshāyathrya*, king, cogn. with Sanskrit *kshatṛa*, dominion, G. *κῆσθαι*, to possess.

**Shaitan.** Arab. *shaiṭān*, Heb. *sāṭān*, Satan.

**shake.** AS. *sceacan*, cogn. with ON. *skaka*, LG *schacken*.

**shako.** F. *schako*, Magyar *csáko* (-*süveg*), peaked (cap), from *csák*, peak, Ger. *zacken*, earlier *zacke*, *zack*.

**shale.** AS. *scealu*, scale<sup>1</sup>, shell, as in *stānscahu*, or perh. cogn. Ger. *schale*, as in *schalstein*, laminated limestone.

**shall.** AS. *sceal*, orig. a preterite (cf. *may*, *can*, etc.), with later past tense *sceolde*, whence *should* Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *zal*, Ger. *soll*, ON. Goth. *skal*. Orig. sense of owing (till 15 cent.) appears in AS. *scylð*, Ger. *schuld*, debt, guilt.

**shalloon.** Fabric. Earlier *chalouns* (Chauc.), from *Chalons-sur-Marne* (Marne), a town named from the *Catalauni*.

**shallop.** F. *chaloupe*, Du. *sloep*, sloop (q.v.).

**shallot.** Earlier *eschalot*, OF *eschalotte* (Mod. *échalotte*), variation on *eschalogue*, scallion (q.v.).

**shallow.** Not found in AS, but evidently cogn. with *shoal*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.). The form points to AS. *\*sceal*, *\*scalu-* (cf. *fallow*).

**sham.** ? Originating in mock assumption of *shame*, modesty (so explained by North, 1734). Very doubtful.

**shamanism.** Primitive spiritualistic religion (orig. of Ural-Altaic peoples). From Russ. *shaman*, priest-doctor, a Mongolian word, perh. ult. from Pali *samana*, Buddhist monk, Sanskrit *śramaṇa*.

**shamble<sup>1</sup>.** Noun. Usu. in pl. *shambles*. AS. *sceamel*; cf. archaic Du. *schamel*, Ger. *schemel*, footstool. WGer. loan from L. *scamellum*, dim. of *scamnum*, bench. In E. bench for sale of meat; hence meat-market (as at Notting-ham), butchery.

**shamble<sup>2</sup>.** Verb. Orig. adj., in *shamble legs*, app. from *shamble<sup>1</sup>*. NED compares WFr. *shammels*, lit. *shambles<sup>1</sup>*, used of ill-formed legs (cf. also F. *bancal*, crooked-legged, from *banc*, bench, and US *bench-legged*).

**shame.** AS. *sceamu*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *schamen* (verb), Ger. *scham*, ON. *skomm*, Goth. *skaman* (verb). *Shame-faced* is folk-etym. for *shamefast*.

**shammy.** Leather. Quasi-phonetic spelling of *chamois* (q.v.).

**shampoo.** Orig. a form of massage (Anglo-Ind.). Hind. *shāmpo*, imper of *shāmpnā*, to press.

**shamrock.** Ir. *seamróg*, dim. of *seamar*, clover; cf. Gael. *seamrag*.

**shandrydan.** Also (north-west dial.) *shandry*, *shandry-cart*. Origin unknown.

**shandygaff.** App. first at Oxf. Origin unknown. Cf. Lond. slang *shant*, pot (of beer).

**shanghai** [*naut*]. From *Shanghai*, China. Cf. obs. *barbadose*, to transport to the plantations (in *Barbados*).

**shank.** AS. *sceanca*, leg. WGer.; cf. Flem. *schank*, leg-bone, Ger. dim. *schenkel*, thigh; cogn. with Ger. *schinken*, ham, and prob. with ON. *shakkr*, crooked.

**shanker** [*med.*]. Obs. form of *chancre*.

**shantung.** Silk from *Shan-Tung*, lit. east of the *Heng Shan* (N. China).

**shanty<sup>1</sup>.** Hut. Orig. U.S. & Canada. Corrupt. of F. *chantier*, workshop, used in Canada of woodcutters' forest quarters. Cf. *shantyman*, lumberman, for Canad. F. *homme de chantier* (see *gantry*).

**shanty<sup>2</sup>.** See *chanty*.

**shape.** AS. *gesceap* (noun), *scieppan* (verb). Orig. to create. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *scheppen*, Ger. *schöpfen*, creator, *schaffen*, to create, procure, ON. *sköpja*, Goth. *gaskapjan*; cogn. with *ship*.

**shard<sup>1</sup>, sherd** [*archaeol.*]. AS. *sceard*, cleft, fragment (cf. *potsherd*), from *shear*.

**shard<sup>2</sup>.** Beetle-wing. Ghost-word evolved from *shardborn beetle* (Mach. in. 2), which means born in dung, AS. *scearn*; cf. AS. *scearnbudda*, dung-beetle, whence mod. dial. *shorn-bug*.

**share<sup>1</sup>.** Of plough. AS. *scear*, cogn. with *shear*, *share<sup>2</sup>*. See *scabbard*.

**share<sup>2</sup>.** Portion. AS. *scearn*, cutting, division (v.s.), as in *land-scearn*, boundary; cf. Du. *schaar*, Ger. *schar*, troop, detachment.

**shark.** Orig. greedy parasite. Ger. *schurk(e)*, "a shark, sharper, rook, rake, rogue" (Ludw.), whence also *shirk* (q.v.). The change of vowel is normal (cf. *clerk*, *Derby*). The earliest examples point to the fish having been nicknamed by sailors, from its voracity.

**Sharon, rose of.** See *Song of Sol.* ii. 1. *Sharon* is a fertile strip on the coast of Palestine. The flower is unidentified.

**sharp.** AS. *scearp*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *scherp*, Ger. *scharf*, ON. *skarpr*; cogn. with AS. *scearpian*, to scarify, and ult. with *scrape*.

**sharry** [neol.]. For *sharrybang*, *char à bancs*.

**shasha.** Holy book of Hindus. Sanskrit *sāstra*.

**shatter.** Later var. (14 cent.) of *scatter*, with which it was at first synon. (see *Lycidas*, 5).

**shave.** AS. *sceafan*, to scrape, pare down. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *schaven*, Ger. *schaben*, ON. *skafa*, Goth. *skaban*; cogn. with L. *scabere*, to scratch. With *young shaver*, from fig. to *shave*, steal, swindle, cf. *nipper*.

**shaw**<sup>1</sup> [dial.]. Small wood. AS. *sceaga*, cogn. with *shag* and with ON *skögr*, wood, common in northern place-names (*Bruscoe*, *Ayscough*, etc.).

**shaw**<sup>2</sup> [Sc.]. Potato-haulm. ? Sc. form of *shaw*.

**shawl.** Pers. *shāl*.

**shawm.** ME. *shalmeye*, OF. *chalemie*, var. of OF. *chalemei* (Mod. *chalumeau*), dim. from L. *calamus*, reed (cf. *calumet*); cf. Du. Ger. *schalmer*, from F. Current E. form is back-formation from pl. *shalmys* (cf. *sash*<sup>2</sup>).

**shay.** See *chay*.

**she.** AS. *sō*, *sō*, fem. of def. art. (orig. demonstr. pron.), substituted for AS. pron. *hēo*, which tended to become indistinguishable from masc. The same substitution is found in other langs. (Du. *zy*, Ger. *sie*, G. *ŷ*, etc.).

**shedding.** Division of I. of Man. Var. of *shedding*, from *shed*<sup>1</sup>.

**sheaf.** AS. *scēaf*, sheaf of corn. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *schoof*, Ger. *schaub*, wisp (*schober*, haycock, etc.), ON. *skauf*, fox's brush.

**shealing.** See *shieling*.

**shear.** AS. *scieran*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *scheren*, ON. *skera*. Hence *shears*, scissors, also *share*<sup>1, 2</sup>. See also *sheer*<sup>2</sup>.

**sheat-fish, sheath-fish.** Large freshwater fish. Cf. Ger. *scheiden* (OHG. *schaide*, *scheide*), also *scheidfisch*. ? Cogn. with *shad*.

**sheath.** AS. *scæth*; cf. Du. *scheede*, *schæe*, Ger. *scheide*, ON. *skethir* (pl.); cogn. with *shed*<sup>1</sup>, with idea of separation.

**sheath-fish.** See *sheat-fish*.

**sheave.** Grooved wheel of pulley. Var. of *shive* (q.v.), with orig. sense of disk.

**shebeen** [Anglo-Ir.]. Ir. *sibín*, *sēibín*, lit. little mug. For sense cf. Ger. *krug*, pothouse, lit. mug.

**Shechinah.** See *Shekna*.

**shed**<sup>1</sup>. Verb. AS. *scēadan*, to divide, hence to sprinkle, scatter. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *scheiden*, Goth. *skardan*, to divide, cogn. with G. *axileu*, to split. Orig. sense appears in *watershed* (cf. Ger. *wasserscheide*).

**shed**<sup>2</sup>. Noun. Earlier *shad*, var. of *shade*, in sense of shelter. Current sense is due to influence of earlier *schuddle* (whence dial. *shud*), ult. cogn. with Ger. *schutz*, protection.

**sheen.** Orig. adj. AS. *sciēne*, beautiful, splendid. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *schoon* (see *scone*), Ger. *schon*, Goth. *skoons*; prob. cogn. with *show* (cf. *shapely*, *sightly*).

**sheeny** [slang]. Jew. East End slang. ? From Yiddish pronunc. of Ger. *schön*, beautiful, used in praising wares. (A guess.)

**sheep.** AS. *scēap*, *scēap*. WGer.; cf. Du. *schaap*, Ger. *schaf*. For the Aryan name of the animal see *ewe*.

**sheer**<sup>1</sup>. Adj. Cogn. with dial *shire*, AS. *scīr*, bright, pure. Com. Teut.; cf. OSax. *skīr*, Ger. *schier*, ON. *skīrr*, Goth. *skērs*; ult. cogn. with *shine*. For sense-development cf. *mere*, *pure*. *Sheer*, which has ousted *shire*, is prob. AS. \**scære*, corresponding to ON. *skærr*, cogn. with above.

**sheer**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. Accidental (naut.) spelling of *shear*, to divide, used to indicate a slanting course, esp. in to *sheave off* (Capt. John Smith). A *sheer-hulk* is an old dismasted ship used as platform for mounting *shears*, i.e. a naut. crane of the form of a pair of shears.

**sheet**<sup>1</sup>. Cloth. AS. *scēte*, *scēat*, napkin, winding-sheet. For cognates see *sheet*<sup>2</sup>.

**sheet**<sup>2</sup> [naut.]. AS. *scēata*, synon. with *scēat* (v.s.), and with additional sense of foot of sail, whence app. transferred to the rope. For a similar transfer of sense cf. *shroud*; cf. Du. *shoot*, lap, sailrope, Ger. *schoss*, bosom, lap (LG. *schoie*, sailrope), ON. *skaut*, bosom, skirt, sailrope, Goth. *skauts*, hem of garment. Late ME. had also *shutte*, *shoot*, etc., from LG. Here belongs *sheet-anchor*, earlier (15 cent.) *shute anker*, *ankers called shutte*, though the reason for the name is obscure. It may have been suspended near the sheets (cf. *bow-anchor*, *bower*<sup>2</sup>).

- sheikh.** Arab. *shaiḥh*, lit. old man.
- sheiling.** See *sheling*.
- shekel.** Heb. *sheqel*, from *shāqal*, to weigh.
- Shekinah.** Visible manifestation of God. Late Heb. *shekināh*, from *shākan*, to dwell.
- Sheldonian theatre.** At Oxf., "built (1669) by the munificence of Dr Gilbert Sheldon, Abp. of Canterbury" (Evelyn).
- sheldrake.** App. from dial. (EAngl) *sheld*, *shell*, dappled, pied; cf. Du. *verschillen*, to diversify, from ODu. *skela*, division, ult. cogn. with *skill*.
- shelf.** LG. *schelf*, cogn. with AS *scylf*, as in *stānscylf*, rocky crag, prob. from a Teut. root *skelf-*, to split.
- shell.** AS. *scirell*; cf. Du. *schel*, *schel*, ON *skel*, sea-shell, Goth. *skalja*, tile, and other cognates s.vv. *scale*<sup>1</sup>, *shale*. The school form called the *shell* was orig. held at the shell-shaped end of the school-room at Westminster.
- shellac.** For *shell lac*, rendering F. *lac en écailles*, lac in thin plates. See *lac*<sup>1</sup>, *scale*<sup>2</sup>.
- Shelta** [ling.]. Cryptic Gael. Ir tinkers' lang. Origin of name unknown.
- shelter.** Late 16 cent. ? Evolved from Ger. *schilterhaus*, var. of *schilderhaus*, sentry-box, orig. small wooden structure for sentinel in bad weather (Grimm), from *schilden*, to protect, shield. The date favours Du. or Ger. origin.
- shelty.** Shetland pony. Orkney or Caithness pronunc. of ON. *Hjalti*, Shetlander.
- shelve.** To slope (c. 1600). Connection with *shelf* is not clear.
- Shemitic.** See *Semitic*.
- Sheol** [theol.]. Heb. *sheōl*, the underworld, Hades.
- shepherd.** AS. *scēaphirde*. See *herd*.
- sheraton.** From T. *Sheraton*, cabinet maker (†1806).
- sherbet.** Turk.Pers. *sherbet*, Arab. *sharbat*, from *shariba*, to drink. Cf. *syrup*, *shrub*<sup>2</sup>, *sorbet*.
- sherd.** See *shard*<sup>1</sup>.
- shereef.** Arab. *sharif*, noble, from *sharafa*, to be exalted. Orig. descendant of Mohammed through his daughter Fatima.
- sheriff.** AS. *scīngerēfa*, shire reeve<sup>1</sup> (q.v.).
- sherry.** Back-formation from *sherris*, Sp. (*vino de*) *Xeres*, (wine from) *Xeres* (now *Jerez*), L. (*urbs*) *Caesaris*.
- shew.** See *show*.

- shewbread** [Bibl.]. After Ger. *schaubrot* (Luther), lit. showbread, rendering L. *panes propositionis* (Vulg.).
- shiah.** Branch of Mohammedans (chiefly Pers.) recognizing Ali as successor of Prophet. Arab. *shī'ah*, sect, from *shā'a*, to follow. Hence *shute* Cf. *summite*.
- shibboleth.** Test-word (*Judges* xii 4-6). Heb. *shibbōleth*, ear of corn, rustling stream (both from idea of growth).
- shicer** [slang]. Welsher; also (Austral) unproductive gold-claim. Ger. *schers-er*, caca-tor.
- shield.** AS. *scield*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *schild*, ON. *skjöldr*, Goth. *skildus*.
- shieling, shealing** [dial.]. Shepherd's hut. Dim. of dial. *shiel*, app. from an AS. cognate of ON. *skāle*, whence synon. dial. *scale*.
- shift.** First as verb. AS. *sciftan*, to divide, apportion, arrange. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *schiften*, to divide, Ger. *schichten*, to classify, ON. *skipta*, to divide, change. Current sense, to remove, etc. (whence *shift*, garment), is latest.
- shiite.** See *shiah*.
- shikaree.** Urdu, Pers. *shikāri*, from *shikār*, hunting, sport.
- shillelagh.** Cudgel from wood of *Shillelagh* (Co. Wicklow).
- shillibeer.** Funeral conveyance, formerly also omnibus. From G. *Shillibeer*, coach-proprietor (†1866).
- shilling.** AS. *scilling*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *schelling*, Ger. *schilling*, ON. *skillingr*, Goth. *skillinggs*. Origin uncertain. ? Root \**skel-*, to resound (cf. *chink*<sup>2</sup>), ? root \**skel-*, to divide (cf. Dan. *skillemynt*, change).
- shilly-shally.** Redupl. on *shall* I ?
- shimmer.** AS. *scymrian*, cogn. with *scīman*, to shine, cf. Ger. *schimmern*; ult. cogn. with *shine*<sup>1</sup>.
- shimmy** [dial.]. For *chemise*. ? Hence dance (cf. *chillon*).
- shin.** AS. *scinu*, also *scinbān*, shinbone. WGer., cf. Du. *scheen*(been), Ger. *schien*(bein). Orig. sense perh. edge, plate.
- shindy, shine** [slang]. App. these belong together. Both meant orig. (early 19 cent.) spree, jollification. From *shine*<sup>1</sup> (cf. F. *éclat*, shining, outburst).
- shine**<sup>1</sup>. To gleam. AS. *scīnan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *schijnen*, Ger. *schern*, ON. *skīna*, Goth. *sheinan*. Ult. cogn. with *shimmer*.

**shine**<sup>2</sup>. See *shindy*.

**shingle**<sup>1</sup>. Wooden tile. ME. *scincle*, L. *scindula*, for *scandula*, whence also Ger. *schindel*. Hence verb to *shingle*, (hair), orig. US. (c. 1850).

**shingle**<sup>2</sup>. Stones on beach. Earlier *chingle*, app. of echoic origin (*chink*<sup>2</sup>). Synon. Norw. *singel* is also echoic. Cf. *boulder*, *pebble*.

**shingles** [*med.*]. Corrupt. of MedL. *cingulus*, for *cingulum*, girdle, rendering G. ζώνη, in same sense, the eruption surrounding the body like a belt.

**shintōism**. From *shintō*, native religion of Japan, Chin. *shên tao*, way of the gods.

**ship**. AS. *scip*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *schip*, Ger. *schiff*, ON. Goth. *skip*.

**-ship**. AS. *-scipe*, cogn. with *shape*; cf. Du. *-schip* (see *landscape*), also Du. *-schap*, Ger. *-schaft*, ON. *-skapr*.

**shire**. AS. *scīr*, offic. charge, district; cogn. with OHG. *scīra*, offic. charge.

**shirk**. Var. of *shark* (q.v.). As verb orig. to live as a parasite.

**Shirley poppy**. First grown at *Shirley*, near Croydon, by Rev. W. Wilks.

**shirt**. AS. *scyrte*; cf. Du. *schort*, Ger. *schürze* (MHG. *schurz*), apron, ON. *skyrtla*, shirt, whence E. *skirt*. All cogn. with *short* (q.v.).

**shit**. AS. *\*scītan*, in *besciten* (p.p.). Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *schijten*, Ger. *scheissen*, ON. *skīta*; prob. cogn. with *shed*<sup>1</sup>, in orig. sense of separation (cf. L. *excrementum*, from *excernere*, to separate).

**shittim** [*Bibl.*]. Heb. *shittīm*, pl. of *shittāh*, acacia.

**shive**. Thin bung. AS. *\*scīfe*; cf. Du. *schijf*, Ger. *scherbe*, "any round and flat thing" (Ludw.); cogn. with G. *okoinos*, potter's disk. Also *sheave*.

**shiver**<sup>1</sup>. Splinter. Early ME. *scifre*, cogn. with *shive*, *sheave*, and with Ger. *schiefer*, slate.

**shiver**<sup>2</sup>. To tremble. ME. *cheveren*, *chiveven*, also *chivelen*. Origin unknown.

**shoal**<sup>1</sup>. Shallow. Earlier *sho(a)ld*, *shald*, AS. *sceald* (adj.), cogn. with LG. *schol*, shallow.

**shoal**<sup>2</sup>. Of fish. From 16 cent. A peculiar use of *shoal*<sup>1</sup>, partly suggested by synon. Du. *school*, *school*<sup>2</sup>, which is cogn. with AS. *scolu*, multitude. Cf. F. *banc de sable*, *shoal* of sand, *banc de harengs* (*maquereaux*, *morues*), *shoal* of herring (mackerel, cod).

**shock**<sup>1</sup>. Of corn. ? Orig. some def. number of sheaves. Cf. LG. *schok*, shock of corn, sixty, Du. *schok*, sixty (earlier also shock of corn), Ger. *schock*, sixty, Sw. *skock*, crowd, sixty, Norw. *shok*, sixty, flock.

**shock**<sup>2</sup>. To collide, etc. F. *choquer*. Origin unknown.

**shock**<sup>3</sup>. Of hair. Back-formation from obs. *shock-dog*, app. ident. with myth. *shuck-dog* (Norf.), AS. *scucca*, demon. This is described as shaggy.

**shod**. Old p.p. of to *shoe*.

**shoddy**. Yorks. dial. word of unknown origin.

**shoe**. AS. *scōh*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *schoen* (orig. pl.), Ger. *schuh*, ON. *skōr*, Goth. *skōhs*.

**shoful** [*Yiddish*]. False coin. Ger. *schofel*, worthless, Heb. *shāphāl*, low.

**shog** [*dial.*]. Cf. Du. *schok*, shake, jolt, OHG. *scoc*, oscillation. Cf. *jog*.

**shogun**. Hereditary commander of Jap. army (see *tycoon*). Jap. (*sei-i-tai*) *shōgun*, (barbarian-subduing) chief, N. Chin. *chiang chün*, lead army.

**shoo**. Instinctive. Cf. Ger. *schu*, It. *scioia*.

**shoot**<sup>1</sup>. Verb. AS. *scōtan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *schieten*, Ger. *schossen*, ON. *skjöta*.

**shoot**<sup>2</sup> [*slang*]. Lot. See *shot*.

**shop**. OF. *eschope* (Mod. *échope*), booth, stall (12 cent.), of Teut. origin; cf. AS. *sceoppa*, treasury, Ger. *schopf*, porch.

**shore**<sup>1</sup>. Edge of land. Du. *schor*, earlier *schoor*, "alluvies, terra alluvione aggesta" (Kil.), a LG. word of unknown origin.

**shore**<sup>2</sup>. Prop. Cf. Du. *schoor*, ON. *shortha*; ? cogn. with AS. *scorian*, to project.

**shore**<sup>3</sup> [*dial.*]. For *sewer*<sup>1</sup>.

**short**. AS. *sceort* (cf. OHG. *scurz*), ? VL. *\*excursus*, from *curtus*, short (whence Du. *kort*, Ger. *kurz*). See *shirt*, *skirt*.

**shot**. Missile, act of shooting, etc. AS. *sceot*, *gesceot*, from *shoot*<sup>1</sup>; cf. OSax. *-scot*, Ger. *geschoss*, ON. *shot*. Archaic *shot*, contribution, in to *pay one's shot*, is the same word, AS. *scōotan* having also the sense of contributing; cf. *scot* (q.v.) and Ger. *zuschuss*, "one's scot, part, portion, or quota" (Ludw.). Here belongs slang *whole shoot*, earlier (17 cent.) *whole shot*. A *shotten herring* is one that has shot its spawn.

**should**. See *shall*.

- shoulder.** AS. *sculdor*. WGer.; cf. Du. *schouder*, Ger. *schulter*.
- shout.** ? From an unrecorded AS. cognate of ON. *skúta*, taunt.
- shove.** AS. *scūfan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *schuven*, Ger. *schieben*, ON. *skúfa*, Goth. *afskuban*, to shove off.
- shovel.** AS. *scoft*, from *shove*. ME. also *shoul*. Shovel-board (game) is altered from *shove-board*.
- show, shew.** AS. *scēawian*, to look at. WGer.; cf. synonym. Du. *schouwen*, Ger. *schauen*; ult. cogn. with L. *cavēre*, to beware.
- shower.** AS. *scūr*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *schoer*, Ger. *schauer*, ON. *skūr*, Goth. *skūra* (in *skūra winds*).
- shrapnel.** Invented (c. 1803) by Gen. H. Shrapnel.
- shred.** AS. *scrēad* (in pl. only). WGer.; cf. Du. *schroot*, Ger. *schrot*. See *screeed*.
- shrew.** AS. *scrēawa*, shrew-mouse, reputed to have dangerous powers. Hence applied to a spiteful person. *Shrewd*, for *shrewed* (cf. *dogged*), orig. meant malignant. It is possible that the AS. *scrēawa*, which has no Teut. cognates, is a nickname for the animal (cf. MHG. *schrouwel*, devil). See also *beshrew*.
- shriek.** Imit., cf. *screech* (q.v.); also earlier *screech*, *shrike*.
- shrievalty.** From *shrieve*, obs. var. of *sheriff*.
- shift.** AS. *scift*, from *shrive* (q.v.).
- shrike.** Butcher-bird. From cry; cf. AS. *scric*, *scrēc*, thrush, Norw. *skrike*, jay, ON. *svíkja*.
- shrill.** Imit., cf. Sc. *skirl*, LG. *schrell*.
- shrimp.** Cogn. with *scrimp* and AS. *scrimman*, to shrink.
- shrine.** AS. *scrin*, L. *scrinium*, coffer. Early Com. Teut. loan-word; cf. Du. *schryn*, Ger. *schrein*, ON. *skryn*.
- shrink.** AS. *scrincan*, with Scand. cognates; ult. cogn. with *scrimp*.
- shrive** [archaic]. AS. *scrifan*, to "pre-scribe" penance, L. *scribere*, to write. Com. Teut. loan; cf. Du. *scrijven*, to write, describe, Ger. *schreiben*, to write, ON. *skrifa*, to write, *skripta*, to confess, lay penance. See *scribe*.
- shrivel.** Cf. Sw. dial. *skryvla*, to wrinkle, which is orig. sense of *shrivel*.
- shroud.** AS. *scrūd*, garment, cogn. with *shred*; cf. ON. *skrúth*, fittings, shrouds of ship. For naut. use cf. sense-development of *sheet*<sup>2</sup>.
- Shrovetide.** From *shrive* (q.v.), with ref. to practice of confession before Lent.

- shrub**<sup>1</sup>. Plant. AS. *scrybb*, with LG. & Scand. cognates. Cf. *scrub*<sup>1,2</sup> and see *Salopian*.
- shrub**<sup>2</sup>. In *rum-shrub*. Var of obs. *shrab*, Arab. *shurb*, *sharāb*, drink; cf. *sherbet*, *syrupe*.
- shrug.** Orig. (c. 1400), to shiver, shudder. Origin unknown.
- shuck** [dial. & US.]. Husk. Hence *shucks*, rubbish. Origin unknown.
- shudder.** ME. *schodren*; cf. LG. *schuddern*, whence Ger. *schauern*. A frequent from the simplex which appears in Du. *schudden*, Ger. *schütten*, to shake, whence also Ger. frequents. *schütteln*, *schüttern*.
- shuffle.** Cf. LG. *schuffeln*, *schüffeln*, with same set of senses; cogn. with *scuffle*, *shove* (cf. *shuffle-board* for *shovel-board*).
- shun.** AS. *scuman*, usu. in compds; ? cf. Sc. *scunner*, to loathe.
- 'shun** [mil.]. For *attention*!
- shunt.** A dial. word, to go (push) aside, recorded from c. 1200, and adopted with railways (1840-50). Perh. from *shun*.
- shut.** AS. *scytan*, cogn. with *shoot*<sup>1</sup>. Orig. to "shoot" a bolt.
- shute** [dial.]. Channel, gutter, inclined trough for "shooting" goods. Combines *shoot*<sup>1</sup> and *chute*.
- shuttle.** AS. *scytel*, missile, cogn. with *shoot*<sup>1</sup>, applied in ME. to weaver's instrument shooting backwards and forwards across warp. Hence *shuttlecock*, knocked to and fro as at badminton.
- shy**<sup>1</sup>. Adj. OF. *eschuf* (with -f lost as in *testy*), of Teut. origin, cf. AS. *scēoh*, Du. *schuw*, Ger. *scheu*. Hence verb to *shy* (of horse).
- shy**<sup>2</sup>. To throw. From 18 cent. Analogy of *cockshy* (originally Shrovetide throwing at tied cocks) suggests that the verb was developed in some way from earlier *shycock*, one hard to catch.
- shyster** [US.]. Rogue. ? As *shicer* (q.v.).
- si** [mus.]. See *gamut*.
- siamang.** Ape. Malay *siy-ā-mang*, from *ā-mang*, black.
- Siamese.** Allusive to *Siamese twins* (1814-74), who were united at waist.
- sib** [archaic]. Akin. AS. *sibb*, race. Com. Teut.; cf. OSax. *sibbia*, Ger. *sippe*, ON. *sifjar* (pl.), Goth. *sibja*. See *gossip*.
- sibilant.** From pres. part. of L. *sibilare*, to whistle, hiss. Of imit. origin.
- sibyl.** G. *Σίβυλλα*, prophetess, said to

be Doric Σιοβόλλα for Attic Θεοβούλη, divine counsel.

**sic.** L., so, thus.

**sicca** [*Anglo-Ind.*]. In *sicca* (newly coined) *rupee*. See *sequin*.

**siccative.** Late L. *siccativus*, from *siccare*, from *succus*, dry.

**sicilienne.** Fabric. Fem. of F. *sicilien*, Sicilian.

**sick.** AS. *sēoc*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *ziek*, Ger. *siech*, ON. *sjúkr*, Goth. *snihs*.

**sickle.** AS. *sicol*, L. *secula*, from *secare*, to cut. Early WGer. loan-word; cf. Du. *sikkel*, Ger. *sichel*.

**side.** AS. *side* Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *zijde*, Ger. *seite*, ON. *síða*; cogn. with AS. *sīd*, long, wide, whence dial. *side*, in same sense. This appears in *countryside*, suggesting a wide expanse, and in dial. use of *side*, *sidy*, proud. *Sidelong* is altered from much earlier *sidehng* (14 cent.), whence is evolved to *sidle* (cf. *grovel*).

**sidero-.** From L. *sidus*, *sider-*, constellation.

**sidi-boy.** See *seedy-boy*.

**sidle.** See *side*.

**siege.** F. *siège*, seat, siege, VL. \**sed-icium*, for *sedes*, seat.

**sienna.** Pigment. For It. *terra di Siena*, from *Sienna*, in Italy.

**sierra** [*geog.*]. Sp. *sierra*, L. *serra*, saw.

**siesta.** Sp. *siesta*, sixth (hour), L. *sexta* (*hora*)

**sieve.** AS. *sife*. WGer.; cf. Du. *zeef*, Ger. *sieb*; cogn. with dial. *syē*, to strain, and Ger. *siehen*, to filter.

**sift.** AS. *siftan*, cogn. with *sieve*.

**sig.** ME. *siġhen*, *siġen*, back-formation from *sihte*, past of obs. *sichen*, AS. *sican*, to sigh.

**sight.** AS. *sīht*, *gesīht*, from *see*<sup>1</sup>; cf. Du. *nicht*, Ger. *sicht*. Sense of large quantity, arising from that of view, was once literary.

**sigil.** Late L. *sigillum*, dim. of *signum*, sing.

**sigma.** G. σίγμα, G. letter *s*.

**sign.** F. *signe*, L. *signum*. In some cases (e.g. *lavern sign*) prob. ap. for *ensign* (cf. *gin*<sup>1</sup>, *vie*).

**signal**<sup>1</sup>. Noun. F. *signal*, Late L. *signale*, neut. of *signalis*, from *signum*, sign.

**signal**<sup>2</sup>. Adj. F. *signalé*, "notable, famous" (Cotg.), p.p. of *signaler*, to mark out, signalize, with *-é* lost as in *defile*<sup>2</sup>, *costive*, *trove*.

**signature.** F. *signature*, MedL. *signatura*, from *signare*, to mark, sign.

**signet.** F., dim. of *signe*, sign.

**signify.** F. *signifier*, L. *significare*, from *signum*, sign, *facere*, to make.

**Signior** [*hist.*] In *Grand Signior*, Sultan of Turkey. Adapted from lt. *gran signore*, great lord.

**signor.** It. (see *senior*).

**Sikh.** Sect established (16 cent.) in Punjab. Hind. *sikh*, Sanskrit *sishya*, disciple.

**silage.** For *ensilage*. See *silo*.

**silence.** F. *silence*, L. *silentium*, from *silēre*, to be silent.

**silene.** Plant. From G. Σειληνός, foster-father of Bacchus

**silesia.** Fabric. From *Silesia*, Germany, latinized from Ger. *Schlesien*

**silhouette.** From *Étienne de Silhouette*, F. politician (†1767).

**silic-.** From L. *silex*, *silic-*, flint.

**siliqu-** [*bot.*]. From L. *siliqua*, pod.

**silk.** AS. *sioloc*, *seoloc*; cf. ON. *silkr*, Oslav. *shelkh* (whence Russ. *sholh*), L. *sericum* (see *serge*). It is supposed to have passed into Slav. via some lang. which confused *-r-* and *-l-* (cf. *plum*), and hence, via the Baltic trade, into AS. & ON.

**sill.** AS. *syll-e*, beam acting as foundation of wall; cf. archaic Du. *sulle*, *sille*, ON. *svill*, *syll*; cogn. with Goth. *gasuljan*, to found<sup>1</sup>. All from L. *solea*, foundation of wall, from *solum*, ground, and hence cogn. with F. *seuil*, threshold.

**sillabub.** Also (16 cent.) *silliboub*, app. happy belly (see *silly*), from obs. *boub*, AS. *būc*, cogn. with Du. *buis*, Ger. *bauch*, ON. *búkr*, trunk; cf. dial. *merriboub* in similar sense.

**sillery.** Champagne from *Sillery* (Marne)

**silly.** ME. *seely*, AS. *gesælig*, happy, from *sæl*, time, happiness; cf. Ger. *selig*, happy, blessed; ? ult. cogn. with L. *salvus*, G. *ēlos*, whole.

**silo.** Pit for storing grain. Sp. *silo*, G. *σιρός*, pit for corn. Cf. *ensilage*.

**silphium.** Plant. L. *silphium*, G. *σίλφιον*.

**silt.** App. cogn. with *salt*. Cf. Norw. Dan. dial. *syllt*, salt-marsh, beach, also Du. *zilt*, Ger. *sülze*, salt pan.

**Silurian** [*geol.*]. Of rocks first studied in part of Wales orig. inhabited by the *Silures*.

**silurus.** Sheat-fish. G. *σιλουπος*.

**silvan.** L. *silvanus*, from *silva*, wood.

**silver.** AS. *siolfor*, *seolfor* Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *zilver*, Ger. *silber*, ON. *silfr*, Goth. *silubr*, with cognates in Balto-Slav. langs. Prob. taken over in

prehistoric times from some non-Aryan race.

**simar.** See *cymar*.

**Simeonite** [*theol.*]. Adherent of Charles Simeon, Low Church clergyman († 1836).

**simian.** From L. *simia*, ape, ? from G. *σιμός*, flat-nosed.

**similar.** F. *similaire*, from L. *similis*, from *simul*, together (cf. G. *δμοιος*, like, from *δμοῦ*, together); cogn. with *same*.

**simile.** L., neut. of *similis* (v.s.).

**simmer.** Imit, cf. Ger. *summen*, to buzz.

**simnel** [*archaic*]. OF. *simenel*, dim. (with dissim. of *l-l*) from L. *simila*, fine flour, cogn. with G. *σμιδαλς*; cf. Ger. *semmel*, "a simnel, a simnel bread" (Ludw.).

**Simon Pure.** Name of Quaker in Mrs Centlivre's *Bold stroke for a wife* (1717).

**simony.** From *Simon Magus* (*Acts* viii. 18, 19).

**simoom.** Arab. *samūm*, from *samma*, to poison.

**simper.** Cf. obs. Du. *simpellijje*, *zimperlje*, Ger. *zimperllich* (from LG.), Scand. dial. *sumper*, *semper*, all in similar senses and prob. imit. of an affected "sipping" motion of the lips. Cf. Ger. *sipp*, *zipp*, Dan. *sippe*, Sw. *sipp*, all used of a simpering person, and, for sense, F. *faire la petite bouche*, "to simper" (Cotg.).

**simple.** F. *simple*, L. *simplex* or *simplex* (cf. *double*, *duplex*), cogn. with *simul*, *semel*, and *singuli*, all from an Aryan \**sem* (= one) which appears in G. *ἑ-πλός*, *simple*, *ἑ-κατόν*, one hundred.

**simpleton.** Jocular formation on *simple*, intended to suggest a surname. Cf. *lushington*, *singleton*, *skimmington*.

**simulacre.** L. *simulacrum*, from *simulare* (v.i.).

**simulate.** From L. *simulare*, to make like; cf. *similar*.

**simultaneous.** Coined (on *momentaneous*) from L. *simul*, at the same time, cogn. with *similis*, like.

**simurgh.** Gigantic bird of Pers. legend. Pers. *simurgh*, from Pers. *murgh*, bird, and doubtful first element.

**sin.** AS. *synn*, from a lost stem \**sundj*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *zonde*, Ger. *sünde*, ON. *synth*; ? cogn. with L. *sons*, *sont*, guilty, and ult. with *authentic*. See *sooth*.

**sinap-** [*med.*]. From G. *σίανιν*, mustard, prob. of Egypt. origin.

**since.** Contr. of obs. *sithence*, for ME. *sithens*, formed, with adv. -s (cf. *perhaps*, *needs*, etc.), from *sithen*, AS. *siththan*, from *sith*, late, and instrument case of demonstr.; cf. Ger. *seitdem*; also Goth *thanaseiths* (in which the elements of *since* are reversed).

**sincere.** L. *sincerus*, pure, from *sine* and a second element which may be cogn. with *carres*, decay.

**sinciput** [*anat.*]. L., from *sem*, half, *caput*, head (cf. *occiput*). But some connect the first element with *summus*, from *sus*, pig, and regard the word as playful, "boar's head."

**sine** [*math.*]. L. *sinus*, bosom, fold of garment, used to render Arab. *jaṣb* in geom. sense (see *jibbah*).

**sinecure.** Orig. eccl. From L. (*beneficium*) *sine cura*, benefice without cure (of souls).

**sine die.** L., without (fixed) day. See *adjourn*.

**sine qua non.** Scholastic L., without which not, with *causa* understood, after Aristotle's *ἄν οὐκ ἄνευ*.

**sinew.** AS. *sinu*, *sinw-*; cf. Du. *zeen*, *zenuw*, Ger. *sehne* (OHG. *seneva*).

**sing.** AS. *singan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *zingen*, Ger. *singen*, ON. *syngva*, Goth. *siggwan*.

**singe.** Earlier *senge*, AS. *sencgan*, causal of *singan* (v.s.), to cause to sing, make hiss; cf. Du. *zingen*, Ger. *sengen*.

**Singhalese.** See *Cingalese*.

**single.** From L. *singuli*, one at a time, cogn. with *simple* (q.v.).

**singlet.** "A waistcoat not lined as opposed to a doublet" (Grose).

**singleton.** At cards, etc. Jocular formation from *single* after surname *Singleton*. Cf. *simpleton*, *lushington*.

**singular.** L. *singularis*. See *single*.

**Sinhalese.** See *Cingalese*.

**sin-**. See *sinology*.

**sinister.** L. *sinister*, *sinistr-*, on the left hand, taken as bad omen.

**sink.** AS. *sincan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *zinken*, Ger. *sinken*, ON. *sökkja*, Goth. *siggan*. As trans. verb has supplanted obs. *sench* (cf. *drink*, *drench*, and Ger. *senken*).

**sinnet.** See *sennit*.

**sinn fein** [*pol.*]. Ir., we ourselves. Pol. society (1905).

**sinology.** From G. *Σίνα*, the Chinese.

**sinople.** Green (her.). Archaic F. *sinople*, also *sinopre*, whence obs. E. *sinoper*, red, confused with *cinnabar*.



Coloured earthen from *Sinope*, G. colony in Paphlagonia.

**sinter** [geol.]. Ger., see *cinder*.

**sinuous**. F. *sinueux*, L. *sinuosus*, from *sinus*, bay, bend, fold, etc. (see *sine*).

**sip**. Thinned form of *sop*, *sup*, expressing less vigorous action. Cf. colloq. Dan. *sippe*.

**sipahee**. Archaic var. of *sepo* (q.v.).

**sipe** [dial.]. As *seep* (q.v.).

**siphon**. G. *σίφων*, pipe, tube.

**siphuncul-** [zool.]. From L. *siphunculus*, little pipe, dim. of *sipho*, siphon.

**sippet**. "A lytell soppe" (Palsg.). Wyc. has *supett* (2 Sam. xiii. 8). See *sup*.

**sipuncul-**. As *siphuncul-* (q.v.).

**sir**. Reduced form of *sire* (q.v.).

**sircar**. See *sirkar*.

**sirdar**. Urdu, Pers. *sardār*, commander in chief, from *sar*, head, and agent. suffix as in *ressaldar*, etc.

**sire**. F. *sire*, L. *senior* (q.v.), with abnormal development due to its unstressed position as title; cf. *sieur* (for normal *seigneur*, L. *senior-em*), which has also contributed to *sir*.

**siren**. L. *siren*, G. *Σειρήν* (*Odys.* xii. 39 ff.).

**Sirius**. L. *Sirius*, G. *Σείριος*, the dog-star, lit. scorching.

**sirkar** [Anglo-Ind.]. Government. Urdu, Pers. *sarkār*, from *sar*, head (cf. *sirdar*), and agent. suffix.

**sirloin**. Earlier *surloyn*, OF. *surloigne*, over loin (q.v.).

**sirocco**. It. *sirocco*, also *sciocco*, from Arab. *sharg*, east, from *sharaqa*, to rise (see *Saracen*).

**sirrah** [archaic]. Extended from *sir*; cf. US. *sirree*. ? Or Prov. *sira* (= F. *sire*).

**sirup**. See *syrup*.

**sirvente**. Troubadour lay, usu. satirical. From Prov. *serventes*, *serventes* (adj.), from *servir*, to serve.

**sisal**. Fibre, hemp, etc. From *Sisal*, Yucatan.

**siskin**. Bird. Ger. dial. *sisschen*, *zeischen* (cf. obs. Flem. *sijsken*), dim. of *zeisig*, siskin, canary, of Slav. origin (cf. Russ. *chizhik*, dim. of *chizh*).

**sister**. ON. *systir*. Aryan; cf. AS. *sweostor*, Du. *zuster*, Ger. *schwester*, Goth. *swistar*, L. *soror* (\**swesor*), Sanskrit *svasrī*, Russ. *syestra*, OIr. *siur*, etc.

**Sistine madonna**. From church of *San Sisto* (*Sixtus*) at Piacenza.

**sistrum**. Timbrel L. *sistrum*, G. *σίστρον*, from *selew*, to shake.

**sisyphean**. Of *Sisyphus*, G. *Σίσυφος*, king of Corinth, condemned in Hades to roll uphill a stone which always rolls down again from the top.

**sit**. AS. *sittan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *zitten*, Ger. *sitzen*, ON. *silja*, Goth. *sitan*; cogn. with L. *sedere*, G. *setzen*.

**site**. L. *situs*, position, situation, from *sinere*, *sit-*, to allow.

**sith** [archaic]. *Ezek.* xxxv. 6. See *since*.

**sit(i)ophobia**. From G. *σείρος*, food.

**situate**. From Late L. *situare* (see *sile*).

**Siva**. Third deity of Hindu triad. Sanskrit, auspicious.

**six**. AS. *siex*, *sex*. Aryan; cf. Du. *zes*, Ger. *sechs*, ON. *sex*, Goth. *saihs*, L. *sex*, G. *sechs*, Sanskrit *shash*, Gael. *sē*, etc.

**sixte** [fenc.]. OF., sixth. Cf. *tierce*, etc.

**sizar**. From *size* (q.v.), in sense of allowance.

**size**. Aphet. for *assize* (q.v.). Ground-sense is anything fixed or settled, idea of magnitude springing from that of fixed standard, allowance, the latter esp. at Camb. Painters' *size* represents F. *assise*, layer (cf. *coat* of paint).

**sizzle**. Imit., cf. Ger. *zischen*, to hiss.

**sjambok**. SAfrDu. *sjambok*, Malay *sambok*, Urdu *chābuk* (from Pers.).

**sk-**. See also *sc-*.

**skald**. Norse poet. ON. *skāld*. Origin unknown.

**skat**. Card game. Ger. *skat*, It. *scarto*, cogn. with F. *écarté*.

**skate**<sup>1</sup>. Fish. ON. *skata*; ? cogn. with Dan. *skade*, Norw. dial. *skata*, magpie, both bird and fish being named from long pointed tail; cf. Norw. *skat*, tree-top.

**skate**<sup>2</sup>. For ice. Back-formation from earlier *scates*, Du. *schaats*, ONF. *escache* (Mod. *écache*, *échasse*, stilt), whence also obs. E. *scatch*, stilt, Sc. *sketch*, skate. F. *échasse*, orig. wooden leg, is of Fris. origin. The earliest *skates* were made of animals' shank-bones; cf. ON. *islegg*, skate, lit. ice-leg, and F. *patin*, skate, from *patte*, paw.

**skan**. See *shene*.

**skedaddle**. Became current (1861-65) in US. mil. slang. Origin unknown.

**skeeter** [US.]. For mosquito.

**skein**. OF. *escagne* (Mod. *étagne*), Prov. *escanha*, also *escanh*, ? VL. \**scannium*, from *scannum*, stool (see *shamble*<sup>1</sup>), which is conjectured to have also been applied to a winding instrument. This hypothesis is supported by the fact that Prov. *escavel*,

winder, skein, corresponding to F. *écheveau* (the usual F. word for skein), represents phonetically L. *scabellum*, a dim. of *scammum*, stool.

**skeleton.** G. *σκελετόν* (sc *σῶμα*), dried up (body), from *σκέλλω*, to dry up.

**skellum** [archaic]. Rogue. Du. *schelm*, Ger. *schelm*, rascal, devil, OHG *scelmo*, pestilence.

**skelter.** From *helter-skelter*.

**Skeltonic.** Of John Skelton, burlesque poet (†1529)

**skene.** Gael. Ir. *scian*, *sgian*, knife; cf. Welsh *ysgrien*. Esp. in *skene dhu*, black knife.

**skip.** Beehive. From earlier (now dial.) sense of basket, orig. measure. ON. *sheppa*, cogn. with Du. *schepel*, Ger. *scheffel*, bushel, all perh. ult. from L. *scapha*, vessel.

**skerry** [geog.]. Rock, rocky islet. From ON. *sker*, cogn. with *shear* (cf. relationship of *cliff* to *cleave*)

**sketch.** Earlier *schitz*, Du. *schets*, It. *schizzo*, L. *schedium*, extempore poem, from G. *σκέδιος*, extempore.

**skew.** First as verb, to move sideways, dodge. OF. *escuer*, for *eschuer* (see *eschew*).

**skewbald.** Bay and white in patches. Altered (on *prebald*) from ME. *skewed*, *skued*, perh. from OF. *escu* (Mod. *écu*), shield, L. *scutum*. Cf. L. *scutulatus*, colour of a horse, from *scutula*, platter, also ON. *skjaldhvalr*, dappled whale, from *skjald*, shield.

**skewer.** App. altered from *skiver* (still in dial. use), ? from ON. *skifa*, to split (cf. *skiver*<sup>1</sup>).

**ski.** Norw. *ski*, ON. *skith*, snow-shoe, billet of cleft wood, cogn. with AS. *scīd*, whence obs. *shade*, billet of wood; ult. cogn. with *shed*<sup>1</sup>.

**skia-.** For *scia-* (q.v.).

**skid**<sup>1</sup>. Orig. billet of wood. App. connected with *ski* (q.v.). Hence verb to *skid*, as though wheels were braked with a skid.

**skiff.** F. *esquif*, It. *schifo* or Sp. *esquife*, OHG. *scif*, ship.

**skill.** ON. *skil*, distinction, difference, hence "discernment." For sense-development cf. Ger. *gescheit*, clever, from *scheiden*, to divide.

**skillet.** Small cauldron. ? Dim. of dial. *skel*, bucket, etc., ON. *skjöla*, pail.

**skilly** [slang]. Gruel. Short for earlier *skilligalee* (orig. naut.), ? fanciful formation on *skillet*, which I have always heard pronounced *skilly* by old country-women.

**skim.** OF. *escumer* (Mod. *écumer*), from OHG. *scūm* (Mod. *schaum*), froth, scum (q.v.) For vowel cf. *brisk*, *whisky*.

**skamble-skamble.** Redupl. on *scamble* (q.v.).

**skimmington** [dial.]. Procession in ridicule of unhappy couple, the character personating the wife beating her husband with a *skimmer*. For form cf. *simpleton*, *singleton*, *lushington*.

**skimp.** App. altered from *scamp*<sup>2</sup> and associated with *scrimp*

**skin.** ON. *skinn*, cogn. with Ger. *schinden*, to flay.

**skink.** Lizard. G. *οἰκῖνος*.

**skinker** [archaic]. Drawer, tapster. From archaic *skink*, to pour out, Du. *schenken*. See *nuncheon*.

**skip**<sup>1</sup>. Verb. Cf. earlier *scope*, ON. *skopa*, whence OSw. *skoppa*, *skuppa*.

**skip**<sup>2</sup>. Basket. Var. of *skēp* (q.v.).

**skip**<sup>3</sup> [curling]. Short for *skipper*, captain.

**skip**<sup>4</sup>. College servant (Dubl.). For archaic *skip-kennel*, lackey, lit. jump-gutter.

**skipper.** Du. *schipper*, from *schip*, ship.

**skippet** [antiq.]. Small case for documents. Also *skibbet*. ? Dim. of *skip*<sup>2</sup>.

**skirl** [Sc.]. Esp. of bag-pipe. An imit. word of Scand. origin. Cf. Norw. dial. *skrylla*, *skrella*.

**skirmish.** Earlier *scarmoch*, F. *escarmouche*, It. *scaramuccia*, "a skirmish, a fight, a fray" (Flor). The *-ish* forms are influenced by OF. *eskermur*, *eskermuss*, to fence, from OHG. *scirman* (Mod. *schirmen*), to defend, from *scirm*, *scerm*, defence, screen. The relation of It. *scaramuccia* to this is obscure. See also *scrimmage*, *scaramouch*.

**skirr, scurr.** To move swiftly. ? OF. *escourre*, L. *excurrere*. See also *scurry*.

**skirret.** Herb. Earlier *skirwhitte*, *skirwit*, etc., perh. orig. *skire wit*, cleanse wit, from ME. *skuren*, to purify, cogn. with *sheer*<sup>1</sup>.

**skirt.** ON. *skyrtia*, shirt (q.v.); cf. Ger. *schürze*, apron.

**skit, skittish.** ? Connected with ON. *skjöta*, to shoot. Cf. dial. *skite*, to dart swiftly, whence frequent. *skutter*, also *skite*, trick, skit

**skittle.** Also (17 cent.) *hittile*. If the *skittle* was orig. the projectile, it may be Sw. Dan. *skyttel*, shuttle, also used in archaic Dan. for ball.

**skive** [techn.]. ON. *skifa*, to split. See *shive*.

**skivvy** [vulg.]. Servant girl. ? Arbitrary contortion of vulg. *slavey*.  
**skoal** [archaic]. Health-drinking (Long-fellow, *Skeleton in armour*). ON. *skāl*, bowl. See *scale*<sup>1</sup>.  
**skoot**. Var. of *scoot* (q.v.).  
**skrimshanker**. See *scrimshaw*.  
**skua**. Gull. From ON. *skúfr*, imit. of cry.  
**skulk**. Cf. Norw. *skulka*, to lurk, Sw. *skolka*, Dan. *skulke*, to play truant. These app. from LG. *schulen*, to lurk, look askance (see *scowl*), with suffix as in *lurk*, *walk*.  
**skull**. From 13 cent., earliest *schulle*. ? OF. *escuele*, *escule*, bowl, L. *scutella*, dim. of *scutira*, dish. In most Europ. langs. the words for skull were orig. names of vessels, and *skull* replaced AS. *hēafod-bolla*, -*panne*. Our word might also be Sw. *skulle*, cogn. with *scale*<sup>1</sup>.  
**skunk**. Namer Ind. *segankw*, *segongw*.  
**skupshtina**. Serb. national assembly. From OSlav. *kup*, heap, whence Serbo-Croat. *skupa*, together, *skupiti*, to gather. For prefix cf. *sobranje*, *soviet*.  
**sky**. Orig. cloud. ON. *ský*, cogn. with AS. *scuwa*, shade, shadow.  
**skye**. Terrier from *Skye*, Hebrides.  
**slab**<sup>1</sup>. Noun. Of doubtful origin. First used (13 cent.) of metal, and hence, if applied orig. to molten mass, perh. connected with *slab*<sup>2</sup>.  
**slab**<sup>2</sup>. Adj. App. related to *slabber*, *slop*, and *slaver*. Cf. dial. *slab*, puddle, *slabby*, viscid.  
**slabber**. See *slobber*.  
**slack**<sup>1</sup>. Adj. AS. *slæc*, *slēac*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *slak*, Ger. dial. *schlack*, ON. *slakr*; ult. cogn. with *lax*<sup>2</sup>.  
**slack**<sup>2</sup>. Refuse coal. Cf. Du. *slak*, Ger. *schlacke*, dross, orig. splinter broken off, from *schlagen*, to strike.  
**slade** [dial. & poet.]. Dingle, etc. (the dial. senses are innumerable). AS. *slæd*, *slēad*, with cognates in Scand. dialects.  
**slag**. LG. form of *slack*<sup>2</sup>.  
**slake**. AS. *slacan*, from *slack*<sup>1</sup>; cf. *slack-lime*, *slaked-lime*.  
**slam**. Imit., cf. Norw. dial. *slamra*.  
**slammerkin** [dial.]. Slovenly. Cf. dial. *slammock*, *slommock*. First as surname (Gay's *Beggars' Opera*, 1727), but this is prob. from the colloq. word. Cf. colloq. Ger. *schlampe*, slut.  
**slander**. F. *esclandre*, earlier *escandile*, L. *scandalum*, scandal (q.v.).  
**slang**. Orig. a cant word. ? Cogn.

with *sling*; cf. Norw. dial. *slengjeord*, neologism, *slengjenamn*, nickname, and colloq. E. to *sling language* (words, etc.). Some regard it as an argotic perversion of F. *langue*, language (see *s-*).  
**slant**. Cf. ME. *slenten*, to glide, also Sw. *slinta*, ON. *slétta*. Much earlier is *aslant*.  
**slap**. Imit., cf. Ger. *schlapp*, *klaps*.  
**slash**. ? OF. *eschlachier*, to break. In some senses intens. of *lash*<sup>1</sup> (see *s-*).  
**slat**<sup>1</sup>. Narrow strip. ME. *sclat*, OF. *esclat* (Mod. *éclat*), fragment, from *éclater*, OF. *eschlater*, from *ex-* and an imit. root. In E. orig. roofing slate, later sense app. due to Ir. *slat*, lath.  
**slat**<sup>2</sup>. To flap (naut.). Prob. imit., cf. frequent *slatter*.  
**slatch** [naut.]. Var. of *slack*<sup>1</sup>.  
**slate**. OF. *esclatie*, fem. form of *esclat* (see *slat*<sup>1</sup>). Cf. relation of Ger. *schnefer*, slate, to *shiver*<sup>1</sup>. To *slate*, assail vigorously, is explained (1865) as equivalent to "bonneting," knocking a man's hat (? *slate*) over his eyes.  
**slatter**. See *slat*<sup>2</sup>.  
**slattern**. From dial. *slatter*, to spill, slop things about.  
**slaughter**. ON. *slátr* (for \**slahr*), butcher's meat, cogn. with *slay*<sup>2</sup>; cf. Ger. *schlachten*, to slaughter.  
**Slav, Slavonic, Slav-** [ling.]. MedL. *Slavus*, Late G. *Εκλάβος*, also (later) MedL. *Slavus*, whence F. *slave*.  
**slave**. F. *esclave*, MedL. *Slavicus* (v.s.), the Slavs of central Europe having been reduced to slavery by conquest.  
**slaver**. Of Scand. origin; cf. synonym. ON. *slafra*; cogn. with *slobber* (q.v.).  
**slay**<sup>1</sup>, **sley**, **sleigh** [techn.]. Part of loom. AS. *slege*, cogn. with *slay*<sup>2</sup>.  
**slay**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. AS. *slēan*, to smite, kill. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *slaan*, Ger. *schlagen*, to strike (*erschlagen*, to slay), ON. *slā*, Goth. *slahan*.  
**slieve**. Floss silk. From AS. *slēfan* (in *tōslēfan*, to cut up), causal of *slifan* (see *shiver*).  
**slazy**. Of loose texture. Assimilated to obs. *slazy*, silesia (q.v.), but doubtfully ident. with it.  
**sled**. Du. *slēde*, *slee*, cogn. with *slide*; cf. Ger. *schlitten*, ON. *slēhi*. See also *sledge*<sup>2</sup>, *sleigh*.  
**sledge**<sup>1</sup>. Hammer. AS. *slæg*, cogn. with *slay*<sup>2</sup>.  
**sledge**<sup>2</sup>. Sled (q.v.). Du. dial. *sleeds*, of Fris. origin.  
**sleep**. Later var. of *sluck* (q.v.).  
**sleep**. AS. *slæban* Com. Teut. and

Scand.; cf. Du. *slapen*, Ger. *schlafen*, Goth. *slēpan*.

**sleet.** Cf. LG. *slote* (Ger. *schlosse*), hail, Du. *sloot*, also Dan. *slud*, Norw. dial. *slotta*, sleet.

**sleeve.** AS. *slēfe*, cogn. with Fris. *slēfe*, *slw*, sleeve, and with archaic Du. *slove*, *sloof*, covering; ult. cogn. with *slip*.

**sleigh.** Sledge (orig. US.). Du. *slee*, for *slēde*, sled.

**sleight.** ON. *slægh*, from *slægr*, sly, crafty; cf. *slyd*.

**slender.** Earlier also *sclenāre* (Chauc. A. 587). App. of OF. origin, but OF. *esclandre* is only recorded by Palsg. Kil. gives obs. Du. *slinder*, but this is prob. from E.

**sleuth.** ME. *sloth*, ON. *slōth*, track, trail (cf. *slot*<sup>3</sup>).

**slew, slue** [*naut.*]. To turn. Origin unknown

**sley.** See *slay*<sup>1</sup>.

**slice.** OF. *eschice*, shiver, splinter (Mod. *échisse*, splint), from *eschacier*, OHG. *slāzan* (Mod. *schleissen*, *schlitzen*), to slit (q.v.).

**slick.** First as verb, to make smooth, sleek AS. *-slycan*, in *nīgslycod*, new sleeked; cf. Norw. dial. *slukka*; cogn. with Ger. *schleichen*, to creep, glide, and with *sleight*.

**slide.** AS. *slīdan*; cf. LG. *slīden*, MHG. *sliten* (whence *schlitten*, sledge<sup>2</sup>, *schlittschuh*, skate<sup>2</sup>).

**slight.** ME. also *sleght*, ON. *\*sleht* (*slētt*). Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *slēcht*, Ger. *schlecht*, *schlicht*, Goth. *slachis*; ult. cogn. with *sluck*, *sleek*. Orig. smooth, sleek. Later sense of slender, weak, passed into that of trifling, inferior, base, whence verb to *slight*.

**slim.** Du. *slim*, crafty, awry, cogn. with Ger. *schlimm*, bad. Orig. sense was crooked, oblique.

**slime.** AS. *slīm*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *slīm*, Ger. *schleim*, mucus, ON. *slīm*; ult. cogn. with L. *limus*.

**sling<sup>1</sup>.** To hurl. ON. *slyngva*, cogn. with Ger. *schlingen*, to twist, wind, also in MHG. to throw. Ger. *schlange*, snake, is cogn. With noun, suspensory noose of various kinds, cf. synon. Ger. *schlinge*.

**sling<sup>2</sup>.** In *gun-sling* (obs. US.). ? From Ger. *verschlingen*, to swallow (? cf. *schnaps*). *Sling* occurs in 18 cent. E. slang with sense of nip, gulp.

**slink.** AS. *slincan*, to creep, crawl (of reptiles); cf. LG. *slinken*, Ger. *schleichen*; cogn. with *sling*<sup>1</sup> (cf.

*slink*, abortive calf, prematurely "slung" or cast).

**slip.** Only *slipor*, slippery, is found in AS., which has, however, the verb *slūpan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *slippen*, Ger. *schlūpfen*, ON. *slēppa*, Goth. *slūpan*. Sense of narrow strip corresponds with that of cogn. Ger. *schleife*, band, *schleppe*, train of dress, *schlippe*, alley (E. dial. *slipe*). Ground-sense of the word is prob. that of making smooth, and the group is ult. cogn. with L. *lubricus*.

**slipe** [*dial.*]. See *slype*.

**slipper.** From *slip* (v.i.).

**slipshod.** Cf. obs. *slipshoe* and AS. *slippescōh*.

**slipslop.** Redupl. on *slop*<sup>2</sup>.

**slit.** Cf. obs. *slite*, AS. *slītan*; cogn. with Ger. *schlitzen*, and with *sluce*.

**slither.** For earlier *shdder*, frequent. of *slide*.

**sliver.** From dial. *slwa*, to cleave, divide, AS. *slīfan* (in *iōslīfan*, to split).

**slobber, slubber.** Also earlier *slabber*, cogn. with *slab*<sup>2</sup>, and ult. with *slip*, *slop*<sup>2</sup>. With this (chiefly imit.) group of words cf. Norw. *slabbe*, to befoul, Ger. *schlappen*, to dribble, archaic Dan. *slabbra*, to guzzle, Sw. dial. *slabb*, dirty water, Dan. *slubbe*, to befoul, guzzle, etc.

**sloe.** AS. *slāh*. WGer.; cf. Du. *slee*, Ger. *schlehe*.

**slog.** Orig. pugil., also dial. & US. *slug*. ? From Du. *slag*, blow, Ger. *schlag*, cogn. with *slay*<sup>2</sup>.

**slogan.** Gael. *sluagh-ghairm*, host cry. An early form *slughorn* misled Chatterton.

**sloid.** See *sloyd*.

**sloop.** Du. *sloep*; cf. LG. *slupe*, Sw. Dan. Norw. *slup*; perh. cogn. with *slip*.

**slop<sup>1</sup>.** Loose outer garment. AS. *slop*, in *oferslop*, prob. cogn. with *slip* (cf. origin of *smock*).

**slop<sup>2</sup>.** Liquid, orig. mud, etc. AS. *sloppe*, in *cūsloppe*, cowslip (q.v.); cogn. with *slip*, *slobber*, *slab*<sup>2</sup>.

**slop<sup>3</sup>** [*slang*]. Policeman. For *ecilop*, i.e. *police* spelt backward.

**slope.** Back-formation from *aslope*, from p.p. *āslopen*, of AS. *āslūpan*, to slip (q.v.) away. Cf. *slant*, *squint*. Slang to *slope* was orig. US.

**slosh, slush, sludge.** ? Cf. Norw. dial. *sluss*, mire, ? ult. cogn. with *sleet*. Also (naut.) applied to refuse grease, whence *slush-lamp*, *slushy*, ship's cook.

**slot<sup>1</sup>.** For pennies. Orig. (14 cent.),

and still in dial, groove or hollow between the breasts. OF *esclot*, in same sense, perh. ident. with *slot*<sup>3</sup>.

**slot**<sup>2</sup> [*techn.*]. Bar, rod. Du. LG. *slot*, cogn. with Ger. *schloss*, lock, *schliessen*, to shut.

**slot**<sup>1</sup>. Track of animal. OF. *esclot*, ON. *slōth*, sleuth.

**sloth**. ME. formation from *slow*. As name of animal translates Port. *preguiça*, L. *pigrītia*, laziness, given to it by early Port. explorers.

**slouch**. Orig. noun, lout (as still in US.); also earlier *slouk*. Cf. Norw. Dan. *slukoret*, LG. *slukorng*, slouch-eared, Norw. dial. *slauk*, languid person; cogn. with *slug*<sup>1</sup>.

**slough**<sup>1</sup>. Mire. AS. *slōh*, ult. cogn. with Ger. *schlingen*, to swallow up.

**slough**<sup>2</sup>. Scarf-skin of snake. Cogn. with Ger. *schlauch*, wine-skin, hose, in MHG. snake-skin. Hence verb to *slough* (med.).

**Slovak** [*eihn.*]. Native name of Slav. race in Hungary Cf. *Slovene*.

**sloven**. Earlier (15 cent.) *sloveyn*, *slovayne*. App. from Du. *slof*, careless, Flem. *slouf*, squalid, with AF. suffix (F. -*ain*, L. -*anus*); ? cogn. with Ger. *schlaff*, slack, flaccid.

**Slovene** [*eihn.*]. N.W. branch of Yugo-Slavs. OSlav. *slovēne*, Slav.

**slow**. AS *slāw*, sluggish, obtuse. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *sleuw*, slow, OHG. *slō*, ON. *slār*, *slār*, *sljör*.

**slow-worm**. AS. *slāwyrn*, app. slay worm, being ignorantly regarded as dangerous. But synon. Norw. *slo* or *ormslo* is explained as ult. cogn. with *sluck*, *sleek*, and this is confirmed by synon. Ger. *blindschleiche*.

**sloyd, slويد**. Sw. *slojd*, sleight.

**slubber**. See *slobber*. Hence *slubberdegullion* (also *slabber*-), with which cf. *tatterdemalton*. Both words suggest an imit. of a F. formation, as in *chen de voleur*, *fripçon de valet*, etc.

**sludge**. See *slosh*.

**slue**. See *slew*.

**slug**<sup>1</sup>. Sluggard. Cf. Norw. dial. *sluggje*, slow person, Sw. dial. *slogga*, to be slow, and E. verb to *slug*, as in *slug-a-bed*; cogn. with *slouch*. Hence also *sluggard*, *sluggish*. For later zool. application of *slug* cf. *sloth*.

**slug**<sup>2</sup>. Roughly shaped bullet. ? Connected with *slug*<sup>3</sup>, ? or with *slug*<sup>1</sup>, from shape.

**slug**<sup>3</sup> [US.]. See *slog*.

**slughorn**. Erron. for trumpet. See *slogan*.

**sluice**. OF. *eschuse* (Mod. *écluse*), Late L. *exclusa*, from *excludere*, to shut out, whence also Du. *sluis*, Ger. *schleuse*.

**slum**. From c. 1800. Orig. room (cant). Origin unknown.

**slumber**. ME. *slumeren*, frequent. of *slumen*, from AS. *slūma*, sleep; cf. Du. *slumeren* (also earlier *slumen*), Ger. *schlummern* (also earlier *schlumen*).

**slump**. In current sense, lit. small land-slide, US. Cf. E. dial. *slump*, to sink in with a flop, an imit. word (cf. *plump*<sup>2</sup>) with Scand. & Ger. cognates.

**slur**<sup>1</sup>. To smear. From ME. *sloor*, mud.

**slur**<sup>2</sup>. To pass lightly over, orig. to slip a die out of the box without its turning; cf. LG. *sluren*, Du. *sluren*, to drag, trail; ? cogn. with *slur*<sup>1</sup>. The two verbs cannot be distinguished in some senses.

**slurry**. Thin cement. See *slur*<sup>1</sup>.

**slush**. See *slosh*.

**slut**. Cf. synon. Ger. dial. *schluite*, *schlutz*, with app. related words in Scand. langs. Perh. ult. cogn. with *slattern*, but not connected with *sloven*.

**sly**. ME. also *slēh*, *sley*, ON. *slæg*; cf. *sleight*. Orig. skilful, expert. Perh. ult. cogn. with *slay*<sup>2</sup>, and meaning skilled in striking; cf. synon. Ger. *schlau*, *verschlagen*.

**slype** [arch.]. Covered way from transept to chapter-house. A 19 cent. spelling of *slipe*, long narrow strip (of ground, etc.), cogn. with *slip*.

**smack**<sup>1</sup>. Flavour. AS. *smæc* WGer.; cf. Du. *smaak*, Ger. *geschmack*. ? Orig. imit. of smacking of lips.

**smack**<sup>2</sup>. Sound of kiss, slap, etc. Imit.; cf. Du. *smak*, Ger. dial. *schmacke*, also colloq. Ger. *schmatzen*, to eat noisily.

**smack**<sup>3</sup>. Fishing-boat. Du. LG. *smak*. App. first applied to a kind of sail (cf. *lugger*) and perh. cogn. with *smack*<sup>2</sup>.

**small**. AS. *smæl*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *smal*, Ger. *schmal*, narrow, slender, ON. *smalr*, Goth. *smals*.

**smallage** [archaic]. Celery. Earlier *small ache*, F. *ache*, VL. \**apia*, for *aprum*, parsley.

**smalt**. Glass coloured deep blue. It. *smalto*, of Teut. origin, cogn. with *smelt*<sup>2</sup>.

**smaragd** [archaic]. OF. *smaragde* (see *emerald*).

**smarmy** [dial]. Unctuously ingratiating. From *smarm*, *smalm*, to anoint. Origin unknown.

**smart.** First as verb. AS. *smeortian*, to be painful. WGer., cf. Du. *smarten*, Ger. *schmerzen*; ult. cogn. with L. *mordere*, to bite. Orig. sense of adj. was sharp, stinging.

**smash.** Late intens. of *mask*; cf. *s-plash*, *s-quash*, *s-crunch*, etc.

**smatter.** In late ME. to talk ignorantly; earlier, to dirty, defile (for current sense cf. to *dabble*). Origin unknown.

**smear.** AS. *smeoru*, fat, ointment Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *smeer*, Ger. *schmer*, ON. *smjör*, butter, Goth. *smairthr*; cogn. with Gael. *smior*, marrow, G. *ушор*, ointment.

**smeddum.** See *smiham*.

**smee.** Var. of *smew*.

**smelfungus.** Grumbler. Sterne's name, in *Sentimental Journey*, for Smollett.

**smell.** Very early ME., but not recorded in AS. and with no known cognates.

**smelt**<sup>1</sup>. Fish. AS. *smelt*; cf. Dan. *smelt*, obs. Ger. *schmelz*.

**smelt**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. Of LG. origin; cf. Ger. *schmelzen*, to melt (q.v.). Cf. *smalt*.

**smew.** Duck. Also called *snee*, *smeeth*, Origin unknown. The Du. name is *smient*, of which the second element is *eend*, duck (see *drake*<sup>2</sup>).

**smilax.** G. *συλάξ*, bindweed.

**smile.** Cf. Dan. *smile*, Norw. & Sw. *smila*, OHG. *smilan*, all prob. of LG. origin.

**smirch.** Orig. *smorch*, app. OF. *esmorcher*, var. of *amorcer*, to bait, prime, from L. *mordere*, mors-, to bite. This was used in the sense of hurting. No doubt there has been association with *smear*.

**smirk.** AS. *smearcian*, ? cogn. with *smervian*, to smear, anoint, with idea of "oily smile."

**smite.** AS. *smitan*, to smear; cf. Du. *smijten*, to throw, strike, Ger. *schmeissen*, to throw, smite (OHG. *smīzan*, to smear), Goth. *-smērian*, to smear. For sense-development cf. *baste*<sup>3</sup>.

**smith.** AS. *smith* Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *smid*, Ger. *schmied*, ON. *smithr*, Goth. *-smitha*, with cogn. verbs. Orig. craftsman in metal; cf. Ger. *geschmeidig*, malleable. With *smithy*, ON. *smithja*, cf. Ger. *schmiede*.

**smitham.** Small coal; earlier, dust of lead ore, ground malt. Var. of AS. *smedma*, fine powder, spelling (earlier *smeddum*) being due to association with *smith*; cf. archaic Dan. *smitten*, Sw. dial. *smittler*, fragment; ult. cogn. with *mite*<sup>1</sup>.

**smithereen.** Ir. *smadurín*, small fragment (vs)

**Smith's prizes** [Camb]. Founded (1768) by Robert Smith, Master of Trinity.

**smithy.** See *smith*.

**smock.** AS. *smoc*, prob. cogn. with *smügan*, to creep, as being a garment into which one inserts the head. Cf. *slop*<sup>1</sup>. See also *smug*, *smuggle*. Norw. *smokk*, finger-stall, is prob. the same word.

**smoke.** AS. *smoca*. WGer.; cf. Du. *smook*, archaic Ger. *schmauch*.

**smolt.** Young salmon intermediate between parr and grilse. ? Cf. *smelt*<sup>1</sup>.

**smooth.** AS. *smöth*, usu. *smēthe*, whence dial. *smeeth* (common in place-names, e.g. *Smithfield*, *Smedley*). No cognates known.

**smother.** Early ME. *smorther*, stifling smoke, from stem of AS. *smorian*, to smother, suffocate, whence dial. to *smore*; cf. Du. *smoren*, Ger. *schmoren* (from LG.).

**smouch** [slang]. Jew. Earlier *smouse*, Du. *smous*, "a German Jew" (Sewel), ident. with Ger.-Jewish *schmus*, patter, profit, Heb. *shmū'ōih*, tales, news. Cf. S.Afr. *smouse*, pedlar.

**smoulder.** First as noun, smother, smoky vapour. App. cogn. with *smother* and with Du. *smeulen*, to smoulder.

**smouse.** See *smouch*.

**smudge, smutch.** ? Related to *smut* ? or to *smoke*. The latter is favoured by dial. *smuāge*, to smoke (herrings), and US. *smudge*, smoky fire to keep off mosquitos. But there may be two separate words *smudge*, and influence of *smirch* also seems likely.

**smug.** Orig. trim, neat. LG. *smuk*, whence also Dan. *smuk*, Ger. *schmuck*, trim, elegant, cogn. with *schmiegen*, to press closely against (cf. *smock*).

**smuggle.** LG. *smukkeln*, *smuggeln*, whence also Ger. *schmuggeln*, Du. *smokkelen*; cogn. with *smug*, with idea of secrecy.

**smut.** Of LG. origin, cogn. with ME. *smoten*, to besmirch; cf. Ger. *schmutz*, "smut, dirt, nastiness" (Ludw.).

**smutch.** See *smudge*.

**snack.** Orig. snap, bite; hence, share. From dial. verb *snack*, to bite, snap; app. cogn. with *snatch* and ult. with *snap*; cf. Du. *snakken*, Norw. dial. *snaka*. See also *sneek*.

**snafile.** Cf. Du. *snavel*, snout, Fris. *snaffel*, mouth, Ger. *schnabel*, beak; all ult. cogn. with *neb*.

**snag.** Prob. of Scand. origin; cf. Norw. dial. *snage*, sharp point, stump, ON. *snagr*, point.

**snail.** AS. *snægel*; cf. LG. *snäl*, Ger. dial. *schnägel*, ON. *snuggil*; cogn. with synon. Ger. *schnecke*, *schnake*, and with *sneak*.

**sneak.** AS. *snaca*; cf. LG. *schnake*, ON. *snäkr*, and OHG. *snahhan*, to creep; cogn. with *snail*.

**snapp.** LG. Du. *snappen*, cogn. with Ger. *schnappen*, to snap, *schnabel*, beak. In some senses an intens. of *knapp*<sup>2</sup>.

**snaphaunce** [hist.]. Robber, firelock. Corrupt. of Du. *snaphaen*, or Ger. *schnapphahn*, lit. snap-cock; for formation cf. *catchpole*. The firelock may have been named from the robber, or have been an independent formation from the *hahn*, cock (of a gun), snapping on the flint.

**snares.** ON. *snara* or AS. *sneare*, cord, noose; cogn. with Du. *снаар*, string, and ult. with Ger. *schnur*.

**snark.** Imaginary animal. Coined (1876) by Lewis Carroll in the *Hunting of the Snark*. Cf. *jabberwock*.

**snarl**<sup>1</sup>. Of dog. Extended from obs. *snar*, cogn. with Ger. *schnarren*, to snarl, rattle; prob. imit.

**snarl**<sup>2</sup> [US.]. Tangle. Dim. of *snares*.

**snatch.** Cogn. with *snack* (q.v.). Tusser has *snatch* for *snack*, light refreshment.

**sneak.** First as verb (Shaks.). App. cogn. with AS. *snican*, to creep, crawl, whence ME. *sniken*. But the latter does not appear after 13 cent., and to this gap must be added the difference of vowel. Cf. *sneak*, *snail*.

**sneck** [Sc.]. Latch, or catch, of door. Cogn. with *snatch*, *snack*. Cf. similar use of *catch*, *snapp* (e.g. of bracelet).

**sneer.** Cf. Fris. *sneer*, scornful remark, *sneere*, to scorn; cogn. with *snarl*<sup>1</sup>. Earlier sense was to snort.

**sneeze.** Altered from obs. *fnese*, AS. *fnēosan* (only in noun *fnēosung*), cogn. with Du. *fniezen*, ON. *fnīsa*, and ult. with Ger. *niesen*. The alteration was perh. due to sense of phonetic fitness, helped by scribal confusion between *fn*, *fn*. Var. *neese* is in *AV.* (Job xli. 18).

**snib** [dial.]. See *snub*.

**snick.** To cut. ? Suggested by *snickersnee*, ? or by *nick*. Now esp. at cricket.

**snicker.** Var. of *snigger* (q.v.); cf. Sc. *nicker*, in similar sense; ult. cogn. with *neigh*.

**snickersnee** [archaic]. Large knife, orig. fight with knives. Altered from obs. *snick-a-snee*, earlier *stick-or-snee*, from Du. *steken*, to thrust, stick (cf. Ger. *stechen*), *snijden*, *snijen*, to cut (cf. Ger. *schneiden*). The *st-* of the first word was later assimilated to the *sn-* of the second.

**snider.** Rifle. Invented by Jacob Snider (†1866).

**sniff.** Imit., cf. *snuff-le*, *snivel*.

**snifting** [techn.]. In *snifting-valve*. From dial. *snift*, to sniff; cf. Sw. *sniffa*.

**snigger.** Imit., also *snicker*, *nicker*.

**sniggle.** To fish for eels. From *sniggle*, dim. of dial. *smg*, eel; ? cogn. with *sneak*.

**snip.** Cf. Du. LG. *snippen*, Ger. dial. *schnippen*; cogn. with *snapp*.

**snipe.** App. Scand.; cf. ON. *mýr-snipa*, Norw. *strandsnipa*; cogn. with Du. *snip*, Ger. *schneppfe*; ult. cogn. with *neb* (cf. F. *bécassine*, snipe, from *bec*, beak). To *snipe*, shoot at individual, is 18 cent.

**snip-snap-snorum.** Card-game (18 cent.). LG. *snipp-snapp-snorum*, a jingle on *snippen* or *snappen*, to snap up.

**snivel.** AS. *snyflan*, in *snyflung*, running at nose, from *snofl*, mucus; cogn. with *sniff*, *snuffle*.

**snob.** Orig. (18 cent.) nickname for shoemaker; later, vulgarian (esp. at Camb.). ? Cogn. with *snub*, to cut short (cf. *snip*, tailor).

**snood** [Sc.]. AS. *snōd*, head-dress, fillet.

**snooker.** Elaboration of pool and pyramids. Origin unknown. ? Arbitrary (cf. *spoof*).

**snook-s.** Derisive gesture. Origin unknown. Perh. name *Snook-s* felt as phonetically appropriate (cf. *walker*).

**snoop** [US.]. Du. *snoepen*, to enjoy stealthily; cogn. with *snapp*.

**snooze.** Cant word (18 cent.). Origin unknown.

**snoozle** [colloq.]. ? Combination of *snooze*, *snuggle*, *nuzzle*.

**snore.** Imit., cf. *snort*, dial. *snork*; also Du. *snorken*, Ger. *schnarchen*, "to snore or snort" (Ludw.). AS. had *fnæran*, to snort (cf. *sneeze*).

**snort.** Imit. (v.s.).

**snot.** AS. *gesnot*; cf. Du. LG. *snot*, MHG. *snuz*; cogn. with *snout*.

**snout.** AS. \**snūt* (cf. *snytan*, to blow the nose); cf. Du. *snuit*, Ger. *schnauze*, Dan. *snude*, Sw. Norw. *snut*.

**snow**<sup>1</sup>. AS. *snāw*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *sneeuw*, Ger. *schnee* (OHG. *snēo*, *snēw*), ON. *snær*, Goth. *snarws*; cogn. with L. *nix*, *niv*-, Gael. Ir. *sneacht*, Welsh *nyf*, Russ. *snjeg*, etc.

**snow**<sup>2</sup> [*naut.*]. Kind of brig. Du. *snauw* or LG. *snau*, whence also Ger. *schnaue*, F. *senou*, Orig. LG. sense is snout, beak, the build being somewhat pointed.

**snub**. ON. *snubba*, to check, rebuke. Ground-sense is to shorten, as in *snub nose* (cf. Norw. dial. *snubbnos*). *Snib*, *snip* were also used in same sense.

**snuff**. Earliest sense, wick of candle (Wyc. Ex. xxv. 38). App. the same word as *snuff*, snuff, snort (see *snivel*); cogn. with Ger. *schmupfen*, cold in the head, *schmuppe*, snuff of candle. Sense of powdered tobacco is Du. *snuf*, *snurf*, short for *snufftabak*, tobacco for sniffing.

**snuffle**. Frequent. of *snuff*; cf. Du. *snuffelen*, Ger. *schnuffeln*. Cf. *snivel*.

**snug**. Orig. *naut.*, as in to make all *snug*. Cf. Sw. *snugg*, archaic Dan. *snug*, tidy, LG. *snugger*, Du. *snugger*, sprightly. Hence to *snuggle*.

**so**. AS. *swā*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *zoo*, Ger. *so*, ON. *svā*, Goth. *swa*. See *as*.

**soak**. AS. *socian*, cogn. with *suck*.

**soap**. AS. *sāpe*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *zeep*, Ger. *seife*, ON. *sāpa*. L. *sapo* (whence F. *savon*) is of Teut. origin.

**soar**. F. *essorer*, VL. *\*exaurare*, from *aura*, air.

**sob**. Imit., cf. Fris. *sobje*, to suck, OHG. *sūftion*, to sigh.

**sobeit**. For *so be it*.

**sobor**. F. *sobre*, L. *sobrius*, opposite of *ebrius*, drunk, with which it is no doubt cogn.

**sobranje**. Bulg. national assembly. From prefix *so-* (as in *soviet*) and root *ber*, to gather, cogn. with G. *φέρειν*, E. *bear*<sup>2</sup>. Thus "conference." Cf. Russ. *sobrat*, to gather.

**sobriquet, soubriquet**. In OF. a chuck under the chin, with which cf. *synon*. It. *sottobeco*, lit. under (the) beak. The second element is of unknown origin.

**soc, socage** [*hist.*]. See *soke*.

**soccer, socker**. Association football. Cf. *rugger*.

**social**. F. *social*, L. *socialis*, from *socius*, companion, cogn. with *sequi*, to follow. Cf. *socialist*, *sociology*.

**society**. F. *société*, L. *societas*, -*tat* (-*v.s.*).

**Socinian** [*theol.*]. Of *Faustus Socinus*,

latinized name of *Sozzini*, It. theologian (16 cent.), who denied divinity of Christ.

**sociology**. See *socia*.

**sock**<sup>1</sup>. For foot. AS. *socc*, slipper, L. *soccus*, light shoe.

**sock**<sup>2</sup>. To beat. Cant. Origin unknown.

**sock**<sup>3</sup>. "Tuck." Orig. Eton slang. Origin unknown.

**sockdologer** [*US*]. Knock-out blow. Said to be arbitrary formation from *doxology*, regarded as final.

**socket**. See *soccer*.

**socket**. AF. *soket*, orig. spear-head of shape of small ploughshare, dim. of F. *soc*, ploughshare, of Celt. origin (cf. Gael. *soc*). For the transfer of sense from the blade to the cylinder receiving it cf. *shaft*.

**socle** [*arch.*]. F. *socle*, It. *zoccolo*, pedestal, little sock, L. *socculus*, dim. of *soccus*, sock<sup>1</sup>.

**socman** [*hist.*]. See *soke*.

**Socratic**. Of *Socrates* (†399 B.C.), esp. with ref. to eliciting truth by question and answer.

**sod**<sup>1</sup>. Of grass. Also (17 cent.) *sad*. Cf. Du. *zode*, Ger. *sode* (from LG.), OFris. *sātha*, *sāda*. The cogn. forms all point to connection with *seethe*, but the reason for this is unknown. Cf. *sud*, *sodden*.

**sod**<sup>2</sup>. For *sodomite*.

**soda**. It., also Sp. & MedL.; cf. F. *soude*, which could represent L. *solida*, but this will not account for the forms in the other langs. With "latinized" *sodium* cf. *potassium*.

**sodality**. L. *sodalitas*, from *sodalis*, companion.

**sodden**. Orig. p.p. of *seethe* (q.v.).

**sodder**. See *solder*.

**sodium**. See *soda*.

**sodomy**. From *Sodom* (Gen. xviii.-xix.).

**Sodor**. In bishopric of *Sodor and Man*. From ON. *súthreyjar*, southern islands (Hebrides).

**sofa**. F. *sofa*, Arab. *suffah*.

**soffit** [*arch.*]. F. *soffite*, It. *soffitto*, lit. fixed under, from L. *sub* and *figere*, to fix.

**sofi**. See *sufi*.

**soft**. AS. *sōfte*, more usu. *sāfte*, survival of the -*o-* form being due to influence of adv. *sōfte*. WGer.; cf. Du. *zacht*, Ger. *sanft*; ? cogn. with Goth. *samjan*, to please.

**soogy**. From dial. *sog*, to soak; cf. Norw. dial. *soggast* (reflex.).

**soho**. AF. hunting cry. Cf. *tally ho*.



**soi-disant.** F., lit. self-saying.  
**soil**<sup>1</sup>. Ground. AF. *soil*, OF. *soul* (Mod. *sol*), L. *solum*, with the E. fondness for -oi-, as in *recoil*, *foil*<sup>2</sup>, obs. *moil*, mule, etc.  
**soil**<sup>2</sup>. To stain. F. *souiller* (whence also *sully*); cf. Prov. *sulhar*. Prob. of Teut. origin; cf. OHG. *bisulhan*, OSax. *saluran*, Goth. *isaulhan*, AS. *sylian* (from *sol*, mud, wallow), Norw. dial. *søyla*, to defile. Hence *soil*, filth, as in *night-soil*.  
**soil**<sup>3</sup> [*archaic*]. To fatten (cattle) on green food. F. *saouler*, *souler*, from *saoul*, *soull*, satiated, L. *satullus*, dim. of *satur*, from *satis*, enough, cogn. with *sad*.  
**soirée.** F. *souree*, from *soir*, evening, L. *serum* (sc. *tempus*), late.  
**sojourn.** OF. *sojorner* (Mod. *sejourner*), VL. \**subdiurnare*, from *diurnus* (see *journal*).  
**soke, soc** [*hist.*]. Right of, district under, local jurisdiction. MedL. *soca*, from AS. *sōcn*, cogn. with *seek*.  
**sokol.** Czech athletic festival. Czech, falcon.  
**sol** [*mus*]. See *gamut*.  
**sola.** Urdu *solā*, Hind. *shōla*, plant from the pith of which light hats are made; hence *sola topes*, the latter, Hind. *ṭopī*, hat, perh. from Port. *topo*, top.  
**solace.** Archaic F. *soulas*, L. *solatium*, from *solari*, to comfort, console.  
**solan.** Gannet. Now more usu. *solan-goose*. Earlier *soland*; cf. ON. *sūla*. Second element perh. ON. *önd*, *and*-, duck (cf. Ger. *ente*).  
**solan-.** From L. *solanum*, nightshade, from *sol*, sun.  
**solandra.** Shrub. From *Solander*, Sw. botanist (†1782).  
**solar.** L. *solaris*, from *sol*, sun; cogn. with G. *ἥλιος*, Goth. *sauil*, ON. *söl*, Welsh *haul*, etc.  
**solarium.** L., sun-dial; also upper room. From *sol* (v.s.). In current use a terrace for sun-baths.  
**solatium.** L., see *solace*.  
**soldado** [*hist.*]. Sp., soldier (q.v.).  
**soldan** [*hist.*]. OF. form of *sultan* (q.v.); cf. It. *soldano*, Sp. *soldán*.  
**soldanella.** Bindweed. It., of obscure origin, ? ult. from L. *solidus*.  
**solder.** For earlier *soder*, *soudur*, etc., F. *soudure*, from *souder*, L. *solidare*, to make solid.  
**soldier.** For ME. & OF. *soudeour*, *soudier*, etc. (with more than seventy E. vars.), from *soude*, *solde*, pay (cf.

It. *soldo*, Sp. *suelto*), ult. ident. with *sou* (q.v.). ModF. *soldat* is It. *sol-dato*, lit. paid.  
**soldo.** It., coin. See *sou*.  
**sole**<sup>1</sup>. Of boot. F. *sole*, VL. *sola*, for *solea*, from *solum*, ground. *Sole*, fish, is the same word, from shape.  
**sole**<sup>2</sup>. Adj. L. *solus*.  
**solecism.** G. *σολοικισμός*, from *σόλοικος*, speaking incorrectly, orig. in the corrupt Attic of the Athenian colonists of Σόλοι in Cilicia.  
**solemn.** L. *sollemnis*, *sollennis*, appointed, festal, from OL. *sollus*, whole, entire, and *annus*, year. Nov usu. with suggestion of gloom, austerity. See also *sullen*.  
**solen.** Razor-fish (mollusc). G. *σολήν*, tube, shell-fish, etc., whence also *solen-*.  
**sol-fa** [*mus.*]. See *gamut*.  
**sofatar.** Volcano vent. From It. *solfo*, sulphur.  
**sofeggio** [*mus.*]. It., from *sol-fa*.  
**solferino.** Colour. Discovered soon after battle of Solferino (1859). Cf. *magenta*.  
**solicit.** L. *solicitare*, from OL. *sollus*, whole, *ciere*, *cit-*, to set in motion.  
**solid.** L. *solidus*, cogn. with OL. *sollus*, whole, G. *ἅλος*.  
**solidifidian** [*theol.*]. One who believes in salvation by faith alone (Rom. iii. 28). From L. *solus*, alone, *fides*, faith.  
**soliloquy.** Late L. *soliloquium*, coined by St Augustine (on G. *μονολογία*) from *solus*, alone, *loqui*, to speak.  
**soliped** [*zool.*]. With uncloven hoof. MedL. *solipes*, *soliped-*, for *solidipes*, solid foot.  
**solipsism.** Theory that self is the only reality. From L. *solus*, alone, *ipse*, self.  
**solitaire.** F., solitary (v.i.).  
**solitary.** L. *solitarius*, from *solus*, alone. Cf. *solitude*, L. *solitudo*.  
**solivagant.** From L. *solivagus*, wandering alone, from *vagari*, to wander.  
**solleret** [*hist.*]. Part of armour OF. dim. of *soler* (Mod. *soulier*), shoe, VL. \**subtelare*, from *subtel*, the instep, lit. under heel (*talus*); cf. Prov. *sollar*.  
**solmization** [*mus.*]. From *sol* and *mi*. Cf. *sol-fa*.  
**solo.** It. *solo*, L. *solus*, alone.  
**Solon.** Sage. G. *Σόλων*, early law-giver of Athens, one of the seven sages.  
**so-long** [*collog.*]. ? Corrupt. of *salaam*.  
**solstice.** F. *solstice*, L. *solstitium*, from *sol*, sun, *sistere*, to stand.  
**soluble, solution.** See *solve*.

**solus.** L. alone.  
**solve.** L. *solvere*, *solut-*, to loosen, from *se-*, apart, *luere*, to pay, release.  
**somat-**. From G. *σῶμα*, *σῶμαρ*-, body.  
**sombre.** F. *sombre*; cf. Sp *sombra*, shade. App. connected with L. *umbra*, shade; ? VL. \**sub-umbra*.  
**sombrero.** Sp, from *sombra*, shade (v.s.).  
**some.** AS. *sum*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *som-* (in *somijds*, *somwijlen*), OHG. *sum*, ON. *sumr*, Goth. *sums*; cogn. with Sanskrit *sama*, any, every.  
**-some.** AS. *-sum*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *-zaam*, Ger. *-saam*, ON. *-samr*, Goth. *-sams*; ? cogn. with *same*, seem  
**somersault.** Corrupt. of F. *soubresaut*, Prov. *sobresalt*, L. *super* and *saltus*, leap. Further corrupted to *summer-set*, *somerset*.  
**somnambulism.** From L. *somnus*, sleep, *ambulare*, to walk. *Somnus* is cogn. with AS. *swefn*, sleep, dream.  
**somnolent.** L. *somnolentus*, from *somnus* (v.s.).  
**son.** AS. *sunu*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *zoon*, Ger. *sohn*, ON. *sunr*, Goth. *sunus*; cogn. with Sanskrit *sūnu*, and ult. with G. *υῖός*. Found in the same langs. as *daughter*.  
**sonant.** From pres. part. of L. *sonare*, to sound.  
**sonata.** It., from *sonare*, to sound.  
**song.** AS. *sang*, *song*, cogn. with *sing* (q.v.). With *songsstress*, a double fem. (-*stier*, -*ess*), cf. *sempstress*.  
**sonnet.** F. *sonnet*, It. *sonetto*, dim. of *suono*, sound, L. *sonus*.  
**sonorous.** From L. *sonorus*, from *sonor*, sound, cogn. with *sonus*  
**sonsy** [Sc. & Ir.]. Buxom. From *sonse*, plenty, Gael. Ir. *sonas*, good fortune  
**soon.** AS. *sōna*, at once, cf. OSax. OHG. *sān*.  
**soot.** AS. *sōt*; cf. Du. dial. *zoet*, ON. *sōt*; ? cogn. with *sūt*, as meaning what settles, sediment  
**sooterkin** [archaic]. Imaginary after-birth attributed to Du. women. App. archaic Du. *soethen*, darling, dim. of *soet* (Mod. *zoet*), sweet, but the E. sense is not known in Du.  
**sooth.** AS. *sōth*, true; cf. OSax. *sōth*, ON. *sannr*, Goth. *sumjis*, Sanskrit *satya*, all supposed to be, like L. *sons*, guilty, pres. part. formations from the root *as*, to be (cf. *authentic*).  
**soothe.** AS. *sōthian*, to show to be true (v.s.). Current sense is reached via that of assenting to what another person says.

**sop.** AS. *sopp*, bread, etc. dipped in liquid; cogn. with *sup*, *soup*; hence verb to *sop*, AS. *soppian*; cf. Du. *soppen*.  
**sophism.** G. *σόφισμα*, from *σοφίζεισθαι*, to devise, from *σοφός*, wise. Cf. *sophisticate*, earliest E. sense (c. 1400) of which is to adulterate. *Sophister*, OF. *sophistre*, L. *sophista*, has the same intrusive *-r-* as *barrister*. *Sophomore*, second year student (now only US), is for obs. *sophumer*, from *sophume*, pop. form of *sophism*. Cf. Camb *soph*.  
**Sophy** [hist.]. Surname of Pers. dynasty (c. 1500-1736) founded by Ismael Safi, whose name comes from Arab. *safi-ud-din*, pure of religion.  
**sopite.** From L. *sopire*, *sopit-*, to put to sleep (v.i.).  
**soporific.** From L. *sopor*, sleep, ult. cogn. with *somnus* (see *somnambulism*).  
**soprano.** It., from *sopra*, above.  
**sorb.** F. *sorbe* or L. *sorbum*, fruit of service-tree.  
**sorbet.** F, as *sherbet* (q.v.).  
**Sorbonist.** From the *Sorbonne*, Paris, orig. theol. college, founded (13 cent.) by Robert de Sorbon.  
**sorcerer.** Extended from ME. *sorcer*, F. *sorcier*, VL. \**sortiarius*, from *sors*, *sort-*, lot, fate.  
**sordid.** L. *sordidus*, from *sordes* (pl.), filth.  
**sore.** AS. *sār*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *zeer*, Ger. *sehr* (v.i.), ON. *sārr*; cogn. with *sorry*. For adv. use, e.g. *sore afraid*, cf. mod. use of *awfully*, etc. Ger. *sehr* has lost orig. sense (exc. in verb. *versehren*, to harm) and means very.  
**sorghum.** ModL, from It. *sorgo*, Indian millet, MedL. *surgum*, *suricum*, app. for Syriacum.  
**soric-** [biol.]. From L. *sorex*, *soric-*, shrew-mouse.  
**sorites** [log.]. Chain of syllogisms. G. *σωπετρίς*, from *σωπός*, heap.  
**sorner** [Sc.]. Beggar, one who quarters himself on others. From obs. Ir. *sorthan*, free quarters, as privilege of feudal superior and his men.  
**sororicide.** Cf. *fratricide*. See *sister*.  
**sorrel**<sup>1</sup>. Plant F. *surelle*, dial. name for plant (*oseille*), dim. from OHG. *sūr*, sour.  
**sorrel**<sup>2</sup>. Colour of horse. OF. *sorel*, dim. of *sor* (Mod. *saur*); ? of Teut. origin.  
**sorrow.** AS. *sorh*, *sorg*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *zorg*, Ger. *sorge*, ON. *sorg*,

Goth. *saurga*. Unconnected with *sorry*.

**sorry**. AS. *sārig*, from *sār*, sore. Unconnected with *sorrow*.

**sort**. F. *sorte*, VL. \**sorta*, for *sors*, lot, share; cf. It. *sorta*. Verb. to *sort* is from the noun, partly also from L. *sortire*, to make lots, to dispose, and F. *assortir*.

**sortie**. F., p.p. fem. of *sortir*, to go out, of obscure origin. VL. \**surctire*, from *surgere*, *surrect-*, to rise (cf. Sp. *surtir*, to rise, spring forth), has been suggested.

**sortilege**. F. *sortilège*, MedL. *sortilegium*, from *sortilegus*, fortune-teller, from *sors*, *sort-*, lot, *legere*, to choose.

**sorus** [bot]. Cluster of spore-cases, etc. G. *swpós*, heap.

**S.O.S.** Wireless signal of distress at sea, represented by . . . . ., etc., a simple and unmistakable message.

**sostenuto** [mus.]. It., p.p. of *sostenere*, to sustain.

**sot**. In ME., fool. F., of unknown origin.

**soteri-** [theol.]. From G. *σωτηρία*, salvation

**sothic (year)**. From G. *Σῶθις*, Egypt. name of Sirius.

**sotnia**. Squadron of Cossacks. Russ. *sotnya*, from *sto*, a hundred, cogn. with L. *centum*.

**sotto voce**. It., under (L. *subtus*) voice.

**sou**. F. *sou*, back-formation from *sous*, pl. of OF. *soul*, *sol*, L. *solidus*, used as name of coin. Cf. *soldier*.

**soubise**. Sauce. From F. *Marshal Soubise* (†1787).

**soubrette**. F. *soubrette*, ? from Prov. *sobret*, affected, from *sobrar*, L. *superare*.

**soubriquet**. See *sobriquet*.

**souchong**. Tea. Chin. *siao-chung*, small sort.

**soufflé**. F., p.p. of *souffler*, to blow, L. *sufflare*, from *sub* and *flare*.

**sough**. AS. *swōgan* (also found in OSax.), cogn. with *swēgan*, to sound.

**sought**. See *seek*.

**soul**. AS. *sāwol*, *sāwl*, Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *ziel*, Ger. *seele*, ON. *sāla*, Goth. *saiwala*.

**sound<sup>1</sup>**. Noise. AF. *soun*, F. *son*, L. *sonus*. For excrement -d cf. *bound<sup>2</sup>*.

**sound<sup>2</sup>**. Adj. AS. *gesund*, healthy. WGer.; cf. Du. *gezond*, Ger. *gesund*; ? cogn. with Ger. *geschwind*, swift, orig. strong.

**sound<sup>3</sup>**. Narrow channel. ON. *sund*,

swimming, strait, cogn. with *swim*; cf. AS. *sund*, swimming, water, whence sense of swimming-bladder of sturgeon, cod, etc. For sense cf. relation of *ford* to *fare*, or of L. *vadum*, ford, to *vadere*, to go.

**sound<sup>4</sup>**. To measure with plummet. F. *sonder*, ? VL. *subundare*, from *unda*, wave. But cf. AS. *sundline*, *sundrāp* (rope).

**sounder** [archaic]. Herd of wild swine. OF. *sonāre*, of Teut. origin; cf. synonym. AS. *sunor*, ON. *sonar* (in compds.), OHG. *swaner*.

**soup**. F. *soupe*, of Teut. origin and cogn. with *sop*, *sup*. Du. *sop*, Ger. *suppe*, are from F.

**soupçon**. F. *soupçon*, OF. *sospeçon*, L. *suspectio-n-*, for *suspicio-n-*.

**sour**. AS. *sūr*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *zuur*, Ger. *sauer* (OHG. *sūr*), ON. *sürr*.

**source**. F. *source*, spring, from *sourdre*, to rise, spring up, L. *surgere*.

**sourdine** [mus.]. F. *sourdine*, It. *sordina*, from *sordo*, deaf, muffled, L. *surdus*.

**souse<sup>1</sup>** [dial.]. Pigs' feet and ears pickled; brine, etc. for pickling. OF. *soult*, *souz*, OHG. *salza* (Mod. *salze*, *sülze*); cogn. with *salt*.

**souse<sup>2</sup>** [archaic]. To swoop down. Orig. as noun. ? In some way connected with F. *sous*, *dessous*, or perh. with *sus*, *dessus*, as in *fondre dessus*, to swoop down upon. The usual explanation, that *souse* is altered from *source*, upward flight, is due to erroneous interpretation of early examples.

**souse<sup>3</sup>**. Thump, flop, etc. Imit., cf. Ger. *sauss*, tumult (esp. in *sauss und braus*), ON. *sūs*, roar of waves.

**soutache**. Braid. F. *soutache*, Hung. *szuszak*.

**soutane**. F. *soutane*, cassock, It. *sotana*, from *sotto*, under, L. *subtus*.

**souteneur**. F., prostitute's bully, from *soutenir*, to maintain. See *sustain*.

**south**. AS. *sūth*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *zuid*, Ger. *süd*, ON. *súthr*; from Teut. *sunth-*, ? cogn. with *sun*.

**souvenir**. F. *souvenir*, orig. infin., L. *subvenire*, to come to mind.

**sovereign**. OF. *soverain* (Mod. *soverain*), VL. \**superanus*, from *super*, above; cf. It. *souvrano*, whence *souvan* (Comus, 41). For unoriginal -g- cf. *delight*, *sprightly*, etc.

**soviet**. Russ. *sovjet*, council, from prefix *so-*, together (cf. *sobranje*), and a Slav. root, to speak, which appears

in Russ. *otvet*, answer, *privjet*, greeting, etc. Cf. Serbo-Croat. *savjet*, Slovene *svet*.

**sow<sup>1</sup>**. Noun. AS. *sugu*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *zeug*, Ger. *sau*, ON. *sýr*; cogn. with L. *sus*, G. *ŷs*, Zend *hu*.

**sow<sup>2</sup>**. Verb. AS. *sāwan*. WARYAN; cf. Du. *zaaien*, Ger. *säen*, ON. *sā*, Goth. *saian*, L. *serere*, *sat*-, Oslav. *sejati*, etc.

**sowar** [*Anglo-Ind.*]. Urdu, Pers. *sawār*, horseman.

**soy**. Sauce, bean. Jap., colloq. for *siyau-yu*, for Chin. *siang-yu*, lit. sauce-oil.

**spa**. From *Spa*, Belgium, famed for mineral springs.

**space**. F. *espace*, L. *spatium*. See *stadium*.

**spade<sup>1</sup>**. Tool. AS. *spadu*; cf. Du. *spade*, *spa*, Ger. *spaten*; cogn. with G. *σπάθη*, flat blade, sword, etc., whence It. *spada*, sword, Sp. *espada*, F. *épée* (OF. *espede*).

**spade<sup>2</sup>**. At cards. Mistransl. of Sp. *espada*, sword (v.s.), the sign orig. used.

**spadille**. Ace of spades at ombre and quadrille. F. *spadille*, Sp. *espadilla*, dim. of *espada*, *spade<sup>2</sup>*.

**spadix** [*bot.*]. G. *σπάδις*, palm branch.

**spae** [*Sc.*]. To foretell; esp. in *spae-wife*. From ON. *spā*, to foretell, orig. to pry, spy.

**spaghetti**. It., pl. of *spaghetto*, dim. of *spago*, cord (Flor.). Origin unknown.

**spagyric** [*hist.*]. Of alchemy. ModL. *spagyricus*, prob. coined by Paracelsus.

**spahi**. F. *spahi*, Turk. *sipahi*, from Pers. (see *sepoi*).

**spall**. Chip of stone. Cf. ME. *spalden*, to split, of LG. origin, cogn. with Ger. *spalten*.

**spalpeen**. Ir. *spailpín*, orig. casual farm labourer, dim. of unknown origin.

**span<sup>1</sup>**. Stretch, etc. AS. *spann*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *spanne*, ON. *spōn*. Ground-idea is that of stretching from point to point, as in verb (cf. Du. Ger. *spannen*). This was used earlier (after Du.) of harnessing horses, a sense now reintroduced (*inspan*, *outspan*) from SAfr. *Spanner*, tool, is Ger., from *spannen*, to stretch.

**span<sup>2</sup>**. See *spick*.

**spancel**. Hobble, esp. for cow. Du. *spancel*, from *spannen*, to tie, span.

**spandrel** [*arch.*]. Dim. of AF. *spaundre*, ? from OF. *espandre* (Mod. *épandre*), to expand.

**spangle**. Dim. of AS. *spang*, clasp,

buckle. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *spang*, Ger. *spange*, ON. *spóng*.

**spaniel**. OF. *espagneul* (Mod. *épagneul*), lit. Spanish, L. *Hispaniolus*.

**spank<sup>1</sup>**. To move vigorously or haughtily. Dan. *spanke*, to strut, cogn. with *span<sup>1</sup>*.

**spank<sup>2</sup>**. Imit. of resonant slap.

**span-new**. See *spick and span*.

**spar<sup>1</sup>**. Rafter, pole, etc. (naut.). Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *spar*, Ger. *sparren*, ON. *sparri*. Not recorded in AS., but cf. AS. *gesparrian*, *besparrian*, to bar (a door).

**spar<sup>2</sup>**. Mineral. From LG.; cf. Ger. *sparkalk*, AS. *spærstān*, *spæren*, gypsum.

**spar<sup>3</sup>**. To box. Earlier to strike with the spurs (in cock-fighting), orig. (15 cent.) to thrust rapidly. ? From obs. *spar*, long-handled battle-axe, var. of *sparth*, ON. *spartha*.

**sparable**. Small headless nail (shoe-making). For *sparrow-bill*, from shape.

**sparaxis**. SAfr. flower. G. *σπάραξις*, laceration.

**spare**. AS. *sparian*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *sparen*, ON. *spara*. With adj., AS. *spær*, cf. OHG *spar*, frugal.

**spare-rib**. Also in dial. *ribspare*; cf. LG. *ribspeer*, Ger. *rippe(n)speer*, with doubtful second element.

**spark**. AS. *spearca*, with cogn. forms in LG. & obs. Du., but not in other Teut. langs. Hence *sparkle* and *Mr Sparks*, the wireless operator (naut.).

**sparling** [*archaic*]. Fish (smelt), also *spurling*, *spurling*. Cf. OF. *esperlenc* (Mod. *éperlan*), of Teut. origin; also Du. *spiering*, Ger. *spierling*.

**sparrow**. AS. *spearwa*. Com. Teut.; cf. Fris. *sparreg*, Ger. *spierling* (dim. of dial. *spar*), ON. *sporr*, Goth. *sparwa*.

**sparse**. L. *sparsus*, from *spargere*, to scatter.

**spart**. Esparto (q.v.).

**Spartacist** [*pol.*]. Ger. Bolshevik (Nov. 1918). From *Spartacus* (†71 B.C.), ringleader in the Roman Servile War.

**Spartan**. Of endurance, frugality, etc., characteristic of inhabitants of *Sparta*.

**sparterie**. F., see *spart*.

**sparus**. Sea-bream. G. *σάπρος*.

**spasm**. G. *σπασμός*, from *σπᾶν*, to tug.

**spat<sup>1</sup>**. Spawn of shell-fish. ? Cogn. with *spit<sup>2</sup>*.

**spat<sup>2</sup>**. Sharp blow, smacking sound. Imit.

**spat<sup>3</sup>**. Short garter. Short for *spatterdash*, *spatterplash*, etc., defence against splashing.

**spatchcock.** Fowl dressed in summary fashion. Orig. Ir., now chiefly Anglo-Ind. ? For *dispatch cock*; but perh. rather altered from earlier *spitchcock* (q.v.). Hence *spatchcock*, to "cook" (a statement, etc.).

**spate.** Flood. Orig. Sc., of unknown origin.

**spathe** [bot.]. G. σπάθη, flat blade, etc. See *spade*<sup>1</sup>.

**spatial.** From L. *spatium*, space.

**spatter.** Orig. to scatter, fly in fragments. Cf. LG. Du. *spatten*, to burst. Current senses associated with *spit*<sup>2</sup>, *sputter*.

**spatula, spatule.** L. *spatula*, dim. of *spatha*. See *spade*<sup>1</sup>. Hence *spatulate* (biol.), broad-ended.

**spavin.** OF. *esparvain*, var. of *esparvain* (Mod. *éparvin*, *épervin*). App. connected in some way with OF. *esparvier* (Mod. *épervier*), sparrowhawk, OHG. *sparwari* (Mod. *sperber*); cf. Sp. *esparaván*, sparrowhawk, spavin. Ger. dial. *spatz*, spavin, is ident. with *spatz*, sparrow. App. from some forgotten piece of folk-lore.

**spawn.** First as verb. App. for \**spawnd*, AF. *espaundre*, to shed the roe, OF. *espondre* (Mod. *épondre*), to shed, spill out, L. *expandere*.

**spay** [archaic]. To castrate (female animal). AF. *espeier*, OF. *espeer*, to cut with sword. See *spade*<sup>1</sup>.

**speak.** AS. *speccan*, later *specan*. WGer.; cf. Du. *spreken*, Ger. *sprechen*; ? cogn. with ON. *spraka*, to crackle. For loss of -r- cf. *pang*.

**spear.** AS. *spere*; cf. Du. Ger. *speer*, ON. *spjor* (pl.); ? cogn. with *spar*<sup>1</sup>, ? or with L. *sparus*, dart.

**spec.** For *speculation*. Orig. US

**special.** As *especial* (q.v.).

**specie.** L., abl. of *species* (v.i.), in phrase in *specie*, orig. in kind, in actual form.

**species.** L., appearance, kind, from *specere*, to behold. Hence *specific*, having to do with one kind, *specify*, *specimen*, etc.

**specious.** F. *spécieux*, L. *speciosus*, beautiful, from *species* (v.s.).

**speck**<sup>1</sup>. Spot. AS. *specca*, spot, not found in other Teut. langs., though Du. has *spikkel* (earlier *speckel*), speckle.

**speck**<sup>2</sup>. Blubber of whale. Du. *spek*, fat, bacon; cf. Ger. *speck*, AS. *spic*, bacon. Hence *specksioneer*, chief harpooner, corrupt. of Du. *speksnijder*, -snijer, blubber cutter.

**spectacle.** F. *spectacle*, L. *spectaculum*, from *spectare*, to look, frequent. of *specere*.

**spectator.** L., beholder, on-looker (v.s.).

**specioneer.** See *speck*<sup>2</sup>.

**spectre.** F. *spectre*, L. *spectrum*, apparition, appearance, from *specere*, *spect-*, to behold.

**spectro-.** From L. *spectrum* (v.s.).

**specular.** Of a mirror, L. *speculum*, from *specere* (v.s.).

**speculate.** From L. *speculari*, to watch, spy from watchtower, *specula*.

**speech.** AS. *spriȝe*, later *spæc* (see *speak*).

**speed.** AS. *spæd*, *spēd*, from *spōwan*, to succeed. WGer.; cf. Du. *spoed*, OHG. *spuot*, whence Ger. *sputen*, to hasten (trans). Some senses of the verb (AS. *spēdan*) may have been influenced by F. *expédier*.

**speer** [Sc.]. To inquire. AS. *spyrian*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *speuren*, to track, Ger. *spüren*, ON. *spyrja*. See *spoor*.

**spelaeo-.** From L. *spelaeum*, cave, G. σπήλαιον.

**spell**<sup>1</sup>. Magic formula. AS. *spell*, narrative, saying; hence, set of words. Com. Teut.; cf. OSax. OHG. *spel* (Ger. *beispiel*, example, parable), ON. *spjall*, Goth. *spill*. Cf. *gospel*.

**spell**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. OF. *espeler* (Mod. *épeler*), for earlier *espeldre*, to explain, of Teut. origin, from above.

**spell**<sup>3</sup>. Turn of work. First as verb, earlier *spele*, AS. *spehan*, to act for, from *spala*, substitute, deputy.

**spellican.** See *spillikin*.

**spelt.** Kind of grain. AS. *spelt*, Late L. *spelta*. WGer. loan-word; cf. Du. *spelt*, Ger. *spelt*, *spelz*.

**spelter.** Alloy, orig. zinc. Cogn. with *pewter* (q.v.).

**spence** [archaic]. Larder, etc. Aphet. for *dispense*. Cf. obs. *spencer*, steward, whence surname. See *spend*.

**spencer.** Short overcoat; later, bodice. From second Earl Spencer (†1834). Cf. naut. *spencer*, kind of sail, also from a surname.

**spend.** AS. *spendan* (in compds.), L. *expendere*, to weigh out, pay, whence also Ger. *spenden*. The E. word is also, and chiefly, aphet. for OF. *despendre* (replaced by *dépenser*).

**Spenserian** [metr.]. Stanza as used in *Faerie Queene*.

**spergula.** MedL. for *spurry*.

**sperm.** G. σπέρμα, from σπείρειν, to sow. Hence *spermaceti*, MedL., lit.

- sperm of whale (see *cetacea*), due to erron. belief as to nature of substance.
- spew.** AS. *spīwan* (strong), *spēowan* (weak). Com. Teut.; cf. OSax. *spīwan*, Ger. *speren*, ON. *spýja*, Goth. *spēwan*; cogn. with L. *spuere*, which has influenced var. *spue*.
- spacel-.** From G. *σάκελος*, gangrene.
- sphaer-.** See *sphere*
- sphagnum.** Bog-moss. From G. *σφάγνος*, kind of moss.
- sphenoid.** From G. *σφῆν*, wedge.
- sphere.** F. *sphère*, L. *sphaera*, G. *σφαῖρα*, ball.
- spheX.** G. *σφήξ*, wasp.
- sphincter** [*anat.*]. G. *σφιγκτήρ*, band, from *σφίγγω*, to bind tight.
- spinx.** G. *Σφίγξ*, the strangler, from *σφίγγω* (v.s.).
- sphragistic.** Of a seal<sup>2</sup>, G. *σφραγίς*.
- sphythmo-.** From G. *σφυγμός*, pulse, from *σφύζω*, to throb.
- spic-** [*bot.*]. From L. *spica*, spike, ear of corn.
- spice.** OF. *espice* (Mod. *épice*), var. of *espèce*, species (q v.), early druggists recognizing four species, viz. saffron, clove, cinnamon, nutmeg.
- spick and span.** For *spick* and *span new*; ME. *span-new* (Chauc.), ON. *spān-nýr*, lit. chip-new (cf. Ger. *span*, chip, shaving). *Spick* is ident with *spike*, nail. Cf. Ger. *nagelneu*, "brand-new, fire-new, spick- and span-new" (Ludw.), *spanneu*, "span-new, spick-new, fire-new or brand-new" (*ib.*), Du. *spikspeldermieuw*, "spick and span new" (Sewel), lit. spike splinter new.
- spicul-.** From L. *spiculum*, dim. from *spica* (see *spic-*).
- spider.** ME. *spithre*, AS. \**spithre*, \**spithre*, from *spinnan*, to spin. Cf. Du. *spin*, Ger. *spinne*.
- spiffing** [*slang*]. Cf. dial. *spiff*, well-dressed man. Origin unknown.
- spifficate.** "To confound, silence, or dumbfound" (Grose). ? Fanciful formation on *suffocate*. Cf. dial. *smothercate*.
- spigot.** Also ME. *speget*. Usu. associated with *spike*; cf. Prov. *espigou*, bung, Port. *espicho*, "a spigot, a pin or peg put into the faucet to keep in the liquor" (Vieyra). But the earliest E. sense is the vent, not the plug.
- spike.** L. *spica*, also *spicum*, ear of corn. Sense of pointed nail (orig. naut.) corresponds to Sw. Norw. *spik*, with which cf. Du. *spijker*, Ger. dial. *spercher*. These are perh. also ult. from L., though they may be Teut. and cogn. with *spoke*.
- spikenard.** Late L. *spica nardi*, rendering G. *νάρδου ὀράχης*, ear of nard (q v.).
- spile.** Splinter, vent-peg. Cf. Du. *spijl*, skewer, etc.
- spill<sup>1</sup>.** Verb. AS. *spillan*, to destroy, wreck, kill, squander, cf. Du. LG. *spillen*, ON. *spilla*; also AS. *spildan*, OSax. *spildrian*, obs. Ger. *spilden*.
- spill<sup>2</sup>.** Splinter, pipe-light Cogn. with *spile*, ? and ult. with Ger. *spalten*, to split.
- spill<sup>3</sup>** [*techn.*]. Thin cylindrical rod. Du. *spil*, spindle; cf. Ger. *spille*, OHG. *spinala*; cogn. with *spin*.
- spillickin, spellican.** Orig. *spilakee*; from *spill<sup>2</sup>*.
- spin.** AS. *spinnan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *spinnen*, ON. *spinna*, Goth. *spinnan*.
- spinach.** OF. *espinache*, *espinage*, also *espinar* (Mod. *épinard*); cf. It. *spinace*, Sp. *espinaca*, Du. *spinazie*, Ger. *spinat*. Early associated with L. *spina*, from prickly seeds, but perh. of Eastern origin.
- spindle.** AS. *spinel*, from *spin* (cf. *shovel*). Intrusive -d- appears also in Du. Ger. Sw. *spindel*. Cf. *spill<sup>3</sup>*. With *spindle shank* cf. Ger. *spindel-bein*, Du. *spillebeen*.
- spindrift.** Sc. var. of *spoon-drift* (see *spoon<sup>2</sup>*).
- spine.** OF. *espine* (Mod. *épine*), L. *spina*, thorn, backbone. Latter sense in E. is direct from L., F. having in this sense *échine* (see *chine<sup>2</sup>*).
- spinel.** Kind of ruby. F. *spinelle*, It. *spinella*, dim from L. *spina* (v.s.).
- spinet.** OF. *espinete* (Mod. *épinette*), "a pair of virginals" (Cotg.), prob. from inventor, Giovanni Spinetti, of Venice (fl. c. 1500).
- spinifex** [*bot.*]. ModL., from *spina*, thorn, *facere*, to make.
- spinnaker** [*naut.*]. "Said to have been a fanciful formation on *Spinx*, mispronunciation of *Sphinx*, the name of the first yacht which commonly carried the sail" (NED.). ? Form suggested by naut. *spanker*.
- spinney.** OF. *espinei*, VL. *spinetum*, from *spina*, thorn.
- spinstar.** From *spin*, with fem. ending -ster (q.v.).
- spinthariscopes.** From G. *σπινθαρίς*, spark.

**spinul-**. From L. *spinula*, dim. of *spina*, thorn.

**spiracle**. L. *spiraculum*, from *spirare*, to breathe.

**spiraea**. Flower. L. *spiraea*, G. *σπειρα*, from *σπειρα*, spire<sup>2</sup>.

**spiral**. See *spire*<sup>2</sup>.

**spirant** [*gram*]. From pres. part. of L. *spirare*, to breathe.

**spire**<sup>1</sup>. Pointed summit, etc. AS. *spīr*, stalk (of long grass), in ME. shoot, sprout; cf. Du. Ger. *spier*. Steeple sense is later; cf. Sw. *spira*, Dan. Norw. *spir*.

**spire**<sup>2</sup>. Coil, convolution. F. *spire*, L. *spira*, G. *σπείρα*, coil, winding. Hence *spiral*.

**spirill-**. From ModL. *spirillum*, dim. from *spira* (v.s.)

**spirit**. L. *spiritus*, from *spirare*, to breathe.

**spiro-**. From L. *spirare*, to breathe.

**spirt**. See *spurt*.

**spit**<sup>1</sup>. Cooking implement, sandy point. AS. *spitu*. WGer.; cf. Du. *spit*, Ger. *spieß*; cogn. with Ger. *spitz*, pointed (cf. *Spitzbergen*).

**spit**<sup>2</sup>. To expectorate. Northern AS. *spittan*, of imit. origin. More usual in AS. were *spētan*, whence dial. *spet*, and *spīwan* (see *spew*). Cf. also Ger. *spucken*, dial. *spützen*, *spitzen*, Dan. *spytte*, etc.

**spit**<sup>3</sup>. As in *two spit deep*. From dial. to *spit*, dig with a spade (*Piers Ploum.*), AS. *spittan*, cogn. with Du. *spitten*, "to spit, as to spit turf" (Hexham), and perh. with *spit*<sup>1</sup>.

**spitchcock**. Mode of preparing eels. Perh. for *spit-cook*, because roasted. See also *spatchcock*.

**spite**. Aphet. for *despite* (q.v.).

**spittle**. Altered (on *spit*<sup>2</sup>) from earlier *spatle*, AS. *spāil*, cogn. with *spētan*, to spit.

**spittoon**. App. coined (c. 1840) in US.

**spitz**. Pomeranian dog. Ger., also *spitzhund*, from *spitz*, pointed (see *spit*<sup>1</sup>).

**spalchno-**. From G. *σπάγχνα*, inward parts.

**splash**. Intens. of *plash*<sup>3</sup>. See s-.

**spatter**. Imit., cf. *spatter*, *sputter*.

**splay**. In *splay-foot*. From verb to *splay*, to slope (arch.), aphet. for *display* (q.v.), in sense of spreading out.

**spleen**. G. *σπλήν*, regarded in ME. as seat of morose feelings.

**splen-**. From G. *σπλήν* (v.s.).

**splendid**. L. *splendīdus*, from *splendēre*, to be bright.

**splential** [*anat.*]. From G. *σπλήνιον*, bandage.

**splice**. Orig. naut. Archaic Du. *splissen* (Mod. *splitsen*), cogn. with *split*; cf. Ger. *splissen*, "to split, or slit, wood or hoops" (Ludw.), also "to splice ropes; to open the twists at the end of both ropes, and make them fast into one another" (ib.).

**splint, splinter**. *Splint* is the earlier, having in ME. the sense of overlapping strip in the jointing of armour, while *splinter* was used in some of the senses of *splint*, as still in *splinter-bar*. A LG. word; cf. Du. *splint, splinter*, "assula, schidium, aculeus ligneus" (Kil). ? Cogn. with *split*; cf. Ger. *splitter, splinter*.

**split**. Orig. naut., esp. in sense of splitting on a rock. Du. *splitten*. See also *splice*.

**sploodge, splotch**. ? Imit, with suggestion of *splash, blotch*.

**sputter**. Imit, cf. *sputter*.

**spode**. Porcelain. From J. *Spode* (1827).

**spoil**. OF. *espoillier*, L. *spoliare*, from *spolium*. Also aphet. for *despoil*. Earliest sense, booty stripped from vanquished enemy.

**spoke**. AS. *spāca*. WGer.; cf. Du. *speek*, Ger. *sperche*. See also *handspike*.

**spokesman**. Abnormal formation from *speak*.

**spoliation**. L. *spoliatio-n-*. See *spoil*.

**spondée** [*metr.*]. F. *spondée*, G. *σπονδεῖος*, from *σπονδή*, solemn drink-offering, from *σπένδω*, to pour out.

**spondulicks** [*slang*]. Orig. US. Origin unknown.

**spondylus** [*zool.*]. Genus of bivalves. G. *σπόνδυλος*, spine.

**sponge**. AS. *sponge, spunge*, and OF. *esponge* (Mod. *éponge*), L. *spongia*, G. *σπογγία*, from synon. *σπόγγος*.

**spoonson** [*naut.*]. Lateral extension of steamer before and abaft paddle-boxes. ? Sailors' corrupt. of *expansion*.

**sponsor**. L., from *spondere, spons-*, to promise, vow.

**spontaneous**. From L. *spontaneus*, from *sponie*, (of one's own) accord, abl. of *\*spons*, cogn. with Ger. *wider-spenstig*, obstinate.

**spontoon** [*hist.*]. Kind of half-pike. F. *sponton, esponton*, It. *spuntone*, from *punto*, point.

**spooft**. Coined by Mr. Arthur Roberts (born 1852).

**spook**. Du. *spook*, cogn. with Ger.

*spuk*, night-wandering spectre, a LG. word of unknown origin.

**spool**. ONF. *espole*, of Teut. origin; cf. Du. *spoel*, LG. *spole*, Ger. *spule*.

**spoom**. See *spoon*<sup>2</sup>.

**spoon**<sup>1</sup>. Noun. AS. *spōn*, thin piece of wood, chip (cf. *spick* and *span*). Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *spaan*, Ger. *span*, ON. *spōnn*, *spānn*, all in orig. sense, that of (orig. wooden) spoon being found also in Norw. & ON. To *spoon*, make love, is developed, via earlier *spoony*, silly, from *spoon*, simpleton (18 cent. slang).

**spoon**<sup>2</sup> [*naut.*]. To scud before the wind. Perh. from the "spooning" of the water by the dipping prow. Later *spoom*, a landsman's perversion (after *spume*, foam). Hence *spoon-drift*, now usu. *spindrif*.

**spoonerism**. Accidental transposition of initial sounds, attributed to Rev. W. A. Spooner, of New Coll., Oxf.

**spoony**. See *spoon*<sup>1</sup>.

**spoor**. Du. *spoor*. Com. Teut.; cf. AS. ON. *spor*, Ger. *spur*. See *speer*.

**sporadic**. G. *σποραδικός*, from *σπερμειν*, to sow, scatter.

**spore**. G. *σπορά*, seed (v.s.).

**sporrán**. Gael. *sporan*, purse, from Late L. *bursa*, purse (q.v.).

**sport**. Aphet. for *disport* (q.v.).

**sporul-**. From ModL. *sporula*, dim. of *spore*.

**spot**. First in sense of blemish, stigma. Cf. ON. *spotti*, small piece, Norw. dial. *spotti*, spot, speck, piece of ground, also Fris. & obs. Du. *spot*, speck. If ult. cogn. with *spit*<sup>2</sup>, it may be also ult. ident. with Ger. *spott*, derision, ? cogn. with L. *spuere*, *sput-*, to spit.

**spouse**. OF. *spos*, *espos*, *spose*, *espose* (Mod. *époux*, *épouse*), L. *sponsus*, *sponsa*, lit. promised (see *espose*).

**spout**. First as verb. Cf. Du. *spuiten*; cogn. with *spit*<sup>2</sup>. Also of a "shoot" for corn and hence of a pawnbroker's lift for pledged articles.

**sprag** [*dial.* & *US*]. Prop. brake. Origin unknown.

**sprain**. App. OF. *espreindre* (Mod. *épreindre*), *épreign-*, to press, VL. *\*exprimere*, for *exprimere*, though, as the E. word is first rec'd c. 1600, retention of *s-* is anomalous. For formation and sense cf. *strain*, which has taken over the usual meaning of *épreindre*.

**spraints** [*sporf*]. OF. *espraintes*, "the dung of an otter, or other such ver-

mine" (Cotg.), var. of *espreintes*, p.p. fem. pl. of *espreindre* (v.s.).

**sprat**. AS. *sprot*; cf. Du. *sprot*, Ger. *sprotte* (from LG.). Orig. sense was perh. small fry, the sprat being regarded as the young of the herring. This points to connection with AS. *sprytlan*, to germinate, sprout.

**sprawl**. AS. *spræwlan*, with cognates in Fris. and Scand. dialects.

**spray**<sup>1</sup>. Sprig, etc. Cf. AS. *spræc*, mod. dial. *sprag*, also in Sw. dial. As earliest records (from 13 cent.) have collect. sense (young shoots, small growth, etc.), ult. identity with *spray*<sup>2</sup> is possible, with ground-idea of what is scattered or sprinkled.

**spray**<sup>2</sup>. Of water. LG. *spei* (noun); cf. obs. Du. *sprayen*, MHG. *spræjen*, to sprinkle, ult. cogn. with synon. Ger. *sprühen*, *spreuen*, and with *spreu*, chaff.

**spread**. AS. *sprædan*. WGer.; cf. Du. *spreiden*, *spreien*, Ger. *spreiten*.

**spre**. Earlier also *spray*. Orig. Sc. ? Ident. with *spreagh*, foray, cattle-raid, alteration of *spreath*, Gael. *spréidh*, cattle, from L. *praeda*, prey.

**sprig**. ? Cogn. with *spray*<sup>1</sup>.

**sprightly**. From *spright*, for *sprite* (q.v.).

**spring**. AS. *springan*, to leap, burst forth, fly up, etc. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *springen*, ON. *springa*. The noun, AS. *spring*, *spryng*, esp. of water, developed sense of beginning, growth, as in *dayspring* (1 Sam. ix. 26), whence *springtime*, earlier *springing time*, *spring of the year* (Palsg.), now simply *spring* (replacing *lent*).

**springald** [*archaic*]. From *spring* (in sense of growth), with pejorative suffix *-ald*.

**springbok**. SAfrDu., spring buck.

**springe** [*archaic*]. Snare. ME. *sprenge*, from AS. *sprengan*, to cause to spring; cf. synon. OHG. *sprinka*, Ger. *sprengel*.

**sprinkle**. Earlier *sprengle*, frequent. of *sprenge*, AS. *sprengan* (v.s.); cf. Ger. *sprengeln*, to sprinkle, from *sprengen*.

**sprint**. ME. *sprenten*, to dart forward rapidly. Of Scand. origin; cf. ON. *spretta*, for earlier *\*sprinta*.

**sprit**. In *bowsprit*. AS. *sprēot*, pole; cf. Du. Ger. *sprzet*, the latter, like most Ger. naut. terms, from LG.; cogn. with *sprout*.

**sprite**. F. *esprit*, L. *spiritus*. Hence *spright*, *sprightly*.

**sprocket** [*techn.*]. Projection (in various senses), orig. carpentering term. ? Cf. *sprag*.



**sprout.** AS. *sprūtan* (in p.p. *āsproten*, sprouted out). WGer.; cf. Du. *spruiten*, Ger. *sprissen*.

**spruce.** For earlier *pruce*, from *Pruce*, Prussia (see *s-*). In many names of commodities brought over by the Hanse merchants (*beer, board, leather, fir*). Current sense app. from use of *spruce leather* in dress.

**spue** [*med.*]. Thrush<sup>2</sup>, psilosis. Du. *spruw*, ? cogn. with *sproeien* to sprinkle.

**spruit**<sup>2</sup> [*SAfr.*]. Watercourse. Du., as *sprout*.

**spry.** A dial. word re-introduced from US. Origin unknown.

**spud** [*slang.*]. Potato. ? Slang application of *spud*, weeding instrument, used in ME. of an inferior dagger (? cf. ON. *spjöt*, spear, spit<sup>1</sup>). Cf. *parsnip*. See *spew*.

**spume** [*poet.*]. L. *spuma*, foam.

**spunella.** Fabric of *spun* silk. Trade-name.

**spunk** [*slang.*]. Spirit, mettle (esp. US.). Orig. spark (Sc.), touchwood. Sc. origin points to Gael. *spóng*, tinder, Ir. *sponc*, ult. ident. with *sponge*.

**spur.** AS. *spornu*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *spoor*, Ger. *sporn* (archaic *spor*), ON. *spori*; cogn. with *spurn* and L. *spernere*, with ground-idea of kick, and perh. with *spoor*.

**spurge.** Plant. OF. *espurge* (Mod. *épurge*), from *espurger*, to purge, L. *expurgare*; from med. properties.

**spurious.** From L. *spurius*, counterfeit.

**spurn.** AS. *spornan*, *spurnan*, to strike with foot. Com. Teut.; cf. OSax. *spurnan*, OHG. *spornōn*, ON. *sporna*; cogn. with *spur*, also with L. *spernere*, to disdain, which may have influenced the E. word (via AF. *esperner*, to reject).

**spurry.** Plant. Du. *spurrie*; cf. MedL. *spergula*.

**spurt**<sup>1</sup>. Of blood. etc. Also *spirt*. Cogn. with Ger. *spritzen*, to squirt, etc., MHG. *sprützen*, and ult. with *sprout*.

**spurt**<sup>2</sup>. Sudden effort. Also *spirt*. Prob. ident. with *spurt*<sup>1</sup>.

**sputter.** Frequent. of *spout*; or imit.; cf. Du. *sputteren*.

**sputum** [*med.*]. L., from *spuere*, to spit.

**spy.** OF. *espie*, from *espier* (Mod. *épier*). See *espy*. Like *scout* (q.v.) *spy* was orig. fem. and abstract. In ModF. replaced by *espion*, It. *spione* (from Teut.).

**squab.** Unfedged bird, esp. young

pigeon, short fat person, sofa, sofa-cushion. Cf. obs. *quab*, sea-slug, tadpole, flabby mass. Senses point to imit. origin, with floppy suggestion; cf. Sw. dial. *squabbig*, flabby, Ger. *haul-quappe*, tadpole.

**squabash** [*slang.*]. Portmanteau-word on *squash*, *bash*. Cf. *stramash*.

**squabble.** Imit. of noisy confusion. Cf. Sw. dial. *squabbel*.

**squad.** F. *escouade*, altered (on Sp. *escuadra*) from *escadre*, It. *squadra*, squadron (v.i.).

**squadrilla** [*aeron.*]. Dim. of *squadron* (v.i.).

**squadron.** It. *squadrone*, from *squadra*, square (q.v.).

**squails.** Obs. parlour game, orig. dial. for skittles. Cf. obs. *skayles*, skittles, for *kailles*, cogn. with Ger. *hegel*, "a keil, keal, or (nine) pin" (Ludw.).

**squalid.** L. *squalidus*, from *squalere*, to be dry, dirty.

**squall.** Imit., cf. *squeal*, also Gael. *sgal*, howl, shriek.

**squaloid.** Like the shark, L. *squalus*.

**squam-** [*bot.*]. From L. *squama*, scale<sup>2</sup>.

**squander.** From late 16 cent., to scatter (*Merch. of Ven.* i. 3), esp. money. Origin obscure. ? Cogn. with Ger. *verschwenden*, "to squander" (Ludw.), causal of *verschwinden*, to disappear.

**square.** OF. *esquerre* (Mod. *équerre*, carpenter's square, which is earliest sense of E. word), VL. *\*exquadra*, from *quadrus*, from *quatuor*, four.

**squarrose** [*bot.*]. L. *squarrosus*, scurfy.

**squarson.** Portmanteau-word for *squire parson*. Cf. *squishop* (*squire and bishop*).

**squash**<sup>1</sup>. Verb. OF. *esquasser*, VL. *\*exquassare*, from *quater*, *quass-*, to shatter; but more often intens. of *quash* (q.v.). There is also OF. *escachier*, ? VL. *\*excoacticare*. See *squat*. Hence *squash*, peascod.

**squash**<sup>2</sup>. Gourd. From NAm. Ind. (Naragansett) *asquutasquash*, from *asq*, uncooked.

**squat.** OF. *esquatir*, from *quatir*, to press flat (whence *se quatir*, to crouch), VL. *\*coactive*, from *coactus*, p.p. of *cogere*, to compress, etc. (*co-agere*).

**squatter.** Verb. Imit. of flapping, splashing movement.

**squaw.** NAm. Ind. *squaws*, *squa*, etc., woman, in various Algonkin dialects.

**squawk.** Imit., cf. *squall*, *squeak*.

**squeak.** Imit., cf. Ger. *quieken*, "to skreek like a pig" (Ludw.).

**squeal.** Imit., cf. *squeak*, the *-l* suggesting prolongation.

**squeamish.** Earlier *squamous*, *squeamous*, *esquaymous*, AF. *escyomos*. Earliest sense fastidious, esp. in diet. ? From AS. *sceamu*, shame, whence *scamsc*, causing shame, and ME. *schamous*

**squeegee.** Swab. Orig. naut. ? From *squeege*, colloq. for *squeeze*; but this will not explain var. *squillee*.

**squeeze.** Intens. of earlier *querse* (15 cent.), app. cogn. with AS *cwiesan* (in compd. *tōcwysan*). Cf. dial. *squench*, for *quench*.

**squelch.** Also occ. *quelch*. Imit.

**squib.** Explosive, lampoon; second sense app. fig. from first. ? Imit. of explosive noise.

**squid.** Cuttle-fish. From *squirt*, dial. for *squirr*.

**squiffy.** Slang (19 cent.). Origin unknown

**squillee.** See *squeegee*.

**squill.** Sea-onion. L. *squilla*, G. *σκόλλα*.

**squinch, scunch** [arch]. Back-formation from *scuncheon* (q.v.). This is the word which now appears in *lepers' squint*.

**squint.** Back-formation from earlier *asquint*, which, like obs. *askoyne*, may be an OF. formation from L. *ex* and *cuneus* (see *squinch*). There is also Du. *schuin*, oblique, but this is of doubtful antiquity and may be of F. origin.

**squire.** See *esquire*. With Ir. *squaireen* cf. *colleen*.

**squirm.** Orig. of eels. Imit. of wriggling movement, perh. with a suggestion of *worm*; cf. synon. dial. *squiggle*, with a suggestion of *wriggle*.

**squirrel.** OF *escureul* (Mod. *écureuil*), VL. \**scuroulus*, dim. of *sciurus*, G. *σκίουρος*, app. from *σκιά*, shade, *οὐρά*, tail, but this is prob. folk-etym.

**squirt.** Earlier *swirt*, to spatter, etc., as still in dial., cf. synon. LG. *swirtzen*.

**squish.** Marmalade (Oxf. & Camb.). From *squish*, to squeeze, squash.

**squitch** [dial.]. Var. of *quitch*, couch-grass.

**st!** To impose silence; cf. *sh!* Usu. written *hst!*

**stab.** Northern var. of *stob*, stake, etc., cogn. with *dol*.

**Stabat Mater (dolorosa).** L., Stood the Mother (full of sorrow). Init. words of sequence composed by Jacobus de Benedictis.

**stable**<sup>1</sup>. Noun. OF. *estable* (Mod. *étale*, cowshed, sty), L. *stabulum*, standing-place, from *stare*.

**stable**<sup>2</sup>. Adj. OF. *estable* (cf. Mod. *stable*), L. *stabilis*, from *stare*, to stand

**stablish** [archaic]. Aphet. for *establiish*.

**staccato** [mus.]. It, p.p. of *staccare*, for *distaccare*, to detach. Cf. opposite *legato*.

**stachys.** Plant. G. *στάχυς*, prop. ear of corn.

**stack.** ON. *stakkr*, haystack, cogn. with synon. Russ. *stog*. For later sense of columnar rock cf. Faroese *stakkur*.

**stad** [SAfr.]. Native village Du. (see *stead*).

**staddle** [dial.]. Support. AS. *stathol*, cogn. with *stand*.

**stadholder, stadtholder** [hist.]. Chief magistrate of Du. Republic (1580). Du. *stadhouder*, lit. place-holder, lieutenant, viceroy. See *stead*

**stadhou, stadthouse** [hist.]. Du. *staadhuus*, town-house, townhall. See *stead*.

**stadium.** L. *stadrum*, G. *στάδιον*, altered (on *στάδιος*, fixed, stable) from *στάδιον* (racing-track, about a furlong), from *σπᾶν*, to stretch. Cf. *space*.

**staff.** AS. *stæf*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *staf*, Ger. *stab*, ON. *stafr*, Goth. *stafs*; ult. cogn. with *stable*. *Stave* is back-formation from pl. Mil. sense (now also civil) is due to Du. or Ger., in which idea of command is developed from that of staff of office, baton.

**staffage** [art.]. Accessories Ger. *staffage*, from *staffieren*, OF. *estoffer* (Mod. *étoffer*), to pad.

**stag.** AS. *stagga*. Orig. sense prob. male; cf. E. dial. senses of young horse, bull, boar, cock, etc., also ON. *steggr*, male bird, whence E. dial. *steg*, gander.

**stage.** OF. *estage* (Mod. *étage*, story of house), VL. \**staircum*, from *stare*, to stand. Idea of horizontal, for orig. perpendicular, extension, as in *stage of a journey*, by easy stages, is due to use of the word in OF. & ME. in sense of *stadium*, with which it was associated

**stager, old.** OF. *estagier*, resident, MedL. *stagiarius*, aged monk permanently lodged in infirmary. See *stage*.

**stagger.** For earlier *stacker*, ON. *stakra*, frequent. of *staka*, to push, stagger; cf. Du. *staggelen*.

**Stagirite.** Aristotle, born at *Stagira*, Macedonia.

**stagnate.** From L. *stagnare*, from *stagnum*, pool. Cf. dial. *stank*, pond, OF. *estanc* (Mod. *étang*).

**staid.** For *stayed*, p.p. of *stay*<sup>2</sup>. Cf. *sedate*, *démure* (q.v.).

**stain.** Aphet. for *distain* (q.v.), prop. to unstain, lose colour or tint (q.v.); but F. *déteindre* is used with *sur* in a sense approximating to E *stain*.

**stair.** AS. *stæger*, flight of stairs, staircase; cogn. with AS. *stīgan*, to ascend (Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *stijgen*, Ger. *steigen*, ON. *stīga*, Goth. *steigan*). Cf. Du. *stieger*, stairs.

**staith** [dial.]. Landing-stage, embankment. ON. *stioth*, cogn. with AS. *stæth*, bank, and with *stand*; cf. Ger. *gestade*.

**stake.** AS. *staca*, post "stuck" in ground; cogn. with *stick*<sup>1,2</sup>; cf. Du. *staak*. With to *stake*, hazard (Palsg.), cf. cogn. Du. *staken*, to fix, place (see also *sweep*).

**stalactite, stalagmite.** Back-formations from ModL. *stalacites*, *stalagmites*, from G. *σταλακτός*, dropping, *σταλαγμός*, a dropping, from *σταλάσσειν*, to drop, drip

**stale.** Orig. of liquor that has stood long. OF. *estale*, verbal adj. of *estaler* (Mod. *étaler*), to spread out, display, fix, as still in *mer étale*, smooth sea, from OHG. *stal*, fixed place, stall<sup>1</sup> (q.v.). Hence also archaic *stale*, decoy, AF. *estale*, corresponding in sense to Ger. *stellvogel*, decoy fowl, from *stellen*, to place, from OHG. *stal* (v.s.); cf. AS. *stælhrañ*, decoy reindeer, and Du. *stel*, trap (in SAfr.). *Stalemate* is for earlier *stale*, OF. *estal*, fixed position. Dial. *stale*, urine, is also OF. *estal*, from stopping to urinate. Thus all senses of *stale* belong to OF. *estaler* and hence to Teut. *stal*, fixed place.

**stalk<sup>1</sup>. Noun. Dim. of ME. *stale*, stalk, handle, AS. *stalu*, cogn. with synon. Du. *steel*; cf. Sw. *stjälk*, Norw. dial. *stelh*, Dan. *stilk*.**

**stalk<sup>2</sup>. Verb. AS. *stealcian* (in *be-stealcian*, to walk stealthily), in ME. esp. to approach game; cogn. with *steal* (cf. *lurk*, *talk*, *walk*).**

**stall<sup>1</sup>. Noun. AS. *steall*, standing place, position, esp. for cattle. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *stal*, Ger. *stall*, cattleshed, stable, ON. *stallr*; cogn. with *stand*.**

**stall<sup>2</sup>. Verb. In to *stall off*. Orig. to keep off by trickery, from slang *stall*, confederate, orig. decoy (see *stale*).**

**stallion.** Earlier *staloun*, OF. *estalon* (Mod. *étalon*). Because kept in a stall<sup>1</sup>.

**stalwart.** Sc. form of *stalworth*, AS. *stælwæriþe*, serviceable, sturdy, from *stæl* (*stæthol*), stability, etc. See *staddle*, *worth*<sup>1</sup>.

**stamen** [bot.]. L., thread, fibre. Hence pl. *stamina*, physical (moral) fibre.

**stamina.** See *stamen*.

**stammel** [hist.]. Bright red, orig. fabric (cf. *scarlet*). OF. *estamel*, cogn. with *estamine* (Mod. *étamine*), from L. *stamen* (v.s.).

**stammer.** AS *stammerian*, from *stamor*, *stamm*, indistinct in speech; cf. Du. *stamelen*, Ger. *stammeln*; ult. cogn. with Ger. *stumm*, dumb.

**stamp.** Early ME., but prob. of AS. origin; cf. AS. *stempian*, to pound. Influenced by F. *estamper* (ModF. also *étamper*), to stamp, impress (from Teut.); cf. Ger. *stampfen*, ON. *stappa*; also It. *stampare*, to tread, print, Sp. *estampar* (both from Teut.). The same root, without the nasal, appears in *step*. With noun *stamp* cf. Ger. *stempel*, impress, F. *estampe*, print, which is It. *stampa*.

**stampede.** Earlier *stampedo*, from Sp. *estampada*, stamping, uproar, used in Mex. Sp. in spec. sense.

**stance.** OF. *estance*, from *ester*, to stand, L. *stare*. Cf. *stanza*.

**stanch.** See *staunch*.

**stanchion.** Earlier *stanchon*, OF. *estanson* (Mod. *étanson*), from *estance*, prop. lit. standing, "stance," from *ester*, to stand, L. *stare*.

**stand.** AS. *standan* (*stōd*, *gestanden*). Com. Teut.; cf. OSax. *standan*, OHG. *stantan*, ON. *standa*, Goth. *standan*. The Teut. langs. had also a shorter form from the same root, appearing in Du. *staan*, Ger. *stehen*, etc., mod. conjugation of which is mixed up with the longer (cf. the parallelism of *go*, *gang*); cogn. with L. *stare*, G. *istāvai*, Sanskrit *sthā*.

**standard.** OF. *estandard*, *estendart* (Mod. *étendard*), royal banner, from *estendre* (Mod. *étendre*), to extend; but strongly influenced, esp. in secondary senses, by *stand*.

**standish** [archaic]. Inkstand; orig. case containing writing materials. Of obscure origin. First element might be *stand* or *stone*, but there is no record of *dish* in such a sense. ? Connected with OF. *estain* (Mod. *étain*), pewter (see *stannary*).

**stang** [dial.]. Pole. ON. *stöng*; cogn. with AS *stang*, Du. *stang*, Ger. *stange*, and ult. with *sting*, as *stake* with *stick*.

**stanhope**. Vehicle. First built for Fitzroy Stanhope (†1864). Cf. *stanhope lens*, *press*, invented by third Earl Stanhope (†1816).

**stank** [dial.]. See *stagnate*.

**stannary** [hist.]. From MedL. *stannaria*, the Stannaries, tin-mining district of Cornwall and Devon, from L. *stagnum*, *stannum*, tin, whence also F. *étain* (OF. *estain*), pewter. The L. word is prob. of Celt. origin.

**stanza**. It, lit. standing, stopping place, from L. *stare*, *stant-*, to stand.

**staphylo-** [med.]. From G. *σταφύλη*, bunch of grapes.

**staple**. AS. *stapol*, post. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *stapel*, leg of chair, stocks, Ger. *staffel*, step, rung of ladder, ON. *stopull*, pillar. Ground-sense is something fixed. ME. sense of mart is via OF. *estaple* (whence F. *étape*, halting-place), from LG. Adj. is from this noun used attributively as in *staple commodities*. As the great Flem. *staples*, or marts, were chiefly concerned with the wool-trade (cf. *woolstapler*), the word acquired a spec. connection with one commodity and came to mean its fibre.

**star**. AS. *steorra*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *ster*, Ger. *stern* (OHG. *sterro*), ON. *stjarna*, Goth. *stairnō*; cogn. with L. *stella* (\**sterla*), G. *στήλη*, Sanskrit *star*. The *Star-chamber*, earlier *sterred chambre*, was in MedL. *camera-stellata*, in AF. *chambre estillée* (both 14 cent.), app. from its ornamentation. With *star* on horse's forehead (blaze<sup>2</sup>) cf. It. *stellato*, horse similarly marked, from L. *stella*, *star*.

**starboard**. AS. *steorbord*, steer board, steer side, the steering paddle of an early Teut. ship being worked on the right; cf. Du. *stuurboord*, Ger. *steuerbord*, ON. *stjornborthi*.

**starch**. AS. *stercan* (found only in p.p.), to stiffen, from *stearc*, stiff, stark (q.v.).

**stare**. AS. *starian*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *staren*, OHG. *starēn*, ON. *stara*; cogn. with Ger. *starr*, rigid, as in *starr anschauen*, "to stare upon" (Ludw.).

**stark**. AS. *stearc*, stiff, rigid. Com. Teut.; cf. OSax. Ger. *stark*, ON. *sterkr*, all rather with sense of strong; also Goth. *gastaurknan*, to stiffen. Also as intens., e.g. *stark mad*. But *stark-naked* is for ME. *start-naked*,

from AS. *steort*, tail, rump (cf. *red-start*, bird), cogn. with Du. *staart*, Ger. *sterz*, ON. *steyr*.

**starling**<sup>1</sup>. Bird. AS. *stærling*, from *stær*, cf. Ger. *star*, ON. *stari*; cogn. with L. *sturnus*.

**starling**<sup>2</sup> [techn.]. Pile-work protecting bridge. Corrupt. of *staddling* (see *staddle*).

**starosta** [Russ.]. Mayor of village. Russ., from *stary*, old.

**start**. ME. *sterten* (Kentish), AS. *styrtan*, to move with a bound. WGer.; cf. Du. *storten*, Ger. *stürzen*, to precipitate, rush.

**starile**. AS. *steartilian*, frequent. of *start*.

**starve**. AS. *steorfan*, to die. WGer.; cf. Du. *sterven*, Ger. *sterben*. Orig. sense survives in dial., e.g. *starved with cold*, current sense being due to ellipsis of *with hunger*.

**stash** [slang]. ? Coined on *stow*, *squash*<sup>1</sup>.

**-stat**. G. *-στᾶν*, from root of *ιστάνα*, to cause to stand.

**state**. OF. *estat* (Mod. *état*) and L. *status*, from *stare*, to stand. Cf. *estate*, which in early use is not differentiated from *state*.

**stater**. Coin. G. *στατήρ*, from *ιστάνα*, to fix, weigh.

**static**. G. *στατικός*, causing to stand, also skilled in weighing (v.s.).

**station**. F. *station*, L. *statio-n-*, from *stare*, *stat-*, to stand. Hence *stationer*, MedL. *stationarius*, tradesman with a station or shop (as opposed to itinerant dealer), esp. one licensed to sell books in univ. towns.

**statistics**. Older is *statist*, orig. politician, It. *statista*, from *stato*, *state*. Current sense is due to Ger. *statistik*, which in 18 cent. had sense of gen. study of resources, etc. of a state.

**stato-**. From G. *στατός*, standing. Cf. *static*.

**statthalter** [hist.]. Ger., cf. *stadholder*.

**statue**. F. *statue*, L. *statua*, from *stare*, *stat-*, to stand.

**stature**. F. *stature*, L. *statura*, from *stare* (v.s.).

**status**. L., *state*, from *stare*. Cf. *status quo* (*ante*), *state* in which (before) (v.s.).

**statute**. Late L. *statutum*, decree, from *statuere*, to set up, establish, from *stare*, *stat-*, to stand.

**staunch, stanch**. Adj. OF. *estanche* (Mod. *étanche*), water-tight, from *estancher* (Mod. *étancher*), to stanch, stop a flow, ? VL. \**stagnicare* (cf. *stagnate*).

**stauro-**. From G. *σταυρός*, cross.

**stave**. Back-formation from pl. of *staff* (q.v.). Hence naut. to *stave* (in), orig. break the staves of a cask, with naut. past tense *stove*; also to *stave off*, keep off, orig. with a staff.

**stavesacre**. Plant. Folk-etym. for ME. *staphysagrye*, G. *σταφίς ἀγρία*, wild raisin.

**stay**<sup>1</sup>. Support. AS. *stæg*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. ON. *stag* Orig. naut. (cf. *mainstay*), but later used of any support, e.g. *pair of stays*.

**stay**<sup>2</sup>. To remain. OF. *ester*, to stand (still in leg. use), L. *stare*. This was in NE. dial. *esteir*, with p.p. *ester*, whence noun *estere*, pause, sojourn, stay, which may be the immediate origin of the E. word. In AF. the stem became *estei-*, *estar-*. No connection with *stay*<sup>1</sup>.

**stead**. Chiefly in compds. (*bedstead*, *farmstead*) or phrases (*instead*, *in good stead*; cf. *bestead*). AS. *stede*, place, assigned position; hence, settlement, village, etc. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *stad*, town, *stede*, *stee*, place, Ger. *statt*, place (whence *anstatt*, instead), *stadt*, town (merely a var. spelling), ON. *stathr*, place, Goth. *staths*, place; ult. cogn. with *stand*. Hence *steadfast*, AS. *stedefast*, *steady* (cf. Ger. *stetig*, constant, persistent).

**steak**. ON. *stærk*, cogn. with *steikja*, to roast on a spit, and with *stíck*<sup>2</sup>.

**steal**. AS. *stelan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *stelen*, Ger. *stehlen*, ON. *stela*, Goth. *stilan*. With *stealth*, retaining etym. sense up to 18 cent., cf. Ger. *verstohlen*, "stealingly, by stealth" (Ludw.).

**steam**. AS. *stēam*, vapour, cogn. with Du. *stoom*.

**stearin** [chem.]. From G. *stēap*, tallow.

**steatite** [min.]. Soapstone. From G. *στéap*, *στéar* (v.s.).

**steed**. AS. *stēda*, stallion, cogn. with *stud*<sup>2</sup> (q.v.).

**steel**. AS. *stýle*, *stēle*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *staal*, Ger. *stahl*, ON. *stāl*.

**steelyard**. From *steel* and *yard*<sup>1</sup> (NED.). Current form was prob. fixed by the hist. *Steelyard*, London, head-quarters of the Hanse merchants, which is supposed to be a mistransl. of LG. *stalhof*, lit. sample yard, first element being mistaken for LG. *stal*, steel, in which the Hanse merchants dealt (*Stalchoeff alias Stylgerd*, in Rymer, 1474). The earliest known ref. (1394) to this is,

however, MedL. *Curia Calbis* (*chalybis*), court of steel. The *Stillharde beme*, public balance kept at the Steelyard, is mentioned 1531. With regard to the etym. of *steelyard*, the hist. of *halyard*, *lanyard*, *poniard*, *whinyard*, and the existence of the earlier *stelleer* (Cotg.), make one chary of accepting the too obvious origin proposed by the NED.

**steenbok**. SAfr. antelope. Du., stone buck.

**steenkerk, steinkerk** [hist.]. Cravat. From F. victory (1692) at *Steenkerke*, Belgium.

**steep**<sup>1</sup>. Adj. AS *stēap*, lofty, precipitous; cogn. with *sloop*, and with Ger. *Hohenstaufen*.

**steep**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. ME. *stepen*; cf. Sw. *stopa*, Dan. *støbe*, to soak (barley for malting); ? cogn. with *stoup* (q.v.) and AS. *stēap*, vessel.

**steeple**. AS. *stēpel* (Merc.), tall tower, from *steep*<sup>1</sup>. A *steeple-chase* had orig. a visible steeple as goal.

**steer**<sup>1</sup>. Noun. AS. *stēor*, bullock. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *stier*, bull, Goth. *stjur*; cogn. with ON. *thjórr*, and perh. with G. *raibos*.

**steer**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. AS. *stīēran*, from *stēor*, rudder (in *stēoresman*). Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *stuur*, Ger. *steuer*, ON. *stýri*; also Goth *stuurjan*, to establish.

**steeve** [naut.]. To point upward (of bowsprit). ? From Du. *stevenen*, to point prow (steven) of ship. See *stem*<sup>1</sup>.

**stegano-, stego-**. From G. *στéyew*, to cover.

**Steinach operation**. For renewing youth (20 cent.). From Dr. *Steinach*, of Vienna.

**steinberger**. Hock from *Steinberg*, near Wiesbaden.

**steinbock**. Ger., as *steenbok* (q.v.).

**steinkerk**. See *steenkerk*.

**stèle** [antiq.]. Upright (inscribed) slab. F. *stèle*, G. *στήλη*.

**stellar**. Late L. *stellaris*, from *stella*, star.

**stellenbosch** [mil.]. To relegate to place where incompetence is less harmful. From *Stellenbosch*, Cape Colony, said to have been used for this purpose in Kaffir wars. Cf. F. *limoger* (neol.), to relegate to *Limoges*. This is the accepted (journalistic) explanation, but *Stellenbosch* was already a retreat for the aged and infirm in the 18 cent.

**stellio**. Lizard. L., from *stella*, star, from markings.

**stem**<sup>1</sup>. Noun. AS. *stemn*, *stefn*. Com. Teut., cf. Du. *stam*, Ger. *stamm*, ON. *stamm*, *stafn*, the last only in naut. sense. In this sense Du. & LG. have *steven*. Hence also verb to *stem* (*the tide, current*), which has been confused with *stem*<sup>2</sup>.

**stem**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. ON. *stemma*, to check; cf. Ger. *stemmen*, "to stem, hem, or stop the course of a thing" (Ludw.); cogn. with *stammer*. See also *stem*<sup>1</sup>.

**stemson** [naut.]. From *stem*<sup>1</sup>, after *keelson*.

**stench**. AS. *stenc*, cogn. with *sink*.

**stencil**. ? Obs. Du. *stemsel*, "forma, formula, baston sur quoy ils coustent les souliers" (*Trum Ling Dict.* 1587), "ora sive limbus calcei" (Kil.). The connection between a shoe-last and a stencil is that both serve to multiply a fixed pattern.

**steno-**. From G. *στενός*, narrow.

**stentorian**. From *Στέντωρ*, G. warrior with powerful voice (*Iliad*, v. 875), from *στένω*, to groan, ult. cogn. with *thunder*.

**step**. AS. *stæppan*. WGer.; cf. Du. *stappen*, Ger. *stappen*, esp. in ref. to footprints; cogn. with *stamp*.

**step-**. AS. *stēop-*, cogn. with *ástýpan*, to bereave, make orphan; cf. synonym. OHG. *stuufen*, *irstuufen*. Orig. of children. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *stief-*, ON. *stýp-*.

**stephanotis**. From G. *στέφανος*, crown.

**steppe**. Russ. *step'*, of unknown origin.

**-ster**. AS. *-estre*, fem. agent. suffix, corresponding to masc. *-ere*; cf. LG. Du. *-ster*. Use as masc. suffix is prob. due to trades orig. carried on by females (*baxter*, *brewster*), the only word preserving orig. sense being *spinster*. From 16 cent. used (? influence of *-aster*) in jocular and contemptuous formations (*punster*, *rhymester*, *trickster*).

**stercor-**. From L. *stercus*, *stercor-*, dung.

**stere**. Cubic metre. F. *sière*, from G. *στερεός* (v.i.).

**stereo** [typ.]. Short for *stereotype* (v.i.).

**stereo-**. From G. *στερεός*, solid.

**sterile**. L. *sterilis*, cogn. with G. *στειλός*, Sanskrit *starī*, barren cow, Goth. *stairō*, barren woman.

**sterlet**. Small sturgeon. Russ. *sterlyad'*.

**sterling**. Orig. the E. silver penny of the Norman dynasty. Prob. late AS. \**stæorling*, from *stæorra*, star, with which some of the early Norman

pennies are marked (cf. *copeck*, *crown*, *rose-noble*, *angel*, etc.). A *pound sterling* was orig. a *pound* (weight) of *sterlings*.

**stern**<sup>1</sup>. Adj. AS. *stierne*, *styrne*; cogn. with Ger. *starr*, stiff, G. *στερεός*, solid, rigid, and with *stare*.

**stern**<sup>2</sup>. Noun. ON. *stjörn*, steering, from *stýra*, to steer. With *sternson* cf. *stemson*.

**sterno-**. From G. *στέρνων*, chest, breastbone.

**sternutation**. L. *sternutatio-n-*, from *sternutare*, frequent. of *sternuere*, to sneeze; cogn. with G. *στέρνωσθαι*.

**stertorous**. From L. *stertere*, to snore.

**stet** [typ.]. L., let stand.

**stetho-**. From G. *στήθος*, chest.

**stevedore**. Sp. *estivador*, from *estivar*, to stow a cargo, L. *stipare*, to fill up, cram.

**stew**<sup>1</sup> [archaic]. Brothel. From OF. *estuve* (Mod. *étuve*), "a stove, hot-house, hot bath" (Cotg.), cogn. with *stove*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.). The public hot-air baths acquired a bad reputation.

**stew**<sup>2</sup> [cook.]. Developed from *stew*, to bathe in hot vapour (see *stew*<sup>1</sup>).

**stew**<sup>3</sup> [archaic]. Fishpond, tank (Chauc. A. 350) OF. *estur* (Mod. *étur*, case), trough or tub in which fish were kept for kitchen purposes. See *étur*.

**steward**. AS. *stigweard*, major-domo, caterer, lit. sty-ward, *sty*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.) being used in wider sense than now.

**stibium** [chem.]. L. *stibium*, from G. *στίβη*, *στίβμη*.

**stichomythia**. Dialogue in alternate lines. G. *στίχομυθία*, from *στίχος*, row, line (cf. *acrostic*), *μῦθος*, speech, "myth."

**stick**<sup>1</sup>. Verb. AS. *stician*, to pierce, remain fixed; hence (in ME.), to (cause to) adhere. Has absorbed cogn. dial. *steek*, which corresponds to Ger. *stechen*, to pierce, sting, stitch. Cf. Du. *stikken*, to embroider, Ger. *stechen*, to stick (fast), put, *sticken*, to embroider, Goth. *stiggan*, to thrust; cogn. with *sting*, *stitch*; also with *stigma*, *instigate*, *distinguish*, etc.

**stick**<sup>2</sup>. Noun. AS. *sticca*, cogn. with *stick*<sup>1</sup>.

**stickle**. For ME. *stichtlen*, to arrange, control, frequent. of AS. *stihtan*, cogn. with Du. *stichten*, Ger. *stiften*, to set in order, establish. Oldest sense of *stickle* is to see fair play between combatants.

**stickleback.** From AS. *sticel*, prick, sting, from *stuck*<sup>1</sup>. Pop. form *uillebat*, *tiddlebat*, illustrates moveable character of *s-* (q.v.) and occ. confusion between final dental and palatal (cf. *scabbard*).

**stiff.** AS. *stif*. WGer.; cf. Du. *stijf*, Ger. *stief*; cogn. with L. *stipes*, stake, stem.

**stifle<sup>1</sup>, stifle.** Joint between femur and tibia of hind leg of quadruped, esp. horse. Recorded c. 1320. Origin obscure. ? OF. *estival*, boot, whence Ger. *stiefel*.

**stifle<sup>2</sup>.** Verb. Earlier *stuffle*, either frequent. of *stuff*, or from cogn. OF. *estouffer* (Mod. *étouffer*), "to stifle, smother, choke" (Cotg.).

**Stiggins.** Alcoholic hypocrite (*Pickwick*).

**stigma.** G. *στίγμα*, mark, brand, from *στίξω*, to puncture.

**stile, style.** AS. *stigel*, from *stigan*, to ascend (cf. *stair*).

**stiletto.** It., dim. of *stilo* (see *style*<sup>1</sup>).

**still<sup>1</sup>.** Adj. AS. *stille*. WGer.; cf. Du. *stil*, Ger. *still*; from the root expressing fixity to which *stall*<sup>1</sup> belongs. Hence adv. *still*, preserving something of orig. sense in to *stand still*.

**still<sup>2</sup>.** Noun. From archaic verb to *still*, apheet. for *distil* (q.v.). Hence *still-room*.

**stilling** [dial.]. Support for casks. Du. *stelling*, "a stilling, stand, gauntree" (Sewel), from *stellen*, to place (see *stale*).

**stilo-**. See *stylo-*.

**stilt.** Cf. Du. *stelt*, Ger. *stelze*, Norw. Dan. *stylie*. Origin unknown.

**stilton.** Cheese from Vale of Belvoir (Leic.), made famous (18 cent.) by a coaching-inn at *Stilton* (Hunts), the owner of which came from the Belvoir country.

**stimulus.** L., goad. Cf. *stimulate*, to spur on, *stimulant*, excitant.

**stimy** [golf]. See *stymie*.

**sting.** AS. *stingan*, to pierce; cf. ON. *stinga*; ult. cogn. with *stick*<sup>1</sup> (cf. synonym. F. *piquer*, Ger. *stechen*, both orig. to puncture).

**stingaree.** Fish. US. & Austral., for *sting-ray*, from *ray*<sup>2</sup>.

**stingo.** From 17 cent. From *sting*, as having a "bite."

**stingy.** App. from *stinge*, dial. form of *sting*. It. has in dial. the sense of crabby, irritable. For softening of -g- cf. *dingy*, *tinge*.

**stink.** AS. *stincan*. WGer.; cf. Du. Ger. *stinken*.

**stint.** First as verb, to desist, come to an end; later trans., to discontinue, check. AS. *stynian*, to blunt, dull, cogn. with *stunt*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.); cf. ON. *styta* (\**stynia*), to shorten, ? also Ger. *stutzen*, to stop short, also to dock, crop, lop, etc. Sense has been affected by obs. *stent*, limit, allowance, apheet. for *extent*.

**stipend.** L. *stipendium*, from *stips*, *stip-*, wages, *pendere*, to weigh, pay.

**stip-** [bot.]. From L. *stipes*, stem, stalk.

**stipple.** Du. *sippelen*, frequent. of *stippen*, to speckle, from *stip*, point, cogn. with Ger. *steppen*, to stitch, embroider.

**stipul-** [bot.]. From L. *stipula*, straw.

**stipulate.** From L. *stipulari*. Connection with L. *stipula*, straw, is rejected by mod. authorities, perh. too readily, for the derivation of leg. expressions from symbolic acts is common in primitive lang. (cf. F. *rompre la paille*, used of making a formal decision).

**stir.** AS. *styrian*; cf. ON. *styr* (noun); cogn. with Du. *storen*, Ger. *stören*, to disturb, ? and ult. with *storm*. Noun sense of uproar, commotion, is partly due to dial. *stour* (see *storm*).

**stirk** [dial.]. Bullock. AS. *stirc*, *styre*, calf; cf. Du. dial. *sterke*, Ger. *stärke*, maiden heifer, Bav. *sterch*, breeding sheep or swine.

**stirp.** Stock, lineage. L. *stirps*, *stirp-*, stem of tree.

**stirrup.** AS. *stigrāp*, mount rope (see *stair*, *stile*); cf. Flem. *steegreep*, Ger. *stegreif*, ON. *stiggreip*; also Du. *stijgbeugel*, Ger. *stengbügel*, with second element cogn. with *bow*<sup>1</sup>.

**stitch.** AS. *stice*, puncture, stab, cogn. with *stick*<sup>1</sup>; cf. Ger. *stich*, stitch, sting, pricking.

**stithy** [archaic]. Anvil. ON. *stethi* (cogn. with *stand*), whence E. dial. *stith*, the lengthened *stithy* being influenced by *smithy*.

**stiver** [archaic]. Small coin. Du. *stuyver*; ? cogn. with ON. *stýfa*, to cut off (cf. *doit*).

**stoa.** See *stoc*.

**stoat.** ME. *stote*. Origin unknown.

**stoccado** [archaic]. Altered from It. *stoccata*, "a foyné, a thrust, a stoccado given in fence" (Flor.), from *stocco*, a short sword, of Teut. origin (cf. Ger. *stock*, stick, and see *tuck*<sup>3</sup>).

**stock.** AS. *stoc*, trunk, log, pillory.

Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *stok*, Ger. *stock*, ON. *stokkr*. Used of many supporting devices and for the massive part of an implement. As name of flower short for *stock-gilliflower*, with woody stem. Sense of property is peculiar to E. (cf. *store*). With *stockfish*, dried cod, cf. Du. *stokvisch*, Ger. *stockfisch*, the name being variously explained.

**stockade.** F. *estacade* (archaic var. *estocade*), Sp. *estacada*, from *estaca*, stake, from Teut. (see *stake*).

**stockinet.** For *stocking net*. Cf. *bobbinet*.

**stocking.** From archaic *stock*, hose, divided into *upper stock* and *nether stock*, the latter being the *stocking*. For use of *stock* in this sense cf. Ger. *strumpf*, stocking, for *hosenstrumpf*, hose stump, hose trunk.

**stodge.** To fill up, cram. Perh. suggested by *stuff* or *stow*.

**stoep** [SAfr.]. Raised verandah. Du., cogn. with *step*.

**stoic.** G. *στωικός*, from *στοά*, the Porch, where Zeno lectured at Athens (c. 300 B C).

**stoicheio-.** From G. *στοιχείον*, element.

**stoker.** Du., from *stoken*, to poke, feed a fire, from *stok*, stick.

**stole<sup>1</sup>.** Vestment. G. *στολή*, cogn. with *στέλλειν*, to array.

**stole<sup>2</sup>** [hist]. In *Groom of the Stole*, high royal officer. For *stool*, in sense of *close-stool*.

**stolid.** L. *stolidus*, ult. cogn. with *stull<sup>1</sup>*.

**stolo-, stolon-** [bot.]. From L *stolo-n-*, sucker of plant.

**stomach.** G. *στόμαχος*, orig. throat, gullet, from *στόμα*, mouth.

**stomato-.** From G. *στόμα*, *στόμαρ*, mouth.

**stone.** AS. *stān*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *steen*, Ger. *stein*, ON. *steinn*, Goth. *stains*; cogn. with G. *στία*, pebble. The *stonechat* is named from its note suggesting the knocking together of pebbles.

**stook.** Of corn. Cf. Flem. *stukh*, Ger. dial. *stauche* (OHG. *stūha*).

**stool.** AS *stōl*, seat, esp. throne. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *stoel*, Ger. *stuhl*, chair, ON. *stōll*, chair, seat, Goth. *stōls*. throne; cogn. with OSlav. *stol*.

**toop<sup>1</sup>.** Verb. AS. *stūpian*, to bow, bend; cf. Flem. *stūpen*, ON. *stūpa*; cogn. with *steep<sup>1</sup>*.

**stoop<sup>2</sup>** [US.]. For *stoep* (q v.).

**stop.** AS. *stoppan* (in *forstoppan*, to plug up). WGer.; cf. Du. *stoppen* Ger. *stopfen*. An early loan from VL.

*stupa*, tow, G. *στύπη*, *στύπηνη*, whence also F. *étouper* (OF. *estouper*), It. *stoppare*, Sp. *estopar*. As AS. *stoppan* is unrecorded, and *forstoppan* occurs once only, it seems likely that the E. word is an early naut. loan from Du. or LG.

**storax.** Gum-resin. L. *storax*, G. *στυράξ*. Cf. *styrax*.

**store.** First as verb, to supply, furnish; earlier also *astore*, *enstore*. OF. *estorer*, from L. *instaurare*, to begin again, repair, cogn. with G. *οραυός*, post, stake. Cf. sense-development of *stock*, with which the noun *store* often runs parallel.

**storey.** See *story<sup>2</sup>*.

**stork.** AS. *storc*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *stork*, Ger. *storch*, ON. *storkr*.

**storm.** AS. *storm*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *storm*, Ger. *sturm*, ON. *stormr*; cogn. with *styr*. Cf. OF. *estour(m)*, onset, from Teut., whence E. dial. *stour*, disturbance, etc.

**storthing.** Norw. parliament (now *storting*), from *stør*, great, powerful, ON. *stōrr*, great. See *thing*.

**story<sup>1</sup>.** Narrative. AF. *estorie*, OF. *estoure*, L. *hystoria*. In ME. not differentiated from *history*.

**story<sup>2</sup> storey.** Of house. Ident. with *story<sup>1</sup>*, though sense-development is obscure. The word may orig. have referred to tiers of "storied" windows or sculptures corresponding to the different floors. The etym. is proved by several records of AL (*h*)*ystoria* in same sense from 12 cent. onward, while E. *story<sup>2</sup>* is not recorded till c. 1400.

**stoup** [archaic]. ON. *staup*, bucket. Com. Teut.; cf. AS. *stēap*, Du. *stoop*, Ger. dial. *stauf*. Later sense of drinking vessel prob. via Du.

**stout.** OF. *estout*, proud, fierce, from Teut.; cf. Du. *stout*, Ger. *stolz*, ON. *stōltr*, proud; these are prob. early loans from L. *stultus*, foolish, a sense also of *stolz* in MHG. Sense of strong, vigorous (whence a kind of beer) became euph for fat.

**stove<sup>1</sup>.** Noun. Orig. hot air bath, sweating room, etc. Du. *stoof*, earlier *stove*, "stew, hot hous, or bain" (Hexham); cf. Ger. *stube*, "a stove; a room, or apartment, wherein there is a stove, or furnace, to warm it" (Ludw.), ON. *stofa*, *stufa*, AS. *stofa*, hot air bath. Perh. all from VL. \**extufare*, from G. *τῦφος*, vapour. See also *staul*.



- stove**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. See *stave*.  
**stover** [*hist.*]. See *estovers*.  
**stow**. From obs. *stow*, place, AS. *stōw* (common in place-names), ult. cogn. with *stand*. Cf. *bestow*. Naut. sense perh. due rather to cogn. Du. *stouwen*, "to stow up, to cram, press or pack up close" (Hexham).  
**strabism**. G. *στραβισμός*, from *στραβίζω*, to squint.  
**strad**. Short for *stradivarius* (q.v.).  
**straddle**. Frequent. formation from *stride*. *Stridle* was formerly used in same sense.  
**stradiot** [*hist.*]. Also *estradiot*. It. *stradiotto*, Venetian mercenary, G. *στρατιώτης*, soldier.  
**stradivarius**. Violin by Antonio Stradivari (17 cent.).  
**strafe** [*slang*]. From Ger. phrase *Gott strafe England*, God punish England (1914). Ger. *strafen*, orig. to rebuke, may be cogn. with synon. AS. *thraflan*.  
**straggle**. ? For \**strackle*, frequent. of obs. *strake*, to rove, cogn. with *stretch*; cf. Ger. *landstreicher*, vagabond. For change of consonant cf. *stagger*.  
**straight**. ME. *streght*, p.p. of *stretch*; cf. Ger. *strach*.  
**strain**<sup>1</sup>. Verb. OF. *estreindre*, *estreign-* (Mod. *étreindre*), to grip, L. *stringere*. In some senses there has been contact with *sprain* (q.v.). To *strain at* (Matt. xxiii. 24), usu. misunderstood, means to strain liquor if a gnat is found in it.  
**strain**<sup>2</sup>. Of melody. From *strain*<sup>1</sup>, in to *strain* (uplift) *one's voice*, orig. to tighten up the cords of a musical instrument.  
**strain**<sup>3</sup>. Race, breed. AS. *stræon*, *gestræon*, gain, property, procreation; ult. cogn. with L. *strues*, heap.  
**strait**. OF. *estreit* (Mod. *étroit*), L. *strictus*, p.p. of *stringere*, to tighten. Geog. *strait* (usu. pl.) represents also OF. *destreit* (Mod. *détroit*), defile, isthmus, narrow channel.  
**strake** [*naut.*]. Longitudinal timber (see *garboard*). ME. *strake*, cogn. with *stretch*. Early confused with unrelated *streak*, e.g. in *ringstraked* (Gen. xxx. 35, Vulg. *maculosus*).  
**stramash**. Disturbance. ? Fanciful formation on *stour* (see *storm*) and *smash*. Cf. *squabash*.  
**stramonium**. Thorn-apple. ModL. (16 cent.), ? from synon. Russ. *durman*, Tatar *turman*, a medicine for horses.

- strand**<sup>1</sup>. Of sea. AS. *strand*; cf. LG. Du. *strand*, Ger. *strand* (from LG.), ON. *strond*, border, coast. Formerly used also of river bank, whence the *Strand*.  
**strand**<sup>2</sup>. Of rope. Prob. OF. *estran*, rope, of Teut. origin; ? cf. Ger. *strähne*, skein, plait, ? or *strang*, rope, string.  
**strange**. OF. *estrange* (Mod. *étrange*), L. *extraneus*, from *extra*, outside. Cf. *stranger*, OF. *estranger* (Mod. *étranger*).  
**strangle**. OF. *estrangler* (Mod. *étrangler*), L. *strangulare*, G. *σπαγγαλᾶν*, from *σπαγγάλη*, halter, from *σπαγγός*, twisted.  
**strangury** [*med.*]. G. *σπαγγουρία*, from *σπάγξ*, *σπαγγ-*, drop squeezed out, οὔρον, urine.  
**strap**. Dial. var. of *strop* (q.v.). With *strapper*, *strapping* (fellow, lass) cf. *whopper*, *spanking*, etc.  
**strappado** [*hist.*]. Altered from It. *strappata*, form of torture, from *strappare*, to drag, pull, of Teut. origin; cf. Ger. *straff*, tight.  
**stratagem**. G. *στρατήγημα*, piece of generalship, from *στρατηγός*, general, from *στρατός*, army, *ἄγειν*, to lead. Cf. *strategy*, generalship.  
**strath** [*Sc.*]. Gael. *sraith*, wide open valley; cf. Welsh *ystad*; cogn. with *street*.  
**stratocracy**. Government by the army, G. *στρατός*.  
**stratum**. L., p.p. neut. of *sternere*, to lay down, spread out.  
**straw**<sup>1</sup>. Noun. AS. *stræw*, *strēow*, cogn. with *strew* (cf. L. *stramen*, straw, litter, cogn. with *sternere*, *stra-*, to strew). Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *stroo*, Ger. *stroh*, ON. *strā*. *Strawberry*, AS. *stræwberige*, is prob. from the tiny strawlike particles which cover the fruit (AS. *stræw* is used for the "mote" of Matt. vii. 3).  
**straw**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. Archaic var. of *strew* (q.v.).  
**stray**. Aphet. for *astray*, *estray*, OF. *estraier*, to wander, derived by *NED.* from L. *extravagare* (cf. Prov. *estragar*). Continental authorities regard OF. *estrayer*, ownerless horse, as the starting-point, and derive it from VL. \**stratarius*, from *strata*, street, road.  
**streak**. AS. *strica*, cogn. with *strike*; cf. Du. *streek*, Ger. *strich*.  
**stream**. AS. *stræam*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *siroom*, Ger. *sirom*, ON. *straumur*; ult. cogn. with G. *πεῖν*, to flow, Sanskrit *sru*.

**street.** AS. *stræt*, Late L. *strata* (sc. *via*), strewn (paved) way. Early Com. Teut. loan from L.; cf. Du. *straat*, Ger. *strasse*, ON. *stræti*.

**strength.** AS. *strengthu*, from *strong*.

**strenuous.** From L. *strenuus*; cogn. with G. *σπρηνύς*, strong.

**Strephon.** Lover. From Sidney's *Arcadia*.

**strepituous.** From L. *strepitus*, noise.

**strepto-** [biol.]. From G. *σπρῆπτός*, twisted, from *σπρέφω*, to turn.

**stress.** OF. *estrecier*, VL. \**strctiare*, from *strictus*, p.p. of *stringere*, to clutch, compress, etc. Cf. *distress*, of which *stress* is usu. an apphet. form (cf. *sport*, *stain*).

**stretch.** AS. *streccan*, prob. from *strec*, strong, rigorous. WGer.; cf. Du. *strekken*, Ger. *strecken*; ? ult. cogn. with *stark*.

**strew.** AS. *strewian*, cogn. with *straw* (q.v.). Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *strooien*, Ger. *streuen*, ON. *strā*, Goth. *straujan*; cogn. with L. *sternere*, *str-*, G. *σπορέειν*, Sanskrit *stri*.

**stria.** Stripe, line. L., groove or ridge. Hence *strated*.

**strict.** L. *strictus*, p.p. of *stringere*, to tighten, constrain. Hence *stricture* (med.).

**stricture.** Criticism. From L. *stringere*, *strict-*, to scrape, touch lightly (see *strigil*). Orig. sense of incidental comment has changed, by association with the unrelated *stringere*, to tighten, etc. (v.s.).

**stride.** AS. *strīde*, pace, measure, whence verb *strīdan*. App. cogn. with Du. *strīd*, Ger. *streit*, ON. *strith*, all in sense of struggle, contention, trouble. From this sense, unrecorded in AS. for *stride* (but recorded for *strith*), may have developed that of striving forward, advancing.

**strident.** From pres. part. of L. *stridere*, to creak. Cf. *strident*, *stridulous*.

**strife, strive.** OF. *estrf*, *estruver*, in which the *-f*, *-v*, is perh. for an orig. *-th*. Of Teut. origin (see *stride*).

**strigil.** Skin-scraper. L. *strigilis*, horse-comb, from *stringere* (see *stricture*).

**strigose** [biol.]. From L. *striga*, row<sup>1</sup>.

**strike.** AS. *strīcan* (trans.), to wipe, (intrans.), to go, move. WGer.; cf. Du. *stryken*, to smooth, stretch out, Ger. *streichen*, to stroke, stretch out, also to lash; cogn. with ON. *stryka*, to stroke, rub, wipe; cf. also Goth. *striks*, stroke (of pen); ult. cogn.

with *streak*. For sense-development cf. that of cogn. *stroke*.

**string.** AS. *streng*. Com. Teut., cf. Du. *streng*, Ger. *strang*, ON. *streng*; cogn. with *strangle* (q.v.) and L. *stringere*, to wring, tighten, etc.

**stringent.** From pres. part. of L. *stringere*, to tighten, etc. Cf. *strict* **string-halt** [vet.]. Dry spavin. App. from *string* in sense of sinew.

**strip<sup>1</sup>.** To denude. AS. *stripan*, in *bestripan*, to plunder. WGer.; cf. Du. *stroopen*, Ger. *streifen*. Hence noun *strip*, section peeled off.

**strip<sup>2</sup>** [obs.]. To move swiftly (ME.), later to outstrip. Of obscure origin, but app. cogn. with *strip<sup>1</sup>*, *stripe*. Now only in *outstrip*.

**stripe.** Of Du. or LG. origin and cogn. with *strip*; cf. Du. *streep*, earlier *strype*, LG. *stripe*. See *strip<sup>1</sup>*.

**stripling.** From noun *strip* in sense of something elongated and slender.

**strive.** See *strife*.

**strob<sup>1</sup>** [biol.]. From G. *στροβείν*, to whirl round.

**stroke.** First as verb. AS. *strācan*, cogn. with *strīcan*, *strāc*, to strike. For double sense of smooth, caressing action and of blow cf. *strike*, *smite*.

**stroll.** Earlier *strowl*, *stroil*. A cant word (c. 1600), hence prob. of Ger. origin. Cf. Ger. *strolch*, vagabond, from Swiss-Ger. *strolchen*, also *strollen*.

**stroma-**. From G. *σπάσμα*, anything spread, from *σπρηνύειν*, to spread.

**strob<sup>2</sup>.** From G. *σπράμπος*, spiral.

**strong.** AS. *strang*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *streng*, strict, stern, ON. *strangr*; ult. cogn. with *string*.

**strontium** [chem.]. From *Strontian*, Argyll, where found.

**strop.** Older form of *strap*. AS. *strop*, with Du. & Ger. cognates. WGer. loan from L. *struppus*, garland, fillet, thong. Cf. OF. *estrophe*, perh. immediate source of ME. word.

**stroph-**. See *strophe*.

**strophe.** G., from *σπρέφω*, to turn.

**strow.** Archaic var. of *strew* (q.v.).

**structure.** L. *structura*, from *struere*, *struct-*, to build.

**struggle.** ME. *strogelen*, in Chauc. (E. 2374). Of obscure origin. Palsg. (p. 707) has *scruggell*. Perh. largely suggested by *strong*, *strife*, and obs. *tuggle*, from *tug*.

**struldbrug.** Mortal condemned to immortality. Coined by Swift (*Gulliver's Travels*).

**strum.** Imit.; cf. *thrum<sup>2</sup>*, *drum*.

**trumous** [*med.*]. From L. *struma*, tumour; cogn. with *strues*, heap, *struere*, to build.

**trumpet**. ME *strompet*. Origin unknown. Gregory's *Chronicle* (c. 1450) has *streppe* in same sense.

**strut**<sup>1</sup>. Verb. AS. *strūthan*, to stick out stiffly; cf. Dan. *strutte*, Ger. *strotzen*, to swagger, look big. Orig. of the air or attitude rather than the gait.

**strut**<sup>2</sup>. Timber support. App. from *strut*<sup>1</sup>; but it corresponds in sense with Du. *stut*, "a prop, support, stay" (Sewel), Ger. *stutze*, "a stay, prop, support" (Ludw.), which are cogn. with ON. *stythja*, to support, AS. *studu*, post, buttress. Cf. also Ger. *stutzen*, "to strut" (Ludw.), whence *stutzer*, a fop, masher, which only add to the puzzle.

**struthious** [*zool.*]. Of the ostrich (q.v.), L. *struthio*.

**strychnine**. From G. *strychnos*, nightshade.

**stub**. AS. *stubb* (also *stybb*); cf. LG. *stuppe*, ON *stubbi*; cogn. with L. *stipes*, G. *στύπος*.

**stubble**. OF. *estouble* (Mod. *étouble*, *éteule*), VL. \**stipula*, for *stipula*, cogn. with *stipes*, stalk.

**stubborn**. ME. *stoburn*, *stiborn*, app. from *stub* (cf. Ger. *störig*, stubborn, from *storren*, tree-stump, *stub*).

**stucco**. It. *stucco*, OHG. *stucchi*, crust, coating, usu. piece, whence Ger. *stück*, piece; cf. Du. *stuk*, AS. *stycce*, ON. *stykke*, all in sense of piece, cogn. with *stock*.

**stud**<sup>1</sup>. Nail, etc. AS. *studu*, post, support (for cognates see *strut*<sup>2</sup>). App. this was applied later to any kind of strengthening device such as a rivet, large-headed nail, etc.

**stud**<sup>2</sup>. Of horses. AS. *stōd*; cf. OHG. *stuot* (whence Ger. *stute*, mare, *gestüte* stud), ON. *stōth*; cogn. with *steed* and with ME. *stot*, nag, cob.

**studding-sail**. Earliest is Sc. *stoytene-sale* (16 cent.), ? from Du. *stooten*, to push, urge, etc., or LG. *stoten*, cogn. with Ger. *stossen*. OF. (Wace, 12 cent.) has *estouin*, *estouinc* (from ON.), and it seems possible that naut. *stunsel* may represent a dim. of this, and that *studding-sail* is a meaningless elaboration.

**student**. From pres. part. of L. *studere*, to be zealous, from *studium*, eager attention, study, whence OF. *estudie* (Mod. *étude*) and E. *study*.

**studio**. It. "a studie, or place to studie in" (Flor.).

**stuff**. OF. *estoffe* (Mod. *éttoffe*), L. *stuppa*, *stuppa*, tow, G. *στύπη* F. *étouper*, to stop (q.v.) with tow, *étouffer* (OF. *estouffer*), to choke, stifle, are of kindred origin.

**stuggy** [*dialect*]. Var. of *stocky*, stumpy and strong.

**stultify**. From L. *stultus*, foolish.

**stum**. Unfermented grape-juice. Du. *stom*, lit. dumb, cf. Ger. *stumm*, dumb; cogn. with *stammer* and *stem*<sup>2</sup>.

**stumble**. ME. *stomelen*, cogn. with above.

**stump**<sup>1</sup>. Of tree. Cf. Du. *stomp*, Ger. *stumpf*, ON. *stumpr* (? from LG.). Orig. sense, what is left of amputated limb, felled tree, appears in Ger. *stummel*, whence *verstummeln*, to mutilate.

**stump**<sup>2</sup>. For drawing. F. *estompe*, from *estomper*, app. Du. *stompen*, to blunt (v.s.).

**stun**. ME. *stunien*, *stonen*, OF. *estoner* (Mod. *étonner*), to astonish, VL. \**extonare*, to thunder-strike; cf. Ger. *staunen*, to amaze, *erstaunen*, to marvel, from Swiss F.

**stundist**. Russian sect. From Ger. *stunde*, hour, lesson. Cf. AS. *stund*, point of time, Du. *stond*, hour, time, ON. *stund*, period; prob. cogn. with *stand*.

**stunt**<sup>1</sup>. To check growth. Cf. AS. *stunt*, dull, stupid; but mod. sense rather from cogn. ON. *stuttr*, short. See *stint*.

**stunt**<sup>2</sup> [*slang*]. Feat, performance. US., orig. college athletic slang (late 19 cent.), ? from Ger. *stunde* or Du. *stond* in sense of lesson (see *stundist*); but *stump* was used earlier in a similar sense.

**stupe**<sup>1</sup> [*med.*]. Surgical dressing. L. *stupa*, *stuppa*, tow. Cf. *stupeous* (entom.).

**stupe**<sup>2</sup> [*dialect*]. Back-formation from *stupid*.

**stupid**. L. *stupidus*, from *stupere*, to be amazed. Orig. sense appears in *stupor*, *stupefy* (F. *stupéfier*), and *stupendous*, from L. *stupendus*.

**sturdy**<sup>1</sup>. Adj. OF. *estordr* (Mod. *étourd*), reckless, bewildered, heedless; cf. It. *stordire*, "to astonish, to become or make giddy, dull or dize in the head" (Flor.). OSp. *estordir*. Both the starling (L. *sturnus*) and the thrush (L. *turdus*) were proverbial in L. for stupidity, and both

have given Rom. words and expressions connected with intoxication (OF. *estordair* was used esp. of effects of alcohol). Hence it seems possible that the origin is a VL. portmanteau-word \**sturdus*.

**sturdy**<sup>2</sup>. Vertigo in sheep. OF. *estordie* (v.s.).

**sturgeon**. F. *esturgeon*, MedL. \**sturrio*-n-, for *sturio*-n-, OHG. *sturro* (Mod. *stor*). WGer.; cf. AS. *styria*, Du. *stieur*. App. the "stirrer," disturber.

**sturn**-. From L. *sturnus*, starling.

**stutter**. Frequent. of obs. *stut*; cf. Du *stuten*, to rebound, Ger. *stutzen*, to stop short, hesitate; cogn. with Ger. *stossen*, to collide, strike against, which is Com. Teut.; cf. ON. *stauta*, Goth. *stautan*; ult. cogn. with L. *-tud-*, in *tundere*, *tutud-*, to strike. Cf. also Du. *stutteren*, Ger. *stottern*, frequent. forms.

**sty**<sup>1</sup>. For pigs AS. *stig* (see *steward*). In other Teut. langs. in wider sense (pen, etc. for pigs, cattle, fowls, geese, etc.); cf. ON. *stia*, OHG. *stige*, still in *hühnersterge*, fowl-house. Thought to belong to a Teut. word for score, twenty, which appears in Ger. *stiege* (dial. also *steig*), with which cf. Crimean Goth. *stega*, twenty (16 cent.).

**sty**<sup>2</sup>. On eye. AS. *stigend*, whence obs. *styan*; cf. Norw. *sti*, LG. *stige*, archaic Du. *styghe*, "hordeolum" (Kil.). From AS. *stigan*, to rise, with idea of swelling. From *styan* was formed dial. *styan*, which, being interpreted as *sty-on-eye*, gave the current back-formation.

**Stygian**. See *Styx*.

**style**<sup>1</sup>. In writing. Incorr. for earlier *stile*, L. *stilus* (incorr. *stylus*), "an instrument to write in tables" (Coop.), also fig., "a style; a manner or forme of wordes in speakyng; . . . the facion and maner of ones pennynge" (ib.). Cf. *stiletto*.

**style**<sup>2</sup> [bot. & dialling]. G. *στῦλος*, pillar. Cf. *stylite*, ascetic residing on a pillar.

**style**<sup>3</sup>. See *stile*.

**styilet**. See *stiletto*.

**styleo**-. See *style*<sup>1, 2</sup>.

**stylobate** [arch.]. G. *στυλοβατής*, from *στῦλος*, pillar, *βαίνειν*, *bat-*, to progress.

**stylus**. See *style*<sup>1</sup>.

**stymie** [golf]. Earlier in sense of person partially blind, from dial. *styme*, in not to see a *styme* (13 cent. E.). Golf

sense app. from inflicting a kind of blind shot on adversary.

**styptic** [med.]. G. *στυπτικός*, from *στυφέν*, to contract, astringe.

**styrax**. Tree. G. *στυράξ*. Cf. *storax*.

**Styx**. G. *Στύξ*, *Στυγ-*, cogn. with *στύγος*, hatred.

**suasion**. L. *suasio*-n-, from *suadēre*, to persuade, ? cogn. with *suavis*.

**suave**. F. *suave*, L. *suavis*, cogn. with *sweet*.

**sub**<sup>1</sup>. Short for many compds. of *sub-*, e.g. *subaltern*, *subscription*, *substitute*, *subsist-money* (advance wages).

**sub**<sup>2</sup>. L., under. In *sub judice*, *sub poena*, *sub rosa*, etc.

**sub-**. L. (v.s.), cogn. with G. *ἐν* (cf. *supposition*, *hypothesis*, *subcutaneous*, *hypodermic*), becoming also, by assim., *suc-*, *suf-*, *sug-*, *sup-*, *sur-*, *su-*.

**subadar** [Anglo-Ind.]. Native officer of sepoy. Earlier, governor of province. Urdu, from *subah*, province (Arab.), and *-dar* from Pers. Cf. *sirdar*, etc.

**subaltern**. Late L. *subalternus*, succeeding in turn (see *sub-*, *alternate*).

**subclavian** [anat.]. See *clavicle*.

**subdolous**. From L. *subdolos*, from *dolus*, cunning. Also *subdolent*.

**subduce**, **subduct**. From L. *subducere*, *subduct-*, from *ducere*, to lead.

**subdue**. ME. *soðuen*, OF. *soudurre*, L. *subducere* (v.s.), app. confused in AF. with L. *subdere*, to subdue, from *dare*, ? or with *subjugare*.

**subfusc**. L. *subfuscus* (*suffuscus*), from *fuscus*, grey, dusky.

**subjacent**. From pres. part. of L. *subjacere*, to lie below. Cf. *adjacent*.

**subject**. L. *subjectus*, p.p. of *subicere*, to subject, from *jacere*, to throw. Cf. *object*, with which it is often synonym., though usu. contrasted.

**subjugate**. From L. *subjugare*, from *jugum*, yoke.

**subjunctive**. L. *subjunctivus* (*modus*), mood of "subjointed" clauses.

**sublate** [philos.]. From L. *sublatus*, used as p.p. of *tolle*, to remove.

**sublime**. F. *sublime*, L. *sublimis*, lofty, perh. from *limen* in sense of lintel. Chem. use of verb (L. *sublimare*), orig. of raising into vapour, is in Chauc.

**submerge**. L. *submergere*, from *mergere*, to plunge.

**submit**. L. *submittere*, to send (put) under.

**subordinate**. From Late L. *subordinare*, from *ordinare*, to ordain.

**suborn**. L. *subornare*, orig. to equip,

etc. (from *ornare*, to adorn), with secondary sense of priming a (false) witness.

**subpoena.** L. *sub poena*, under penalty.

**subreption** [*leg.*]. Concealment of facts. L. *subreptio-n-*, from *subripere*, from *rāpere*, to snatch.

**subrogate** [*leg.*]. To substitute. See *surrogate*.

**sub rosa.** L., under the rose.

**subscribe.** L. *subscribere*, to write under, put down one's name (for). Hence *subscription*.

**subsellium** [*antiq.*]. Misericord (q.v.). L., from *sub*, under, *sella*, seat.

**subsequent.** From pres. part. of L. *subsequi*, to follow under.

**subservient.** From pres. part. of L. *subservire*, to help, be instrumental.

**subside.** L. *subsistere*, from *sidere*, to settle, sit down, cogn. with *sedere*, to sit.

**subsidy.** AF. *subsidiē*, L. *subsidiū*, help, lit. sitting under (v.s.). Hence *subsidiary*, *subsidiŕe*.

**subsist.** L. *subsistere*, to stand firm, support, lit. stand under, from *sistere*, to stand.

**substance.** F. *substance*, L. *substantia*, from *substare*, to be present, lit. stand under. Hence *substantial*, *substantive*, in gram. sense, for Late L. (*nomen*) *substantivum*, self-existing, as opposed to adjective.

**substitute.** From L. *substituere*, *substitut-*, to appoint under, from *statuere*, to appoint, set up.

**subsultory.** Of earthquakes. From L. *subsilire*, *subsult-*, to take sudden leaps, from *salire*, to leap.

**subsume** [*log.*]. ModL. *subsumere*, after *assume*, *presume*.

**subtend.** L. *subtendere*, to stretch under. Cf. *hypotenuse*.

**subter-** L., under, from *sub*, as *inter* from *in*.

**subterfuge.** L. *subterfugium*, from *subterfugere*, to flee under.

**subterranean.** From L. *subterraneus*, from *sub* and *terra*, ground.

**subtle.** L. *subtilis*, for \**subtexilis*, from *texere*, to weave (cf. *fine-spun*, -drawn). Earlier also *subtile*, whence techn. words in *subtil-*, with gen. sense of attenuation.

**subtract.** From L. *subtrahere*, *subtract-*, to draw away, from *trahere*.

**subulate** [*biol.*]. From L. *subula*, awl.

**suburb.** L. *suburbium*, from *sub* and *urbs*, city. Cf. *suburbicarian* (eccl.), of parishes round Rome.

**subvention.** Late L. *subventio-n-*, from *subvenire*, to help, lit. to come under.

**subvert.** L. *subvertere*, to overthrow, lit. turn from under.

**suc-** For *sub-* before *c*.

**succedaneum.** L., neut. of *succedaneus*, succeeding, acting as substitute.

**succeed.** F. *succéder*, to follow after, L. *succedere*, from *sub* and *cedere*, to move. Cf. *success*, F. *succès*, L. *successus*.

**succentor.** Precentor's deputy. Late L., from *succinere*, to accompany, from *canere*, to sing.

**succès d'estime.** F., favourable reception of play, etc. due to high repute of author.

**succin-** [*chem.*]. From L. *sucinus*, amber.

**succinct.** Lit. girded up. L., p.p. of *succingere*, from *cingere*, to gird.

**succory.** Altered (on Du. *sukherēi*) from *sycory*, early var. of *chicory* (q.v.).

**succotash** [US.]. Mess of vegetables. N.Amer. Ind. (Narragansett) *msiquata-sh*.

**succour.** OF. *socorre*, *socorir* (Mod. *secourir*), L. *succurrere*, lit. to run under.

**succubus.** Altered (on *incubus*), from Late L. *succuba*, strumpet, from *succumbere*, applied to fiend in female form having intercourse with men.

**succulent.** L. *succulentus*, from *sucus*, sap.

**succumb.** L. *succumbere*, from *sub* and *-cumbere*, to lie.

**succursal.** F. *succursale*, from ModL. *succursus*, succour. In F. & E. also of branch business.

**such.** AS. *swilc*, *swylc*, compd. of *so* (q.v.) and *like*; cf. Du. *zulk* (earlier *sulch*), Ger. *solch* (OHG. *solih*), ON. *slíkr*, Goth. *swaleiks*. For loss of *-l-* cf. *which*.

**suck.** AS. *sūcan*, also *sūgan*; latter form is cogn. with Du. *zugen*, Ger. *saugen*, ON. *sūga*; also with L. *sugere*, OIr. *sūgim*, and ult. with *soak*. *Suckle* is back-formation from *suckling* (cf. Du. *zuegeling*, Ger. *säugling*).

**suction.** L. *suctio-n-*, from *sugere*, *suct-*, to suck.

**sud.** See *suds*.

**sudarium.** Cloth with which St Veronica wiped the face of Christ on the way to Calvary. L., from *sudor*, sweat. Cf. *sudatory*, *sudorific*.

**sudd.** Vegetable obstruction in White Nile. Arab., from *sadda*, to obstruct.

**sudden.** F. *soudain*, VL. \**subitanus*, for *subitaneus*, from *subire*, to go stealthily. **sudorific.** See *sudarum*.

**suds.** Orig. dregs, esp. (in EAngl.) ooze left by flood. Archaic Du. *sudde*, "palus, lacus" (Kil.); cf. Ger. *sud* (oder *sod*), "a sud, a seething" (Ludw.), *seifensod*, "soap-sud" (ib.), from *sieden*, to boil, seethe (q.v.).

**sue.** AF. *suer*, from tonic stem *su-* of OF. *suire* (Mod. *suivre*), VL. \**sequere*, for *sequi*, to follow.

**suède.** F., in *gants de Suède*, Swedish gloves

**suet.** Dim. of AF. *sue*, *seu*, OF. *sieu* (Mod. *suif*), L. *sebum*, tallow.

**sub-** For *sub-* before *f-*.

**suffect** [hist.]. Additional consul. L. *suffectus*, from *sufficere*, to substitute.

**suffer.** F. *souffrir*, VL. \**sufferre*, for *sufferre*, from *ferre*, to bear.

**suffete** [hist.]. Magistrate of Carthage. L. *suffes*, *suffet-*, of Phoenician origin; cf. Heb. *shôphêl*; judge.

**suffice.** F. *suffire*, *suffis-*, L. *sufficere*, from *facere*, to make. Hence *sufficient*.

**suffix.** From L. *suffigere*, *suffix-*, to fix under.

**suffocate.** From L. *suffocare*, from *fauces* (pl.), throat.

**suffragan.** MedL. *suffraganeus*, bishop liable to be summoned by his metropolitan to give his "suffrage" at synods.

**suffrage.** L. *suffragium*, vote, ? from *fragor*, uproar, cogn. with *frangere*, to break.

**suffuse.** From L. *suffundere*, *suffus-*, from *fundere*, to pour.

**sufi.** Mohammedan mystic. Arab. *sūfī*, lit. man of wool, *sūf*.

**sugar.** Ult. Arab. *sukkar*, cogn. with G. *σάκχαρ* (cf. *saccharine*), Pers. *shakar* (cf. *jaggery*), Sanskrit *śarkarā*, orig. pebble, grit.

**suggest.** From L. *suggerere*, *suggest-*, from *sub* and *gerere*, to bear.

**suicide.** ModL. *suscidium*, barbarously formed from *sui*, genitive of *se*, self.

**suit.** F. *suite*, VL. \**sequita*, following, series, from \**sequere*, to follow (see *sue*). Cf. MedL. *secta* and see *set*<sup>2</sup>. Leg. senses, whence fig. that of wooing (*sutor*), go with *sue*. To the dress sense, complete "set" of armour, garments, belongs chief current use of the verb, to harmonize.

**suite.** Later adoption of F. *suite* (v.s.) in spec. senses.

**sulcated** [biol.]. From L. *sulcatus*, from *sulcus*, groove, furrow.

**sulky.** From 18 cent., orig. in sense of keeping aloof. Origin unknown. Cf. NFris. *sulkg.*

**sullen.** Earlier *solen*, *solein*, pop. form of *solemn* (q.v.). The *Promptorium Parvulorum* (1440) has "*solenne* or *festful*," while Palsgrave (1530) has "*solen*, *nat cherefull*." The secondary sense has prevailed. Shaks. describes the curfew as *solemn*, Milt. as *sullen*, while mourning dress is described as *solemn black* (Hamlet. i. 2) and *sullen black* (Rich. II. v. 6).

**sully.** F. *souiller*, to soil<sup>2</sup> (q.v.).

**sulphur.** L. *sulfur*, *sulphur* (prop. *sulpur*); cogn. with AS. *sweft*, Ger. *schwefel*, Goth. *swibils*.

**Sulpician.** Member of congregation of secular priests founded (1642) by priest of parish of *Saint-Sulpice*, Paris.

**sultan.** Arab. *sultān*, king; cf. It. *sultano* (whence fem. *sultana*), Sp. *sultán*, and see earlier *soldan*.

**sultry.** From obs. verb to *sulter*, app. dial. form of *swelter* (q.v.).

**sum.** F. *somme*, L. *summa* (sc. *res*, *pars*), from *summus*, for \**supmus*, superl. from stem of *super*, *superior*.

**sumach.** Tree. Arab. *sumnāq*.

**Sumerian** [ethn.]. From *Sumer*, district of ancient Babylonia.

**summary.** MedL. *summarius*, from L. *summarius* (noun only), from *summa*, *sum*.

**summer**<sup>1</sup>. Season. AS. *sumor*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *zomer*, Ger. *sommer*, ON. *sumar*; cogn. with Sanskrit *samā*, half-year, year, OIr. *sam*, *summer*.

**summer**<sup>2</sup> [archaic]. Beam. F. *sommier*, orig. pack-horse (cf. *gantry*), from *somme*, burden, G. *σάγμα*. Cf. *breastsummer*.

**summit.** F. *sommet*, dim. of OF. *som*, *son*, L. *summum*, neut. of *summus*, highest (see *sum*).

**summon.** From stem of OF. *somonāre* (Mod. *semonāre*), VL. \**summonere*, for *summonēre*, from *sub* and *monēre*, to warn, admonish. *Summons* is OF. *somonse* (Mod. *semonce*, rebuke), VL. \**summonsā*, for *summonita*.

**sumnum bonum.** L., highest good.

**sump** [dial. & techn.]. Swamp, pit, etc. LG. *sump*, cogn. with *swamp*; cf. Ger. *sumpf*.

**sumpitan.** Malay blow-pipe. Malay, from *sumpit*, narrow.

**sumpsimus.** Correct expression replacing incorrect. Allusive to *mumpsimus* (q.v.).

**sumpter** [archaic]. OF. *sommeter*, driver of packhorse (see *summer*\*). Later applied to the animal, earlier *sumpter-horse*.

**sumptuary**. Of laws. See *sumptuous*.  
**sumption** [log.]. L. *sumptio*-n-, from *sumere*, *sumpt*-, to take.

**sumptuous**. F. *somptueux*, L. *sumptuosus*, from *sumptus*, expense, from *sumere*, *sumpt*-, to take.

**sun**. AS. *sunne*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *zon*, Ger. *sonne*, ON. *sunna*, Goth. *sunnō*; ult. cogn. with L. *sol*, G. *hlios*, Sanskrit *svar*, to shine.

**Sunday**. AS. *sunnandæg*, sun day, rendering Late L. *dies solis*, Late G. *ἡμέρα ἡλίου*; cf. Du. *zondag*, Ger. *sonntag*, ON. *sunnudag*.

**sunder**. Late AS. *syndrian*, *sundrian*, for *āsundrian* (also *ge-*, *on-*, *ið-*), from adj. *sundor*-, separate, cogn. with Du. *zonder* (prep.), Ger. *sonder* (prep.), ON. *sundr* (adv.), Goth. *sundrō* (adv.).

**sunder, in**. For earlier *asunder*.

**sundry**. AS. *syndrig*, separate (v.s.).

**sunna** [Anglo-Ind.]. Fibrous plant. Hind. *san*, Sanskrit *sāṇa*, hempen.

**sunni**. Orthodox Mohammedan. Arab. *sunni*, lawful, from *sunna*, form, rule. See *shiah*.

**sup**. AS. *sūpan*, to take liquid in mouthfuls, cogn. with *sop*. Hence ME. *soupen* (whence dial. *soop*), vowel being later shortened by association with *supper* (q.v.). Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *zuipen*, Ger. *saufen*, ON. *sūpa*.

**sup-**. For *sub-* before *p*.

**super**. Short for *supernumerary* (theat), *superfine* (commerc.).

**super-**. L. *super*, above, cogn. with G. *ὑπέρ* and with *over* (cf. *hyperaesthesia*, *supersensitive*; *overflowing*, *superfluous*). Many E. compds. correspond to F. words in *sur-*, e.g. *surnuméraire*, *surfin* (see *super*).

**superannuated**. From MedL. *superannatus*, from *super* and *annus*, year. Cf. *annual*.

**superb**. L. *superbus*, haughty, magnificent, from *super*.

**supercargo**. Also earlier *supracargo*, adapted from Sp. *sobrecargo*, lit. over cargo.

**supercilious**. Late L. *superciliosus*, from *supercilium*, the eyebrow, from *cilium*, eyelid. Cf. F. *sourcilieux*, "surlly, or proud of countenance" (Cotg.).

**supererogation**. Late L. *supererogatio*-n-, from *supererogare*, to pay over, in addition, from *erogare*, from *rogare*, to ask.

**superficial**. Late L. *superficialis*, from *superficies*, surface, from *facies*, face  
**superfluous**. From L. *superfluus*, from *superfluere*, to overflow.

**superintend**. Church L. *superintendere*, from *intendere*, to attend to, from *tendere*, to stretch.

**superior**. L. compar. from *super*.

**superlative**. L. *superlativus*, from *super* and *latus* used as p.p. of *tolle*re, to take away.

**supernaculum** [archaic]. Mock L., rendering Ger. *die nagelprobe machen*, i.e. to show that the tankard is empty by the solitary drop it leaves on the thumb-nail, cf. F. *boire rubis sur l'ongle*.

**supernal**. From L. *supernus*, from *super*. Cf. *infernal*.

**supernumerary**. Late L. *supernumerarius*, soldier additional to strength of legion, from *numerus*, number.

**superpose**. See *pose*.

**superscribe**. L. *superscribere*, to write over.

**supersede**. L. *supersedere*, to sit above, be superior, also to desist, refrain. For latter sense see *surcease* and cf. leg. *supersedeas*, you shall desist. Development of current sense is somewhat obscure.

**superstition**. L. *superstitio*-n-, lit. standing over, with obscure sense-development.

**supervene**. L. *supervenire*, from *venire*, to come.

**supervise**. From MedL. *supervidēre*, *supervis-*, from *vidēre*, to see.

**supine**. L. *supinus*, lying on one's back, from root of *super*, over.

**suppedaneum**. Foot-rest for Saviour on Cross. Late L., from *sub*, under, *pes*, *ped-*, foot.

**supper**. F. *souper*, orig. infin. (cf. *dinner*), prob. of Teut. origin and cogn. with *sup*, *soup*.

**supplant**. L. *supplantare*, to trip up, from *planta*, sole of the foot.

**supple**. F. *souple*, L. *supplex*, *supplic-*, submissive, from *plicare*, to fold. Cf. *suppliant*.

**supplement**. L. *supplementum*, from *supplere*, from *plere*, to fill.

**suppliant**. F. *suppliant*, pres. part. of *supplier*, L. *supplicare*, whence also *supplicate*. See *supple*.

**supplicat** [univ.]. Petition for degree. L., he supplicates (v.s.).

**supply**. OF. *supplier*, var. of *suppleier* (Mod. *suppléer*), irreg. from L. *supplere*, from *plere*, to fill.

- support.** L. *supportare*, from *portare*, to carry.
- suppose.** F. *supposer* (see *pose*). Like all compds. of *-pose* it has taken over the senses of L. *-ponere*, *-posit-*, whence *supposition*, *supposititious*.
- suppress.** From L. *supprimere*, *suppress-*, lit. to press under, from *premere*, to press.
- suppurate.** From L. *suppurare*, from *pus*, *pur-*, pus.
- supra-** L. *supra*, above, cogn. with *super*.
- supreme.** L. *supremus*, superl. formation from *super*, over.
- sur-** F. *sur-*, OF. also *sour-*, L. *super-* (q.v.).
- surah.** Fabric. ? For *surat*.
- sural** [anat.]. Of the calf of the leg, L. *sura*.
- surat.** Fabric. From *Surat*, Bombay.
- surcease** [archaic]. Altered (on *cease*) from F. *sursis*, p.p. of *surseoir*, "to surcease, pause, intermit, leave off, give over, delay or stay for a time" (Cotg.), L. *supersedere*, to supersede (q.v.).
- surcingle.** OF. *surcengle*, from *cengle* (Mod. *sangle*), girth, L. *cingula*, from *cingere*, to gird.
- surcoat** [hist.]. OF. *surcot(e)*. See *sur-*, *coat*.
- surd.** L. *surdus*, deaf, indistinct. Math. sense of "irrational" is due to use of L. *surdus* to render Arab. *asamm*, deaf, as in *jādh* *asamm*, surd root, the Arab. being translated from G. *ἄλογος* (Euclid), speechless, unutterable, irrational.
- sure.** F. *sûr*, OF. *sêur*, L. *securus*, secure (q.v.).
- surf.** Late 17 cent., usu. *surf of the sea*, replacing earlier *suff(e) of the sea*. The *-r-* is prob. due to influence of *surge* (q.v.), *sea-surge* and *surge of the sea* occurring in sense of *surf* in early naut. records. Orig. sense is app. the pull of the water. Origin unknown.
- surface.** F. *surface*, from *face*, after L. *superficies*, from *facies*, face.
- surfeit.** OF. *surfet* (Mod. *surfait*), p.p. of *surfaire*, to overdo, L. *super* and *facere*.
- surge.** From F. *surger* (OF. also *sourger*), from L. *urgere*, to rise, whence also F. *sourdre*, to spring up (of water), with OF. stem *sourg-*, *surg-*.
- surgeon.** AF. *surgien*, *surgien*, for F. *chirurgien*, *chirurgien* (q.v.).
- surly.** Orig. haughty, imperious. Earlier *serly*, *syrlye*, formed from *sur*

- by analogy with *lordly*, *kingly*, etc.; cf. Ger. *herrisch*, arrogant, from *herr*, sir.
- surmaster.** Second master (or usher) of St Paul's School. It looks rather like an erron. adaptation by Colet of F. *sousmaître*, usher.
- surmise.** OF. *surmise*, p.p. fem. of *surmettre*, to accuse, lit. to put on, lay to one's charge, from L. *mittere*. This is orig. E. sense, passing into that of *surprising*, conjecturing.
- surmullet.** Red mullet. F. *surmulet*, from OF. *sor*, reddish (see *sorrel*<sup>2</sup>).
- surname.** From *name*, after F. *surnom*, whence also ME. *surnoun*; cf. MedL. *supernomen*.
- surpass.** F. *surpasser*, to over-pass.
- surplice.** OF. *sourpeliz*, *surpelis*, MedL. *super-pellucum* (sc. *vestimentum*), from *pellicia*, fur garment, from *pellis*, skin. So called because worn "over furs" in unheated medieval churches.
- surplus.** F., from *sur* and *plus*, more.
- surprise.** F. *surprise*, p.p. fem. of *surprendre*, lit. to overtake, from L. *prehendere*, to seize. Cf. *apprise*, *comprise*.
- surrebutter, surrejoinder** [leg.]. Plaintiff's reply to defendant's *rebutter*, *rejoinder*. See *rebut*, *rejoinder*.
- surrender.** From OF. *surrendre*, to hand over (see *render*). Cf. MedL. *super reddere*.
- surreptitious.** From L. *surreptitius*, for *subrepticus*. See *subreption*.
- surrogate.** L. *surrogatus*, from *surrogare*, for *subrogare*, to substitute, appoint a deputy, from *rogare*, to ask, appoint.
- surround.** OF. *suronder*, to overflow, Late L. *superundare*, from *unda*, wave. Current sense is due to erron. association with *round*.
- surtout** [archaic]. F., over-all. *Tout* is VL. *\*totius*, for *totus*.
- surveillance.** F. *surveillance*, supervision, from *surveiller*, from *veiller*, to watch, L. *vigilare*.
- survey.** AF. *surveier*, OF. *surveeiv*, from *veeiv*, *veoir* (Mod. *voir*), to see, L. *videre*.
- survive.** F. *survivre*, L. *supervivere*, to overlive.
- sus-** For *sub-*.
- susceptible.** Late L. *susceptibilis*, from *suscipere*, to receive, lit. undertake, from *capere*, to take.
- suspect.** F. *suspecter*, from L. *suspicere*, *suspect-*, lit. to look up at, from *sub* and *specere*, to look.



**suspend.** F. *suspendre*, L. *suspendere*, to hang up, *pendere*. Cf. *suspense*, *suspension*.

**sus. per coll.** [*hist.*]. Abbrev., in jailer's book, for L. *suspensio per collum*, hanging by the neck.

**suspicion.** L. *suspicio-n-* (see *suspect*).

**suspire** [*poet.*] L. *suspirare*, from *sub* and *spirare*, to breathe

**sustain.** OF. *sostenir*, VL. *\*sustenire*, for *sustinere*, from *sub*, under, *tenere*, to hold. For sense-development cf. *suffer*. Orig. sense of upkeep appears in *sustenance*, *sustentation*.

**susurrat.** L. *susurratio-n-*, from *susurrare*, from *susurrus*, murmur, whisper, of imit. origin.

**sutler** [*hist.*]. Du. *zoetelaar* (earlier *soeteler*), cogn. with Ger. *sudeln*, to be foul, in MHG. to cook badly, from *sieden*, to seethe, boil. Cf. relation of L. *lixa*, sutler, to *lixare*, to boil.

**sutorial.** Of a shoemaker. From L. *sutor*, shoemaker, lit. sewer.

**suttee.** Hind., Sanskrit *satī*, virtuous woman, fem. of *sat*, good, wise, etc., lit. existing, orig. pres. part. of *as*, to be.

**suture.** F. *suture*, L. *sutura*, from *suere*, *sut-*, to sew.

**suzerain.** F. *suzerain*, coined from *sus*, up, by analogy with *souverain*, sovereign. *Sus* is L. *susum*, *sursum*, for *subversum*, from *sub* and *vertere*, to turn.

**svelte.** F. *svelte*, It. *svelto*, p.p. of *sveltere*, to drag upwards, VL. *\*exvellere*.

**swab.** From a LG. root suggestive of swaying and flapping, whence ME. *swabble*; cf. LG. *swabben*, to splash, Sw. Norw. *svabb*, mop, Du. *zwabber*, "swabber, the drudge of a ship" (Sewel).

**saddle.** Frequent. of *swathe*; cf. AS. *swæthel*, bandage.

**swadeshi** [*pol.*]. Boycott of foreign goods in India. Bengali adj., national, from *swa*, own, *deshi*, adj. from *desh*, country. See *swaraj*.

**swag.** From 16 cent., of swaying, tottering motion, as in *swag-bellied* (*Oth.* ii. 3). App. cogn. with *sway*; cf. synon. Norw. dial. *svaga*, *svagga*. Earliest sense is that of bulging bag.

**swagger.** Though it has the form of a frequent. of *swag* (v.s.), sense suggests rather connection with *Sc. swack*, to fling, brandish, obs. Du. *swacken*, "vibrare" (Kil.). Cf. *stagger*.

**Swahili** [*ling.*]. Lang. of Zanzibar and neighbourhood. From Arab. *sawāḥil*, pl. of *sāḥil*, coast.

**swain.** ON. *svæinn*, boy, attendant, cogn. with synon. AS. *swān*, which it has replaced. Cf. *boatswain*, *coxswain*.

**swale** [*dial.*]. To burn. See *swelter*.

**swallow**<sup>1</sup>. Bird. AS. *swælwæ*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *zwaluw*, Ger. *schwalbe* (OHG. *swalwa*), ON. *swala*.

**swallow**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. AS. *swelgan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *zwellen*, Ger. *schwellen*, to feast, ON. *swelga*.

**swami** [*theosophy*]. Hind. *swāmī*, master, lord, Sanskrit *svāmin*.

**swamp.** Of LG. origin (see *sump*) and ult. cogn. with AS. *swamm* (cf. Du. *zwam*, Ger. *schwamm*), sponge; cf. G. *schwamm*, spongy, porous.

**swan.** AS *swan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *zwaan*, Ger. *schwan*, ON. *svanr* (poet.); cogn. with Sanskrit *svanati*, (it) sounds, and L. *sonare*, to sound. *Swan-hopping* is a corrupt. of *swan-upping*, the taking up of swans to mark their beaks with sign of ownership.

**swank.** A midl. & S.W. dial. word adopted early in 20 cent. ? Cf. Sc. *swank*, active, *swanking*, strapping, *swankie*, smart fellow, of LG. origin and ult. cogn. with Ger. *schwenken*, to brandish, flourish, from *schwingen*, to swing. ? Or simply a perversion of synon. *swagger*.

**swap, swop.** Orig. to strike, make rapid motion; also used of striking hands in token of a bargain. Of imit. origin. Cf. F. *tooper*, Ger. *topp*, similarly used of striking a bargain.

**swaraj** [*pol.*]. Home-rule (for India). Bengali, from *swa*, own, Sanskrit *sva*, cogn. with L. *suus*, and *raj* (q.v.).

**sward.** AS. *seward*, skin, bacon-rind. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *zwoord*, bacon-rind, Ger. *schwarze*, "the sward, or rind, of a thing" (Ludw.), ON. *svörthr*, scalp, whale-skin. Current sense is due to ME. *sward of the earth*.

**swarm**<sup>1</sup>. Of bees. AS. *swearm*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *zwerf*, Ger. *schwarm*, ON. *svarmr*. Usu. connected with Sanskrit *svar*, to be noisy, but *NED.* suggests a possible ground-idea of confused or irregular movement and ult. connection with *swerve*; cf. Icel. *svarmla*, *svarfla*, to dash hither and thither, Norw. dial. *svarma*, *svarva*, to be giddy, stagger, Ger. *schwärmen*, to wander, rave, become frenziedly enthusiastic. See also *swarm*<sup>2</sup>.

**swarm**<sup>2</sup>. To climb. Orig. naut., with var. *swarve* (v.s.). Perh. ult. cogn. with *swarm*<sup>1</sup>.

**swart.** AS *sweart*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *zwart*, Ger. *schwarz*, ON. *svartr*, Goth. *swarts*. Hence *swarthy*.

**swash.** App. imit. of blow; cf. *swap*, *dash*<sup>1</sup>. Chiefly in *swash-buckler*, a compd. of the *Shake-spear* type; cf. such ME surnames as *Crakesheld*, *Breakspear*.

**swastika.** Gammadion, fylfot. Sanskrit *svastika*, from *svasti*, well, from *su*, good, *as*, to be.

**swat**<sup>1</sup>. To hit. Chiefly US, from E. dial. ? Imrit.

**swat**<sup>2</sup>. See *swot*.

**swath, swathe.** AS *swæth*, track, trace, used in ME. of space covered by sweep of scythe. Cf. LG. *swad*, furrow, measure, Du. *zwad*, swath, Ger. *schwaden*.

**swathe.** AS *swathian*, from *swath*, band (cf. *swaddle*)

**sway.** LG. *swajen*, to be moved hither and thither by the wind (whence also Sw. *svaja*, Dan. *svaie*); cf. Du. *zwaaien*, to totter, also trans., as in *den rijkstaf zwaaien*, to wield the sceptre, which shows origin of *sway*, rule, empire.

**swear.** AS *swerian*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *zweren*, Ger. *schwören* (OHG. *swerian*), ON. *swerja*; cogn. with Goth. *swaran*. See *answer*.

**sweat.** AS *swētan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *zweeten*, Ger. *schwitzen*, ON. *sveita*; cogn. with L. *sudor*, G. ἰδρώς, Sanskrit *sud*, to sweat.

**sweat, old** [slang]. Soldier. For earlier *swad* (c. 1750), of unknown origin.

**swede.** For *Swedish turnip*.

**Swedenborgian.** Of *Emanuel Swedenborg* or *Svedberg*, Swedish mystic (†1772).

**sweep.** ME. *swepen*, altered (perh. by influence of past *swepe*, AS *swēop*) from *swopen* (see *swoop*), AS *swāpan* (trans. & intrans), whence Sc. *soop* (esp. in curling). For intrans. senses cf. cogn. ON. *svipa*, to move swiftly, Ger. *schweifen*. *Sweepstake* meant orig. one who sweeps up, wins, all the stakes.

**sweet.** AS *swēte* (adj.), from *swōt*, sweetness. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *zoet*, Ger. *süss*, ON. *sætr*, Goth. *sūts* (for \**swotus*); cogn. with L. *suavis* (for \**suadvis*), G. ἡδύς, Sanskrit *svādu*.

**swell.** AS *swellan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *zwellen*, Ger. *schwellen*, ON. *svella*, Goth. *ufswalleins* (noun). Hence noun *swell*, puffed-up individual.

**welter.** Frequent. of obs. *swelt*, AS.

*swellan*, to perish, cogn. with AS. *swelan*, to be burnt, from *swol*, burning; cf. dial. *sweal*, *swale*, to burn, singe. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *zwoel*, *zoel*, "sultry, sweltry" (Sewel), Ger. *schwil*, "sweltry" (Ludw.), ON. *svæla*, fume, smoke.

**swerve.** AS *swerfan*, to scrub, scour. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *zwerfen*, "to swerve or swarve, wander, stray" (Sewel), OHG *swerban*, to swerve, ON. *swerfa*, to scour, Goth. *swarban*, to wipe (in compds.). Relation of senses is difficult to trace, but we have something like it in *sweep*. See also *swarm*<sup>1, 2</sup>.

**swift**<sup>1</sup>. Rapid. AS *swift*, cogn. with *swifan*, to move, sweep.

**swift**<sup>2</sup> [naut.]. To make taut, etc. Cf. ON. *svrpta*, to reef, Du. *zwichten*, in *het zeil zwichten*, "to take in the sail" (Sewel, 1766), Ger. *schwichten* (from LG.), Dan. *svigte*; perh. ult. cogn. with *swift*<sup>1</sup>.

**swig.** Orig. drink, liquor. ? Cf. Norw. Dan. *svik*, tap, for cognates of which see *switch*.

**swill.** AS *swillan*, to wash (trans.). Later senses app. associated with Du. *zwellen*, "to swallow down, to swill" (Sewel), for which see *swallow*<sup>2</sup>.

**swim**<sup>1</sup>. To float in water. AS *swimman*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *zwemmen*, Ger. *schwimmen*, ON. *symja*, Goth. *swam* (pret.).

**swim**<sup>2</sup>. In *swimming in the head*, etc. ? From AS. *swīma*, dizziness; cf. Du. *zwijm*, ON. *svime*, obs. Ger. *schweimel*; ult. cogn. with Ger. *schwinden*, to disappear, *schwindeln*, to be giddy. But *NED.* treats this word as ident. with *swim*<sup>1</sup> (cf. Ger. *verschwommen*, blurred).

**swindler.** Ger. *schwindler*, picked up (1762) from Ger. Jews in London. From *schwindeln* (see *swim*<sup>2</sup>), in sense of being tottery. *Swindle* is a back-formation (cf. *beg*, *cadge*, *peddle*).

**swine.** AS *swīn*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *zwijn*, Ger. *schwein*, ON. *svin*, Goth. *swein*. Orig. adj. from *sow*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.); cf. L. *suinus*, from *sus*.

**swing.** AS *swingan*. Cf. OSax. *swingan*, Ger. *schwingen*; cogn. with Ger. *schwenken*, to waver, with which cf. Du. *zwenken*, to swing.

**Swing, Captain** [hist.]. Name assumed by rick-burners (1830-2). Cf. *Luddite*.

**swinge** [archaic]. To thrash. ME. *swengen*, AS *swengan*, causal of *swing* (cf. *sing*, *singe*).

**swingle.** For beating flax. From *swing* or *swinge*; cf. Ger. *schwengel*, swingle-tree. Also in *swingle-tree* (of carriage), for second element of which cf. *boot-tree*, *cross-tree*, etc.

**swink** [archaic]. Toil. AS. *swinc*, also verb *swincan*; cogn. with *swing*.

**swipe.** First as noun. ME. *swipe*, stroke, cogn. with *sweep*.

**swipes** [slang]. Thin beer. Orig. naut. Cf. synon. Norw. *skvnp*; cogn. with Norw. dial. *skvnpa*, to sprinkle.

**swirl.** Orig. Sc. Cf. Norw. dial. *svirla*, from synon. *svirra*; cogn. with Ger. *schwirren*, to whiz, warble. For association between sound and movement cf. *warble*.

**swish.** Imit. of sound of rod, scythe, etc.

**switch.** Of late appearance (Shaks.). App. from Du. *zwik*, peg, spigot, earlier *swich*, "scourge, swich, or whip" (Hexham). This is LG *swik*, from Ger. *zwick*, var. of *zweck*, aim, orig. wooden pin in centre of target, cogn. with *zwischen*, to pinch, and with E. *twitch*. The peg sense suits the mech. applications of *switch*. A *switch-back* was orig. (US.) a zig-zag mountain railway with abrupt reversal of direction.

**swither** [Sc.]. To hesitate. ? Cf. AS *swethrian*, to retire, dwindle, etc.

**Swithun, Saint.** Bishop of Winchester (9 cent.).

**Switzer** [archaic]. Ger. *Schweizer*, from *Schweiz*, Switzerland, OHG. *Schwiz*, orig. name of one canton (Schwyz).

**swivel.** From AS *swifan*, to revolve, cogn. with *sweep*.

**swiz** [slang]. Schoolboy perversion of *swindle*.

**swizzle** [slang]. "In North America, a mixture of spruce beer, rum, and sugar was so called. The 17th regiment had a society called the Swizzle Club, at Ticonderoga, A.D. 1760" (Grose). ? Arbitrary from *swig*.

**swoon.** First in ME. noun *swowenynge*, app. from AS. *geswōgen* (whence obs. *aswoon*), p.p. of a lost verb.

**swoop.** AS. *swāpan*, to sweep (trans.), to rush, dash. Cf. intrans. senses of *sweep* (q.v.).

**swop.** See *swap*.

**sword.** AS. *sweord*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *zwaard*, Ger. *schwert*, ON. *sverth* (but Goth. has *hairus*).

**swot** [slang]. "This word originated at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst,

in the broad Scotch pronunciation of Dr Wallace, one of the professors, of the word *sweat*" (*Notes & Queries*, 1. 369).

**sybarite.** G. *Συβαρίτης*, inhabitant of *Σύβαρις*, in Italy, famed for luxury.

**sybil.** Incorr. for *sibyl*.

**sycamine** [Bibl.]. In AV. (*Luke* xvii. 6) for G. *συκάμινος*, perh. from Heb. *shiqmām*, pl. of *shiqmāh*, sycamore (q.v.).

**sycamore.** G. *συκόμορος*, as though from *σῆκον*, fig, *μόρον*, mulberry, but prob. folk-etym. for Heb. *shiqmāh* (v.s.).

**syce** [Anglo-Ind.]. Groom. Hind. *sāīs*, from Arab.

**synnocarpous** [bot.]. From G. *συχνός*, many together, *καρπός*, fruit.

**sycofant.** G. *συκοφάντης*, informer, lit. fig-shower, from *σῆκον*, fig, *φαίνειν*, to show. Reason for name unknown.

**sycosis** [med.]. Skin-disease. G. fig-like ulcer (v.s.).

**syenite** [geol.]. L. *Syemites* (sc. *lapis*), from *Syene*, now Assouan (Egypt).

**syl.** For *syn-* before *l*.

**syllable.** F. *syllabe*, with *-l-* inserted as in *participle*, *principle*, G. *συλλαβή*, from *συνλαμβάνειν*, to take together.

**syllabub.** See *sillabub*.

**syllabus.** A ghost-word due to misprint in 15 cent. ed. of Cicero—"indices . . . quos vos Graeci (ut opinor) *syllabos* appellatis" (*Ad Atticum*, iv. 4), where correct reading is *sittubas*, acc. pl. of *sittuba*, G. *σιττύβη*, piece of parchment used as label-tag of MS.

**syllipsis** [gram.]. G. taking together; cf. *prolepsis*.

**sylogism.** G. *συλλογισμός*, a reckoning together, from *λογίζεσθαι*, to reckon, from *λόγος*, word, reckoning.

**sylyph.** Coined by Paracelsus (16 cent.), ? with suggestion of *sylvanus* and *nympha*. Cf. *gnome*.

**sylvan.** Incorr. for *silvan*.

**sym-**. For *syn-* before labial.

**symbio-** [biol.]. From G. *σύμβιος*, living together, from *βίος*, life.

**symbol.** G. *σύμβολον*, token, watch-word, from *συμβάλλειν*, to agree, lit. cast together.

**symmetry.** G. *συμμετρία*, from *μέτρον*, measure.

**sympathy.** G. *συμπάθεια*, from *πάθος*, feeling. Cf. *compassion*.

**symphony.** G. *συμφωνία*, from *φωνή*, sound.

**symposium.** L. *symposium*, G. *συμπόσιον*, convivial gathering of the

educated, lit. a drinking together (G. πόσις, drinking, from root of πίνειν, to drink).

**symptom.** F. *sympôme*, G. σύμπτωμα, from συμπίπτειν, to fall together, happen.

**syn-** G. σύν, together, OAttic ξύν, cogn. with L. *cum*, *com-*, *con-*. See *soviet*.

**synaeresis** [*gram*]. G. συναίρεσις, contraction, from αἰρεῖν, to take.

**synagogue.** F. *synagogue*, G. συναγωγή, assembly, bringing together, from ἄγω, to drive.

**synchronize.** G. συγχρονίζω, from χρόνος, time.

**syncope.** G. συγκοπή, from συγκόπτειν, to dash together.

**syncretism** [*philos.*]. G. συγκρητισμός, attempt to reconcile opposite opinions, from κρητισμός, lying, from κρητίζω, to lie like a Cretan. See *Tzt.* 1. 12.

**syndic.** G. σύνδικος, one helping in a trial, from δίκη, judgment; also, advocate, judge. Hence *syndicate*, *syndicalism*.

**syne.** In *Auld lang syne*. Sc. form of *since* (q v.) without adv. -s.

**synecdoche** [*rhét.*]. Part for whole or vice-versa. G. συνεκδοχή, receiving together, from σύν, ἐκ, and δέχεσθαι, to receive.

**synerg-** From G. συνεργεῖν, to work together.

**synod.** G. σύνοδος, going together, from ὁδός, way.

**synonym.** From G. συνώνυμος, of same name, ὄνυμα (Aeolic).

**synopsis.** G. σύνοψις, seeing together (see *optic*).

**syntax.** F. *syntaxe*, G. σύνταξις, from τάσσειν, to arrange.

**synthesis.** G. σύνθεσις, putting together, from τίθεναι, to put.

**syntone.** See *syn-*, *tone*.

**syphilis.** Coined (1530) by Fracastoro, physician of Verona, in title of poem, *Syphilis, sive Morbus Gallicus*. The hero's name, *Syphilus*, may be intended as "pig-lover." See *sow*<sup>1</sup>, -*phil*.

**syphon.** See *siphon*.

**syren.** See *siren*.

**syringa.** From *syrinx* (q.v.).

**syringe.** From F. *seringue*, "a sringe, or squirt" (Cotg.), from *syrinx* (q.v.).

**syrinx.** G. σύριγξ, σύριγγ-, shepherd's pipe; cf. σφίζω, to play on the pipes of Pan. Hence applied to various tubular objects.

**syrup, sirup.** F. *siróp*, MedL *sirupus*,

Arab. *sharāb*, from *shariba*, to drink; cf. *sherbet*, *shrub*<sup>2</sup>.

**systatic.** G. συστατικός. See *systole*.

**system.** F. *système*, G. σύστημα, what stands together, from ιστάναι, to set up.

**systole.** G. συστολή, from συστελλειν, to draw together Cf. *diastole*.

**style** [*arch*]. Building with columns close together. From G. στύλος, pillar, style<sup>2</sup> Cf. *peristyle*.

**syzygy** [*astron.*] Conjunction. G. σύζυγλι, from σύν and ζυγόν, yoke.

**T, to a.** ? For *to a tittle*. Cf. Ger. *genau bis aufs tüttelchen*, exact to the dot on the i.

**ta.** Natural infantile sound of gratitude.

**taal.** Du., language. See *tale*.

**tab.** A dial. word of obscure origin, often interchangeable with *tag*. ? Ult. cogn. with Du. *tepel*, nipple, Ger. *zipfel*, lappet, etc., and with It. *zaffo*, tab (from Teut.)

**Tab** [Oxf.]. For *Cantab*.

**tabard** [*hist*]. OF. *tabar(i)*; cf. It. *tabarro*, Sp. *tabardo*. Orig. sleeveless upper garment worn by peasants (Chauc. A 541). Origin unknown.

**tabaret.** Striped fabric Trade-name from *tabby*. Cf. *tabinet*.

**tabasco.** Pungent sauce. From *Tabasco*, Mexico.

**tabby.** F. *tabis*, earlier *atabis*, striped taffeta, from Arab. *attābīy* (quarter of Bagdad where it was manufactured). Hence *tabby-cat*.

**tabernacle.** F. *tabernacle*, L. *tabernaculum*, dim. from *taberna*, hut, booth (see *tabern*).

**tabes** [*med.*]. L., consumption, wasting.

**tabinet.** Fabric. Earlier also *tabine*. App. from *tabby*.

**table.** F. *table*, L. *tabula*, board (also for games), writing tablet, list, picture, etc

**tableau.** F., picture, dim. from *table*.

**table d'hôte.** F., host's table.

**tablet.** F. *tablette*, dim. of *table*.

**tabloid.** Trade-name for concentrated drug. Coined on *tablet*.

**taboo, tabu.** Tongan *tabu* (adj.). Found in various forms (*tapu*, *tambu*, *kapu*) throughout the South Sea Islands.

**tabor.** OF. *tabour* (Mod. *tambour*), of Oriental origin; cf. Pers. *tabīrah*, *tabūrāh*, drum, Arab. *tambūr*, lute. Prob. imit. See *tambour*.

**tabouret.** Stool. F., lit. little drum (v s).

**tabula rasa.** L., scraped tablet.

**tabular.** L. *tabularis*, from *tabula*, table (q v.). Cf. *tabulate*.

**tacamahac.** Resin and tree. Obs. Sp. *tacamahaca* (Mod. *tacamaca*), Aztec *tecomahiyac*.

**tache** [archaic] Buckle, link (Ex. xxvi. 6). OF. *tache*, aphet. for *attache*. Cf. *tack*<sup>1</sup>.

**tachometer.** From G *τάχος*, speed, whence also scient. words in *tachy-* (adj. *τάχως*).

**tachy-case** [neol.]. For *attaché-case*, small bag as carried by embassy *attaché*.

**tacit.** L. *tacitus*, from *tacere*, to be silent. Cf. *taciturn*, L. *taciturnus*.

**tack**<sup>1</sup>. Fastening. ONF. *taque*, doublet of *tache* (see *attach*, *attack*). Hence verb to *tack*, sew together, shift the tacks (naut.) so as to change direction.

**tack**<sup>2</sup>. Food. As in naut. *hard-tack*, ship's biscuit. App. short for *tackle*, used in same sense.

**tack**<sup>3</sup> [hist.]. Rent, tenure. ON. *tak*, taking. Hence *tacksman*.

**tackle.** Of LG. origin Cf. LG. *takel*, rope, pulley, etc.; earlier, equipment in general; ? cogn. with *take*, in sense of laying hold, ? or with *tag*. The Scand. forms of *tackle* are from LG.

**tact.** F. *tact*, L. *tactus*, touch, from *tangere*, *tact-*.

**tactics.** Renders G. *τὰ τακτικά*, lit. matters of arrangement, from *τάσσειν*, *τακτ-*, to arrange.

**tadpole**<sup>1</sup>. Young frog. ME. *taddēpol*, lit. toad head (see *poll*<sup>1</sup>).

**tadpole**<sup>2</sup> [pol.]. Scheming nonentity. *Tadpole* and *Taper* are characters in Disraeli's *Coningsby* (1844).

**tael.** Chin. money of account. Port. *tael*, Malay *tahil*, weight.

**ta'en.** For *taken*. ME. *ȝ-tan*, for *ȝ-taken*.

**taen-** [arch. & biol.]. From G. *rawia*, fillet, ribbon

**tafferel, taffrail** [naut.]. Flat part of stern ornamented with picture or carving. Du. *tafereel*, dim. of *tafel*, table, picture, L. *tabula*. *Taffrail* is altered on *rail*<sup>1</sup>.

**taffeta.** OF. *taffetas*, ult. from Pers. *tāftah*, p.p. of *tāftan*, to shine, also to twist, spin

**taffrail.** See *tafferel*.

**taffy.** Earlier form of *toffee*.

**Taffy.** For *David*; cf. *Paddy*, *Sandy*.

**tafia.** Rum distilled from molasses. Described in 1722 as native Wind. name (see *ratafia*), but also found in Malay

**tag**<sup>1</sup>. End, point. Of Scand. origin. Cf. Norw. *tagg*, point, archaic Dan. *tagge*, Sw. *tagg*; also Norw. *tak*, from LG. (cf. Fris. *take*, thorn, Du. *tak*, branch, Ger. *zacke*, point) Hence *tag*, *rag* and *bobtail* (Pepys), earlier *tag* and *rag*, *tagrag*. Shaks. has *tag* for rabble (Cor. iii. 1). Another var. is *tag*, *rag* and *cut-tail*.

**tag**<sup>2</sup>. Game of touch ? Ult. from L. *tangere*. Cf. *tig*.

**taguan.** Flying squirrel. Philippine name

**tail**<sup>1</sup>. Caudal appendage. AS. *tægel*. Com. Teut., but not in gen. use in mod. Teut. langs.; cf. LG. *tagel*, rope's end, etc., OHG. *zage*, tail, ON. *tagi*, horse-tail, Goth. *tagl*, hair. Orig. sense was prob. hair, hairy tail

**tail**<sup>2</sup> [leg.]. Limitation in inheritance of freehold F. *taille*, tax, assessment, from *tailleur*, to cut; cf. AF. *fee taylé*, MedL. *feodum tahatum*. See *entail*.

**tailor.** F. *tailleur*, tailor, cutter, from *tailler*, to cut (see *tally*).

**taint.** Aphet. for *attaint* (q.v.). Cf. to have a "touch" of. Some senses slightly influenced by obs. *taint*, colour, tint (q.v.).

**taiping** [hist.]. Chin. revolutionary (1850-65). Chin. *t'ai p'ing*, lit. great peace, the leader having assumed the title *t'ai-p'ing-wang*, prince of great peace.

**take.** ON. *taka*, gradually replacing AS. *numan* in ME., cogn. with Goth. *tēkan*, to touch (see also *tackle*), and with root *tag* of L. *tangere*, to touch (cf. L. *tagax*, thievish).

**takin.** Horned ruminant from Tibet. Native name.

**talapoin.** Monkey, orig. Buddhist monk (Pegu). Port. *talapão*, O'Peguan *tala pōi*, my lord.

**talar.** Long robe. L. *talavis*, from *talus*, ankle.

**talbotype** [phot.]. Patented (1841) by W. H. F. Talbot.

**talc.** F. *talc*, It. *talco*, Arab. *talq*, from Pers.

**tale.** AS. *talū*, speech, number. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *taal*, speech, Ger. *zahl*, number, ON. *tala*, speech, number. For double sense cf. cogn. *tell*, also Ger. *zählen*, to count, *erzählen*, to relate, recount.

**talegalla.** WGuinea brush-turkey. F. *talégalle*, coined from Malagasy *taléva*, coot, and L. *gallus*, cock.

**talent.** L. *talentum*, money of account, G. *τάλαντον*, balance, weight, sum. Current fig sense is from *Math.* xxv. 14-30.

**tales** [*leg.*]. Jurymen, orig. those added on emergency. L., pl. of *talus*, such, in *tales de circumstantibus*, such of those standing round. See *Pickwick*, ch xxxiv.

**talacotian operation** [*surg.*]. Reconstruction, esp. of nose. From *Tagliacozzi*, surgeon of Bologna (†1599).

**talion, law of.** An eye for an eye, etc. Adapted from F. *loi du talion*, L. *talio-n*, from *talīs*, like Cf. *retaliare*.

**talipes** [*med.*]. Club-foot. Mod. L., from *talus*, ankle, *pes*, foot.

**talipot.** Palm. Hind. *tālpāt*, Sanskrit *tālāpattva*, leaf of the fan-palm.

**talisman.** Sp. *talismán*, or It. *talismano*, Arab. *ṭīlsam*, G. *τέλεσμα*, lit. payment, in Late G. religious rite, etc., from *τελέω*, to accomplish, from *τέλος*, end, initiation.

**talk.** Early ME. frequent. formation on *tale* or *tell*; cf. *lurk*, *walk*.

**tall.** AS. *getæl*, swift, prompt; cogn. with OHG. *gīzāl*, swift; cf. Goth. *untals*, uncompliant. Usual ME. sense survives in archaic *tall fellow of his hands*.

**tallage** [*hist.*]. Tax. OF. *tailage* from *tailleur*, to cut. See *tally*.

**tallboy.** High chest of drawers, tall drinking glass. App. *tall boy*, as playful name, perh. partly suggested by surname *Tallboys* (F. *taille-bois*, cut wood).

**tallet** [*west-country*]. Hay-loft. Welsh *taflod*, *taflawd*, Late L. *tabulatum*, boarding. See *table*; cf. OIr. *tarbled*, storey, Catalan *taulat*, scaffold.

**tallith.** Fringed shawl or scarf worn by Jews at prayer. Rabbinical Heb. from *tālāl*, to cover.

**tallow.** ME. *talgh*, LG. *talg*, tallow being extensively imported from the Baltic. Hence also Du. *talk*, Ger. Sw. Dan. Norw. *talg*.

**tally.** AF. *tallier*, F. *taillier*, to cut. The noun, in sense of double notched stick used for "scoring," one half being kept by each party, is prob. older in E. With F. *taillier* cf. It. *tagliare*, Sp. *tajar*, VL. *tahare*. Usu. derived from L. *talea*, rod, slip for grafting. My own opinion is that VL. *tahare* is from *talīs*, like, and that the

orig. idea was to cut into equal lengths or portions. Cf. *retahrate*.

**tally-ho.** F. *taïaut*, OF. *thalau*, with many vars. Prob. a meaningless exclamation.

**talma.** Cloak. From *Talma*, F. tragedian (†1826).

**talmud.** Body of Jewish trad. law. Late Heb. *talmūd*, instruction, from *tāmad*, to teach.

**talon.** F. *talon*, heel, VL. *\*talo-n*, from *talus*, ankle. Sense of claw, orig. heel-claw of falcon, is E. only.

**talp-** [*zool.*]. From L. *talpa*, mole<sup>2</sup>.

**talus.** F. *talus*, slope, OF. *talū*, VL. *\*talutum*, from *talus*, ankle, taken in sense of heel (*talon*).

**tamandua.** Ant-eater. Port, from Brazil.

**tamarack.** Amer. larch. Native Ind. name in Canada.

**tamarin.** Marmoset. F., from Carib dial. of Cayenne.

**tamarind.** Cf. F. *tamarin* (OF *tamarinde*), It. Sp. *tamarindo*, MedL. *tamarindus*, Arab. *tamr-hindī*, date of India.

**tamarisk.** Late L. *tamariscus*, var. of *tamarix*, *tamaric-*.

**tamasha** [*Anglo-Ind.*]. Entertainment, function. Urdu, Pers., Arab., from Arab. *maṣhā*, to walk.

**tambouki** [*SAfr.*]. Grass of *Tembuland*, from tribal name.

**tambour.** F., drum, also in *tambour de Basque*, tambourine. Parallel form of *tabor*, preserving the Arab. or Pers. nasal. *Tambourine* is F. *tambourin*.

**tame.** AS. *tam*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *tam*, Ger. *zähm*, ON. *tamr*, Goth. *tamjan* (verb); cogn. with L. *domare*, G. *δᾰμᾰν* (fut.).

**Tamil** [*Ing.*]. Chief Dravidian lang. of S.E. India. Sanskrit *Dramila*, *Dravīḍa*.

**Tammany** [*US.*]. From pol. associations of *Tammany Hall*, New York, centre of Democratic activity, orig. head-quarters of Society of *St Tammany*, "tutelary saint" of Pennsylvania, the name being taken from that of an Indian chief with whom Penn the Quaker negotiated for grants of land (17 cent.).

**tammy**<sup>1</sup>. Fabric. Prob. for obs. *tamin*, F. *étamine* (OF. *estamine*). Ult. from L. *stamen*, thread.

**tammy**<sup>2</sup>, **tam o' shanter.** Lowland bonnet as worn by *Tam o' Shanter* (Burns).

**tamp** [*techn.*]. To ram. F. *étamper*, OF. *estamper*, of Teut. origin (*stamp*).

**tamper.** Var. of *temper* (q.v.), in sense of working in clay, whence fig. sense of meddling.

**tampion, tampon, tamplin.** See *tompson*<sup>2</sup>.

**tan.** AS. \**tanman* (cf. *tannere*, tanner); cf. MedL. *tannare*, F. *tanner*. Of Celt. origin, from Bret. *tann*, oak. The earliest *tan* was oak-bark.

**tanager.** Bird. ModL. *tanagra* for Brazil *tangara*.

**tanagra.** Terra-cotta statuette from *Tanagra* in Boeotia.

**tandem.** L., "at length."

**tandstickor.** Sw. *tåndstickor*, pl. of *tåndsticka*, match, from *tända*, to light, *sticka*, splinter, thus approximately "tinder-stick."

**tang<sup>1</sup>.** Sharp point, sting, pungent flavour. ON. *tangr*, point; cogn with *tongue*.

**tang<sup>2</sup>.** Immt. of sound (cf. *twang*), but in some senses, e.g. *tongue with a tang* (*Temp.* ii. 2), associated with *tang<sup>1</sup>*.

**tang<sup>3</sup> [dial.].** Sea-weed. See *tangle<sup>2</sup>*.

**tangena, tanghin.** Poison and shrub. F. *tanghin*, Malagasy *tangena*.

**tangent.** From pres. part. of L. *tangere*, to touch.

**tangerine.** Orange from *Tangier*(s), F. *Tanger*.

**tanghin.** See *tangena*.

**tangible.** L. *tangibilis*, from *tangere*, to touch.

**tangle<sup>1</sup>.** To embarrass, etc. From 14 cent., with var. *tagle* (whence Sc. *taigle*), of which it is app. a nasalized form. *Tagle* is apht. for AF. *entaglier*, to entangle, and this, I suggest, is from *tackle*, in the sense of rope, so that the formation, and sense, would run parallel with those of *pester* (q.v.).

**tangle<sup>2</sup>.** Sea-weed. Sc. (16 cent.), prob. via Orkney or Shetland dial from ON. *thóngull*, from *thang*, bladder-wrack; cf. Norw. *taangel*, Faroese *tongul*.

**tango.** ? Negro word from Cuba.

**tangram.** Chin. puzzle. App. an E. or US coinage on *anagram*, *cryptogram*, etc.

**tanist [hist.].** Successor apparent to Celtic chief. Ir. Gael. *tánaiste*, lit. parallel, second.

**tank.** Orig. Anglo-Ind., pool, cistern. Port. *tanque*, L. *stagnum*.

**tankard.** Cf. OF. *tanquart*, archaic Du. *tanchaert*, MedL. *tancardus*. ? From the pers. name *Tankard*, once common (= *Tancred*). Cf. *jack<sup>2</sup>*, *jug<sup>1</sup>*, *toby-jug*, *goblet*, etc.

**tanner [slang].** Sixpence (c. 1860). Orig. unknown.

**tannin.** F. *tanin*, from *tan*, *tan*.

**tanrec.** Insectivorous mammal. F., from Malagasy.

**tansy.** OF *tanésie*, apht. for *atanésie*, G. *ἀθάνασία*, immortality, from *ἀ-*, neg., *θάνατος*, death. Either in ref. to med. virtues or persistence of flowers.

**tantalyze.** From punishment of *Tantalus*, king of Phrygia and son of Zeus, who was condemned to remain athirst in water up to his chin and with fruit hanging just above his mouth. Cf. *tantalum* (chem.), from its incapacity to absorb acid when immersed in it.

**tantamount.** Orig. as verb, AF. *tant amouter*, to amount to as much.

**tantara, tantarara.** Imit. of flourish of trumpet, or roll of drum. Cf. L. *taratantara* (Ennius).

**tantivy.** Orig. adv., at full gallop. ? Imit. of huntsman's horn.

**tantony [archaic].** For *St Anthony*. Esp. in *tantony pig*, Saint Anthony being patron of swineherds.

**tantrum.** Also (18 cent.) *tantarum*. Origin unknown. Cotg. has *trantran* in sense of *tantara*.

**taoism.** One of the three religions of China (cf. *buddhism*, *confucianism*). From Chin. *tao*, path, right way, as in *tao tē king*, book of reason and virtue, containing the teachings of Lao-tse (6 cent. B.C.).

**tap<sup>1</sup>.** For liquids. AS. *tæppa*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *tap* (see *tattoo<sup>1</sup>*), Ger. *zapfen*, ON. *tappi*. Orig. sense prob. plug (see *tompson<sup>2</sup>*).

**tap<sup>2</sup>.** To strike lightly. F. *taper*, of imit. origin; cf. *rap<sup>1</sup>*, *rub-a-dub*, etc.

**tapa, tappa.** Polynesian cloth. Native name.

**tape.** AS. *tæppe*, of unknown origin. ? Cogn. with *tapis*.

**taper<sup>1</sup>.** Candle. AS. *tapur*, dissim. of \**papur*, L. *papyrus*. *Papyrus* is rendered *taper* in early glossaries (11 cent.) and had the sense of candle-wick (cf. Ger. *kerze*, taper, L. *charia*, paper). Adj. sense of slender is evolved from earlier *taper-wise*.

**taper<sup>2</sup>.** See *tadpole<sup>2</sup>*.

**tapestry.** F. *tapisserie*, from *tapis* (q.v.).

**tapino- [anthrop.].** From G. *ταπεινός*, low.

**tapioca.** Sp. or Port. *tapioca*, Brazil.

*tipioca*, meal of cassava root, from *tipr*, residue, *og*, to squeeze out.

**tapis**. Brazil *tapira*.

**tapis**. F. *tapis*, carpet (orig. tablecloth), Late L. *tapetum* (for *tapete*), G. *ταπήτιον*, dim. of *τάπης*, tapestry, perh. of Pers. origin and cogn. with *taffeta*.

**tappet** [*mech*]. From *tap*<sup>2</sup>.

**tappit hen**. Sc. tankard with knobbed lid, lit. crested hen, *tap* being Sc. form of *top*<sup>1</sup>.

**tar**. AS. *teru*, *teoru*; cf. Du. LG. *teer*, also Ger. *teer* (from LG.), ON. *tjara*; prob. cogn. with *tree*.

**taradiddle**. Playful elaboration of *diddle* (q v.)

**taratantara**. Imit., see *tantara*.

**tarantass**. Vehicle. Russ. from Tyoor-kish.

**tarantula**. MedL., from *Tarantio*, Apulia, L. *Tarentum*, where the spider is found. Hence *tarantism*, dancing mania, *tarantella*, dance and melody supposed to be a cure for the spider's bite.

**taraxacum**. Dandelion. MedL. *taraxacum*, via Arab. from Pers. *talkh chakhōh*, bitter herb.

**tarboosh**. Fez Arab. *tarbūsh*, app. ident. with Pers. *sarpush*, lid, lit. head-cover (cf. *babouche*).

**tardigrade** [*zool.*]. L. *tardigrādus*, slow-stepping.

**tardy**. F. *tardif*, from *tard*, late, L. *tardus*. Cf. *jolly*.

**tare**<sup>1</sup>. Plant. Orig. (c. 1330) a small seed. Later (1388) in the sense of a kind of vetch, and used in the second Wyc. version (*Matt.* xiii. 25) for earlier *cockle*, *darnel*, rendering G. *ζιζάνια*. Origin unknown.

**tare**<sup>2</sup> [*archaic*]. Reduction from gross weight. F. *tare*, waste, It. or Sp. *tara*, Arab. *tarah*, from *taraha*, to reject.

**target**. Orig. shield. Dim. of archaic *targe*, F. *targe*, ON. *targa*, shield, cogn. with OHG. *zarga*, edge, border (cf. OHG. *rand*, shield, lit. edge).

**targum**. Collection of Aram. OT. versions, paraphrases, etc., handed down orally after Captivity. Chaldee, from *targēm*, to interpret. Cf. *dragoman*.

**tariff**. It. *tariffa*, Arab. *ta'rīf*, explanation, definition, from *'arafa*, to make known.

**tarlatan**. Fabric. F. *tarlatane*, earlier *tarnatane*, prob. of EInd. origin.

**tarmac**. Road-material. For *tar-macadam*.

**tarn**. ON. *tjorn*.

**tarnation**. US. for *darnation*, i.e. damnation. Influenced by *tarnal*, eternal.

**tarnish**. F. *ternir*, *terniss-*, from *terne*, dull, dingy, ? from OHG. *tarnen*, to hide, darken, cogn. with AS *dernan* (see *darn*<sup>1</sup>).

**taro**. Plant. Polynesian.

**taroc**, **tarot**. Playing-card. F. *tarot*, It. *\*tarocco* (pl. *tarocchi*), ? from Arab. *trq*, to knock, also to prophesy or divine.

**tarpan**. Wild horse. Tatar.

**tarpaulin**. Also *tarpaulan* (17 cent.). Used by Capt. John Smith as equivalent to *awning*. Second element is ME *palyoun*, canopy, a pop. form of *pavilion*, with which cf. Norw. Dan. Sw. *paulun*, canopy.

**Tarpeian rock**. Part of Capitoline hill from which Roman traitors were hurled. Trad. from *Tarperia*, who betrayed the capital to the Sabines.

**tarpon**. Jew-fish. Cf. Du. *tarpoen*. Prob. from some native N Amer. name.

**tarragon**. Ult. Arab *tarḫḫūn*, which is prob. G. *δράκων*, lit. dragon, the plant having been early associated with *δρακόντιον*, or *arum dracunculus*.

**tarras**. See *trass*.

**tarry**. ME. *tarren* (also trans.). The phonetic history of the word is that of obs. *tarry*, *tarre*, to vex, persecute, egg on, corresponding to AS. *tergan* and OF. *tarier* (from Teut.). But there is no approach in these to the sense, which is exactly that of OF. *targier*, VL. *\*tardiare*, from *tardus*, late. This does not suit the phonetics.

**Tarshish**, **ship of** [*Bibl.*]. Large merchant-ship such as those of *Tarsus* in Cilicia. Cf. *argosy*.

**tarsia**. It., marquetry.

**tarsus** [*anat.*]. G. *ταρσός*, flat of the foot between toes and heel. Hence *tarso-*.

**tart**<sup>1</sup>. Adj. AS. *teart*, severe; ? cogn. with *tear*<sup>2</sup> (as *bitter* with *bite*).

**tart**<sup>2</sup>. Noun. F. *tarte*, MedL. *tarta* (c. 1100). Connection with OF. *torie* (Mod. *tourte*), Late L. *torta panis*, kind of loaf (*Vulg.*), ? lit. twisted bread, is doubtful, though both It. & Sp. have *torta*, tart, pastry, in early use. Connection of Late L. *torta* with *torquere*, *tort-*, to twist, is also doubtful.

**tartan**<sup>1</sup>. Fabric. OF. *tartarin*, MedL. *tartarinum*, rich material imported from China via *Tartary*, also called *tarterne* in ME. ? Partly due to F.



*tertainne*, a mixed fabric, OF. var. *tertainne*, with which cf. 16 cent. Sc. *tertainne*. *Tartaryn*, *tartayne*, *tyrtayne* all occur in will of Lady Clare (†1360).

**tartan**<sup>2</sup> [*naut*]. Mediterranean vessel. F. *tartane*, It. (Sp.) *tartana*, ? from Arab. *tarīdah*, lit. chaser.

**tartar** [*chem.*]. F. *tarire*; cf. It. Sp. *tartaro*, MedL. *tartarum*, MedG. *rāp-rapov*, ? of Oriental origin and cogn. with Arab. *durdī*, tartar, Pers. *durd*, sediment, drags

**Tartar**. MedL. *Tartarus*, app. altered (on *Tartarus*, hell) from the orig. ethnic name, which is *Tātār* in Pers. Most of the Europ. langs. have both *Tart-* and *Tat-* forms

**Tartarus**. Hell. G. *Táprapos*

**Tartu(f)fe**. Hypocrite. F, title-rôle in Molière's comedy (1664); cf. It. *Tartufo*, character in It. comedy, prob. from *tartufo*, truffle.

**tasimeter**. From G. *τάσις*, tension, from *τελννν*, to stretch.

**task**. ONF. *tasque*, for OF. *tasche* (Mod. *tâche*), metath. of *taxe*, tax (or via VL. \**iasca* for *taxa*). This metath. is common in F, e.g. *tâche*, OF. *lasche*, VL. \**iascus*, for *laxus* (*lascus*).

**tass** [*archaic*]. Cup, goblet F. *tasse*; cf. It. *tazza*, Sp. *taza*, MedL. *tassa*; all from Arab. *tass*, *tassah*, basin.

**tassel**<sup>1</sup>. Ornament. OF. *tassel*, *tassel*, orig. little heap, dim. of *tas*, heap (whence ME. *tass*, heap, bunch), of Teut. origin. OF *tassel* also means clasp, prob. from the practice, often referred to in OF, ME. & Prov., of making the fastenings of a mantle of a tress of hair.

**tassel**<sup>2</sup> [*archaic*]. As in *tassel-gentile*. See *tercel*.

**tasset** [*hist.*]. Kind of kilt of overlapping armour plates. OF. *tassete*, dim. of synon. *tasse*, orig. purse, pouch. Connection of sense is not clear, but Sp. *escarcela*, purse, pouch, also means tasset. OF. *tasse*, pocket (cf. It. *tasca*, Ger. *tasche*), is of doubtful origin.

**taste**. OF. *taster* (Mod. *tâter*), to touch, handle, VL. *taxitare*, frequent. of *taxare*, to handle, touch, from root of *tangere*.

**tat**<sup>1</sup>. See *tattooing*.

**tat**<sup>2</sup> [*Anglo-Ind.*]. Pony. Short for *tattoo*, Hind. *ṭāṭhū*.

**tat**<sup>3</sup>. In *tii* for *tat*. See *tii*<sup>2</sup>.

**ta-ta**. Baby lang. for good-bye. Cf. *bow-wow*, *gee-gee*.

**Tatar**. See *Tartar*.

**tatler**. See *tattle*.

**tatter**. From 14 cent., also *totter*. Cf. ON. *toturr*, *totuyr*, also OF. *tatevels* (prob. of Teut. origin); also AS. *tætteca*, ? rag.

**tatterdemalion**. App. formed from *tatter* with fantastic second element as in *vagamuffin*, *slubberdegullion*, *hobbledehoy*; but it may be noted that *Tatar*, *Tartar*, was a contemporary word for vagabond, gipsy, in several Europ. langs., while Dekker uses *tatterdemalion* rather in the sense of rogue, gipsy, and Capt John Smith applies *tattervimalion* to the Tartars.

**tattooing**. Perh. connected with *tattle*. Cf. synon. F. *frivolité*.

**tattle**. Orig. to stammer, prattle, as rendering of Flem. *tatelen*, now usu. *tateren* (Du), with which cf. LG. *tateln*, *täteln*, to gabble, quack; of imit. origin. Later senses influenced by *tittle*, a much older word in E. (see *tittle-tattle*).

**tattoo**<sup>1</sup> [*mil*]. Earlier *taptoo*, "lights out," orig. signal for closing the taps, i.e. taverns, Du. *tap toe*, lit. (shut the) tap to (cf. synon. Ger. *zapfen-streich*, lit. tap-stroke).

**tattoo**<sup>2</sup>. Marking of skin. Polynesian.

**tatty** [*Anglo-Ind.*] Grass screen. Hind. *ṭāṭhī*.

**tau**. G. *ταυ*, name of letter T, τ. Esp. in *tau-cross*, St Anthony's cross.

**taube** [*hist.*]. Ger. aeroplane, lit. dove.

**taunt**<sup>1</sup>. To provoke, etc. From c. 1500. App. from F. phrase *tant pour tant*, in sense of tit for tat. But no doubt associated with F. *tancer*, "to check, taunt, reprove" (Cotg.), VL. \**tentrare*, from *tendere*, *tenti-*, to strive. There is a tendency in E. to confuse -*ounce*, -*aunt*.

**taunt**<sup>2</sup> [*naut*]. Very tall (of masts). From phrase *all ataint*, *all atainto*, under full sail, with all rigging in use, F. *autant*, as much, in OF. to the full, esp. in *boire autant* (whence ME. *drink a tantie*).

**tauromachy**. G. *ταυρομαχία*, from *ταῦρος*, bull.

**taut**. Earlier *taught*, ME. *toght*, app. cogn. with AS. *teon* (\**teohan*), to pull. This verb is Com. Teut.; cf. OSax. *tiohan*, Ger. *ziehen*, ON. *toginn* (p.p.), Goth. *tiuhan*; cogn. with L. *ducere*.

**tautology**. G. *ταυτολογία*, from *ταῦτό*, ὃ *αὐτό*, the same.

**tavern**. F. *taverne*, L. *taberna*, little house of boards, ? cogn. with *tabula*, plank, ? or with *trabs*, beam. Cf. *tabernacle*.

**taw<sup>1</sup>.** To prepare (leather) AS. *tāwan*; cf. Du. *touwen*, OHG. *zauwan*, Goth. *taujan*, to do, make; cogn. with *tool*.

**taw<sup>2</sup>.** A marble, alley<sup>2</sup>. Also *tor<sup>2</sup>*. Origin unknown.

**tawdry.** Aphet. for *St Audrey*, i.e. *Etheldreda*, AS. *Æthelthryh*, patron saint of Ely. Orig. in *St Audrey's lace*, necklet. *Etheldreda* died of a tumour in the throat, which she regarded as a punishment for her early love of necklaces. The immediate source of the word is from *St Audrey's fair* (Oct. 17), at which necklets were sold, a practice very likely going back to the legend mentioned above.

**tawny.** F. *tanné*, p p. of *tanner*, to tan (q.v.).

**taws, tawse** [Sc.]. Whip. Treated by Sc. writers as pl. From *taw<sup>1</sup>*.

**tax.** First as verb. F. *taxer*, L. *taxare*, to censure, reckon, value, etc., in MED. to impose a tax. In ME. *tax*, *tash* (q.v.) are synon.

**taxi.** For *taximeter* (q.v.), *taxi-cab*.

**taxidermy.** Mod., from G. *râgis*, arrangement, *dépoua*, skin.

**taximeter.** F. *taximètre*, from *taxe* in sense of tariff, rate of payment.

**taxin** [chem.]. From L. *taxus*, yew.

**taxis.** G., arrangement (v.1)

**taxonomy.** Classification. F. *taxonomie*, irreg. from G. *râgis*, arrangement.

**tazza.** It., see *tass*.

**tchin.** Russ., rank; cf. *tchinovnik*, official, *tchinut'*, to make, execute.

**tea.** Du. *thee*, Malay *te*, *teh*, Chin. dial. *i'e* (Amoy), for mandarin *ch'a* (whence Port. *cha*, Russ. *chai*, Pers. Urdu *chā*, Arab. *shay*, Turk. *chây*; cf. *chah*, tea, in E. mil slang). The Du. form has, owing to Du. traders being the chief importers (16 cent.) from the far East, prevailed in most Europ langs, e.g. F. *thé*, It. *tè*, Sp. *te*, Ger. *tee*, It. having also *cià*.

**teach.** AS. *tæcan*; cogn. with Ger. *zeigen*, to show, and G. *deuknûn*; also with *token*.

**Teague** [archaic]. Irishman. From common Ir. name *Tadhg*, later identified with *Thaddeus*. Cf. *Paddy*, *Taffy*, etc.

**teak.** Port. *teca*, Malayalam *tēkka* (Tamil *tēkkū*).

**teal.** ME. *iele*, prob. from AS.; cf. synon. Du. *taling*, *teling*.

**team.** AS. *tēam*, in current sense;

also progeny, etc.; cogn. with *tēon*, to draw (see *taut*). Com Teut.; cf. Du. *toom*, Ger. *zaum*, ON. *taumr*, all in sense of rein, bridle. This, app. the ground-sense, is not recorded in AS., nor is the E. sense found in other Teut. langs.

**teapoy** [Anglo-Ind.]. Small tripod table. From Hind. *tin-*, *thr-*, three, and Pers. *pāi*, foot. Cf. *charpoy*, *tripod*.

**tear<sup>1</sup>.** Noun. AS. *tēar*. Com. Teut.; cf. OFris. *tār*, (poet.) Ger. *zähre* (orig. pl. from OHG. *zahar*), ON. *tār*, Goth. *tagr*; cogn. with L. *lacrima* (OL. *dacruma*), G. *δάκρυ*, Welsh *deigr*.

**tear<sup>2</sup>.** Verb AS. *teran*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *teren*, Ger. *zerren*, to destroy (also *zerren*, to distort), Late ON. *tæra*, to use up, Goth. *gatairan*, to destroy; cogn. with G. *dépein*, to flay.

**tease.** AS. *tēsan*, to tease (wool). WGer.; cf. Du. *teezen*, to pull, scratch, OHG. *zeisan*, to tease (wool). For current fig. sense cf. *heckle*. In lit. sense ME. usu. has *toose* (cf. *tootle*).

**teasel.** Large thistle used in "teasing" cloth AS. *tæsel*, from *tēsan* (v s.).

**teat.** F. *tette*, of Teut. origin. This replaced AS. *tūt*, which survives as *tūt*, *tēt*, in dial. Cf. Du. dial. *tet*, Ger. *zitz*. All prob., like L. *mamma*, breast, from baby lang.

**tec** [slang]. Detective. Cf. *scrip<sup>2</sup>*, *flu*.

**technical.** From G. *τεχνικός*, from *τέχνη*, art, craft,

**tecno-.** From G. *τέκνον*, child.

**tect-.** From L. *tectum*, roof (see *thatch*).

**tectonic.** G. *τεκτονικός*, from *τέκτων*, carpenter, builder.

**teddy-bear.** Orig. US. and named (c. 1907) in allusion to the President, *Theodore (Teddy) Roosevelt* (†1919).

**Te Deum.** Init. words of ancient L. hymn, *Te Deum laudamus*, composed (4 cent.) by Nicetos of Remesiana.

**tedious.** Late L. *taedrosus*, from *taedrum*, from *taedēre*, to weary.

**tee<sup>1</sup>.** The letter T, used of various T-shaped objects, e.g. *tee-square*. Cf. *ess*, *tau*.

**tee<sup>2</sup>.** Mark aimed at (curling, bowls, quoits). Perh. orig. a T-shaped mark (v.s.).

**tee<sup>3</sup>.** Golf. App. distinct from *tee<sup>1,2</sup>*, as *teaz*, noun and verb, is recorded for 1673. For back-formation cf. *pea*, *burgee*, *Chinee*, etc.

**tee-hee.** See *te-hee*.

**teem.** AS. *tēman*, from *tēam* (q.v.), in AS. sense of progeny.

**teen** [archaic]. Affliction, etc. AS. *tēona*, hurt, trouble; cogn. with ON. *tjōn*, loss.

**-teen**. AS. *-týne*, *-tēne*, from *ten*; cf. Du. *-tien*, Ger. *-zehn*, L. *-decim*. Hence in one's *teens*.

**teeny**. See *tiny*.

**teetee**. Monkey. Brazil. name.

**teeter** [US.]. To sway. For archaic *titter*, ON. *titra*, cogn. with Ger. *zittern*, to tremble.

**teetotal**. Playful elaboration of *total*, perh. suggested by *teetotum*. The word is older than the yarn about "Dickie Turner," of Preston, the working-man temperance agitator.

**teetotum**. Earlier *T-totum*, orig. the lucky side only of the instrument, which was also called a *totum*. The four sides were orig. marked T. (*totum*), A (*aufer*), D (*depone*), N (*nihi*). Cf. F. *toton*, formerly *totum*, and Du. *aaltolletje*, "a whirl-bone or totum" (Sewel, 1766), lit. all-top.

**teg** [dial.]. Sheep (earlier also doe) in second year. Origin unknown.

**tegul-**. See *tile*.

**tegument**. L. *tegumentum*, from *tegere*, to cover.

**te-hee**. Imit. of derisive titter (Chauc. A. 3740).

**teil** [Bibl.]. Obs. name for lime-tree. OF. *teil* (replaced by *tilleul*), L. *tilia*.

**tekno-**. See *tecno-*.

**telaesthesia**. Coined (along with *telepathy*) from G. *αἰσθησις*, perception. See *aesthetic*, *tele-*, and cf. *teleautograph*.

**tele-**. G. *τῆλε*, far off, in *telegraph*, *telephone*, *telepathy*, *telephoto* (see *photograph*). These are all imitated from the much earlier *telescope*, It. *telescopio*. See *-scope*.

**telega**. Vehicle. Russ. *teljega*.

**teleo-**. From G. *τέλος*, complete, from *τέλος*, end. Hence *teleology*, doctrine of final causes.

**teleuto-**. From G. *τελευτή*, completion.

**telic**. G. *τελικός*, final.

**tell**. AS. *tellan*, cogn. with *tale* (q.v.). Ground-sense is to mention in order, hence double meaning (to count, recount). Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *tellen*, to count, Ger. *zählen*, to count (*erzählen*, to relate), ON. *telja*, to count, relate; cogn. with Goth. *talzjan*, to teach. For *tell-tale-tit* see *tit*<sup>1</sup>.

**tellurium** [chem.]. From L. *tellus*, *tellur-*, earth, in contrast to *uranium* (q.v.).

**telpher**. Overhead line. For *telephore*. See *tele-*, *-phore*.

**Telugu** [ling.]. Dravidian lang. of India. Cf. *Tamil*.

**temenos** [antiq.]. Enclosure. G. *τέμενος*, from *τέμνω*, to cut.

**temerity**. L. *temeritas*, from *temere*, blindly, rashly.

**temper**. First as verb. AS *tempran*, L. *temperare*, to proportion duly, regulate, perh. from *tempus*, time. Hence also F. *tremper*, used esp. of tempering metals, which has affected the sense-development of the E word. Cf. *temperance*, *temperament*, *temperature*.

**tempest**. OF. *tempeste* (Mod. *tempête*), VL. *\*tempesta*, for *tempeestas*, season, weather, storm, from *tempus*, time.

**template**. See *templet*.

**temple**<sup>1</sup>. Building. AS *templ*, L. *templum*, reinforced in ME. by F *temple*. ? Orig. the section of earth and sky marked out by the augur for observing the flight of birds (cf. *contemplate*), from an Aryan *\*temp-*, cogn. with *tend-*, stretch.

**temple**<sup>2</sup>. Of head. OF. *temple* (Mod. *tempe*), L. *tempora*, pl. of synon. *tempus*. Sense, *tempora capitis*, ? imitated from G. *τὰ καίρια*, lit. the seasonable (places to strike an enemy); ? or as *temple*<sup>1</sup>, with orig. sense of stretched, thinnest, part; cf. synon. AS. *thunwange*, Ger. dial. *dünnung*, ON. *thunnvangr*, lit. thin cheek, cogn. with Ger. *dünn*, thin, *dehnen*, to stretch, L. *tenuis*, thin.

**templet**. In various techn. senses, the form *template* being due to folk-etym. App. from earlier *temple*, used of various mech. devices (? thing stretched), AS. *temple*, L. *templum*, *temple*<sup>1</sup>; cf. Rum. *împlâr*, carpenter.

**tempo** [mus.]. It. *tempo*, L. *tempus*, time.

**temporal**<sup>1</sup>. Secular. L. *temporalis*, from *tempus*, *tempor-*, time, ? from same root as *temple*<sup>1</sup>. For sense cf. *secular*.

**temporal**<sup>2</sup>. L. *temporalis*, of the temple<sup>2</sup>.

**temporary**. L. *temporarius*, from *tempus*, *tempor-*, time.

**temporize**. MedL. *temporizare*, to put off the time, delay.

**tempt**. L. *temptare*, to handle, test, etc., intens. of *tendere*, to stretch.

**ten**. AS. *tien*. Aryan; cf. Du. *tien*, Ger. *zehn*, ON. *tíu*, Goth. *taihun*, L. *decem*, G. *deka*, Gael. Ir. *deich*, Pers. *dah*, Sanskrit *daśa*.

**tenable.** F. *tenable*, from *tenir*, to hold (see *tenant*).

**tenacious.** From L. *tenax*, *tenac-*, from *tenēre*, to hold.

**tenant.** F. *tenant*, pres. part. of *tenir*, to hold, VL. \**tenire*, for *tenēre*.

**tench.** OF. *tenche* (Mod. *tanche*), Late L. *tinca*.

**tend<sup>1</sup>.** To incline. F. *tendre*, L. *tendere*, to stretch, strive, cogn. with *tenuis*, thin, G. *teiwew*, to stretch. Current *tendencious* is after Ger. *tendenzios* (cf. Ger. *tendenzroman*, novel with a purpose).

**tend<sup>2</sup>.** To care for. Aphet. for *attend*. Cf. *tender<sup>3</sup>*.

**tender<sup>1</sup>.** Adj. F. *tendre*, L. *tener*, *tener-*.

**tender<sup>2</sup>.** To offer. From F. *tendre*, *tend<sup>1</sup>*. For ending cf. *tender*.

**tender<sup>3</sup>.** Noun. From *tend<sup>2</sup>*, to attend.

**tendon.** MedL. *tendo-n-*, G. *τέων*, *τέωντ*, sinew, tendon, from *teiwew*, to stretch, confused with L. *tendere*.

**tendrill.** Connected rather with F. *tendre*, to stretch, reach (*tend<sup>1</sup>*), than with *tendre*, *tender<sup>1</sup>*, the characteristic of the tendrill being its reaching and clutching character. OF. uses *tendon* in same sense.

**tenebrous.** L. *tenebrosus*, from *tenebrae*, darkness.

**tenement.** MedL. *tenementum*, from *tenēre*, to hold.

**tenet.** L., he holds.

**tenné** [*her.*]. OF. var. of *tanné*, tawny.

**tennis.** Earliest form *tenetz* (Gower), F. *tenex*, imper. of *tenir*, called out by the server before play.

**tenon.** F., from *tenir*, to hold.

**tenor** [*mus.*]. It *tenore*, MedL. *tenor*, holder, used of the voice to which the melody was allotted.

**tenour.** F. *teneur*, L. *tenor-em*, course, gist, from *tenēre*, to hold.

**tense<sup>1</sup>.** Noun. OF. *tens* (Mod. *temps*), L. *tempus*, time.

**tense<sup>2</sup>.** Adj. L. *tensus*, p.p. of *tendere*, to stretch.

**tenson.** F., poetic contest (tension), from Prov.

**tent<sup>1</sup>.** Shelter. F. *tente*, L. *tenta* (sc. *tela*), p.p. of *tendere*, to stretch.

**tent<sup>2</sup>.** Roll of lint for insertion in wound. OF. *tenie*, from *tenter*, to try, test, L. *tempiare* (see *tempi*).

**tent<sup>3</sup>.** Wine. Sp. (*vino*) *tinto*, dark wine, L. *tinctus*, p.p. of *tingere*, to dye.

**tentacle.** ModL. *tentaculum*, from *tentare*, var. of *tempiare* (see *tempi*).

**tentative.** MedL. *tentativus*, from *tentare* (v.s.).

**tenter.** ME. *tentour*, F. *tenture*, stretching, tapestry, from *tendre*, to stretch, L. *tendere*. Hence *tenter-hooks*, by which cloth was stretched after being milled.

**tenuity.** L. *tenuitas*, from *tenuis*, thin (q.v.); cogn. with *tendere*, to stretch.

**tenure.** OF., from *tenir*, to hold (see *tenant*).

**teocalli.** Mex. temple. From Aztec *teotl*, god, *calli*, house.

**tepee.** Wigmam. Namer. Ind (Sioux). **tephrite** [*min.*]. From G. *τεφρός*, ash-coloured, from *τέφρα*, ashes.

**tepid.** L. *tepidus*, from *tepere*, to be warm.

**ter-.** L. *ter*, three times, cogn. with *three*.

**terai** (**hat**). From *Terai*, jungly belt between Himalayas and plain, from Hind. *tar*, damp.

**teraphim.** Household gods of Hebrews (*Judges* xvii. 5). Heb. *trāphim*, pl. in form (cf. *cherubim*), and of doubtful origin and meaning.

**teratology.** From G. *τέρας*, *τέρας*, prodigy.

**tercel**, **tercel** [*archaic*]. Male of the falcon. OF. *tercel*, also *terceul*, MedL. *terholus*, from *tertius*, third. Reasons for name unknown. Hence *tassel-gentle*.

**tercet** [*metr.*]. F. *tercet*, It. *terzetto*, dim. of *terzo*, third, L. *tertius*.

**terebr-** [*zool.*]. From L. *terebrā*, borer, cogn. with *teredo*, *terete*.

**terebinth.** F. *terébinthe*, G. *τεπέβινθος*, prob. of foreign origin. Cf. *turpentine*.

**teredo** [*zool.*]. Boring mollusc. L. *teredo*, G. *τερηδών*, wood-boring worm, cogn. with *teipew*, to rub, bore.

**terete** [*biol.*]. From L. *teres*, *teret-*, rounded off, smooth, cogn. with *terere*, to rub, G. *teipew*, and ult. with Ger. *drehen*, to turn, E. *throw*, *thrawn*.

**tergiversation.** L. *tergiversatio-n-*, from *vertere*, *vers-*, to turn, *tergum*, the back.

**term.** F. *terme*, L. *terminus*, limit, boundary, cogn. with G. *τέρμα*, limit, and ult. with *thrum<sup>1</sup>*.

**termagant.** OF. *Tervagant*, name of supposed god or idol of Saracens. Sense of fury, braggart, is from medieval stage. Spec. application to female is later. Cf. It. *Trivagante* (Ariosto). Origin unknown.

**termination.** L. *terminatio-n-*, from *terminare*, to limit, from *terminus*, boundary, term.

**terminus.** L., see *term*.

**termite.** White ant. L. *termes*, *termis*, woodworm, cogn. with *terere*, to rub, bore (see *terete*)

**tern.** Cf. Dan. *terne*, Sw. *tärna*, Norw. dial. & Faroese *terna* (ON. *therna*) In EAngl. the black tern is called *starn*, AS *stearn*, *stern*, no doubt ult. cogn. with above.

**ternary.** Late L. *ternarius*, from *terni*, three at a time, from *ter*, three times.

**terne** [techn.]. Chiefly in *terne-plate*. F *terne*, dull (see *tarnish*)

**terp** [antiq.]. Prehistoric village-site in Holland. Fris. *terp*, village, cogn. with *thorp* (q.v.).

**Terpsichorean.** Of Τερψιχόρη, Muse of dancing, from *τέρπειν*, to delight, χορός, dance, chorus.

**terrace.** F *terrasse*, augment. of *terre*, L. *terra*, earth.

**terra cotta.** It., cooked earth. L. *terra* is cogn. with *torrere*, to parch, dry (cf. *extorris*, banished man).

**terra firma.** L., firm earth, continent

**terrain.** Land, esp. from mil. point of view. F., from *terre*, earth.

**terra incognita.** L., unknown land.

**terramara** [min.]. Ammoniacal earth found on the site of neolithic dwellings in Italy. It. dial. *terramara*, from dial. *mara* (It. *marna*), marl.

**terrapin.** Small turtle. N.Amer. Ind. (Algonkin).

**terraqueous.** Coined from L. *terra*, earth, *aqua*, water.

**terra Sienna.** Pigment. It. *terra di Siena*.

**terrene.** L. *terrenus*, from *terra*, earth  
**terreplein** [fort.]. F. *terreplein*, from It. *terrapieno* (cf. Sp. *terrapleno*), from verb *terraprenar* (cf. Sp. *terraplenar*), to fill up with earth.

**terrestrial.** From L. *terrestris*, from *terra*, earth.

**terret.** Ring on harness. In ME. also *toret*, *turret*, OF. *touret*, dim. of *tour*, turn (see *tour*).

**terrible.** F. *terrible*, L. *terribilis*, from *terrere*, to frighten.

**terrier**<sup>1</sup> [hist.]. Register of property. Cf. F. *registre terrier*, MedL. *liber terrarius*, from *terra*, land.

**terrier**<sup>2</sup>. Dog. F. *terrier* (sc. *chien*), from *terre*, earth. Orig. used for getting badger, etc., out of its "earth"

**terrier**<sup>3</sup> [slang]. For *territorial* (soldier).  
**terrify.** F. *terrifier*, L. *terrificare*, from root of *terror* and *facere*, to make.

**terrine.** See *tureen*.

**territory.** F. *territoire*, L. *territorium*, usu. associated with *terra*, earth, but

perh. rather from *terrere*, *terrui*, to frighten, "warn off"

**terror.** L., cogn. with *terrere* (v.s.), and ult. with *tremere*, to tremble, *trepidus*, timid.

**terry (velvet).** With uncut loop. ? F. *tiré*, drawn.

**terse.** L. *tersus*, p.p. of *tergere*, to wipe. Current sense from that of polished, smooth.

**tertian.** Orig. in *tertian fever*, with paroxysms every third day, L. *febris tertiana*, from *tertius*, third.

**tertiary.** L. *tertarius*, of the third rank (v.s.).

**tertium quid.** L., rendering G. *τρίτον τι* (Plato), third something

**terza rima** [metr.]. It., third rime, as in Dante.

**tessara-**. G. *τέσσαρα*, neut. of *τέσσαρες*, four (q.v.).

**tessellated.** From It. *tessellato* or L. *tessellatus*, from *tessella*, dim. of *tessera*, square tablet, die, from Ionic G. *τέσσερα* (v.s.)

**tessera.** Of various square objects (v.s.)

**test.** OF. *test* (Mod. *têt*), pot, L. *testum*, var. of *testa*, pot, tile. Orig. (Chauc. G. 818) alchemist's cupel used in treating gold and silver.

**testaceous.** From L. *testaceus*, covered with hard shells, tiles (v.s.).

**testament.** L. *testamentum*, will, from *testari*, to be witness, attest, etc., from *testis*, witness. Dial. forms of L. *testis* point to earlier *tr-* and orig. sense of third man (cf. *umpire*).

**testamur** [univ.]. Certificate. L., we testify

**testator.** Late L., from *testari* (v.s.).

**teste.** L., abl. of *testis*, witness, used in abl. absolute construction.

**tester**<sup>1</sup> [archaic]. Canopy of bed. AF. *testure*, from OF. *teste*, head (see *tête-à-tête*); cf. OF. *testre*, MedL. *testrum*.

**tester**<sup>2</sup> [hist]. Coin. Orig. the *teston*, *testoon*, of Hen. VIII, first E. coin with true portrait, imitated from the *testone* of Galeazzo Maria Sforza, Duke of Milan (†1476) and the F. *teston* of Louis XII and Francis I. The E. form may be for *testern*, *testorn*, *teston*. See *tête-à-tête*.

**testicle.** From L. *testiculus*, dim. of *testis*, witness (to virility).

**testify.** OF. *testifier*, Late L. *testificare*, for *testificari*, from *testis*, witness, *facere*, to make.

**testimony.** OF. *testimoine* (learned

form of *témoin*), L. *testimonium*, evidence of witness, *testis*.

**testudo** [*hist.*]. Shelter for troops attacking fortress. L, tortoise, from *testa*, shell (see *testaceous*).

**testy**. AF. & ME. *testif*, headstrong, corresponding to OF. *testu* (Mod. *têtu*), obstinate. See *tête-à-tête*. For form cf. *jolly*, *tardy*.

**tetanus**. G. *tétanos*, muscular spasm, from *τείνειν*, to stretch.

**tetchy**. Archaic (and earlier) form of *touchy* (q.v.).

**tête-à-tête**. F, head to head. OF *teste*, L. *testa*, pot, tile, slang name for head.

**tether**. ON *tjōthr*, cogn. with archaic Du. *tuner* (earlier *tudder*), LG. *tüder*, *tiër*, OHG. *zeotar*, whence Bav. *zieter*, team

**tetra-, tetr-**. G. *tetra-*, from *téttapes*, four.

**tetrad**. Set of four. G. *τετράς*, *τετράδ-* (v.s.)

**tetrarch**. G. *τετράρχης* (v.s. and cf. *monarch*).

**tetter** [*archaic*]. Eczema, ring-worm, etc. AS. *teter*, cogn. with Sanskrit *dadrū*, skin-disease; cf. Ger. *zittermal*, ring-worm, of which second element means spot, mole<sup>1</sup>.

**Teutonic**. L. *Teutonicus*, from the *Teutones*.

**text**. F. *texte*, L. *textus*, tissue (hence, style and matter), from *texere*, to weave, ult. cogn. with G. *τέχνη*, handiwork, art. Cf. *context*.

**textile**. L. *textilis*, from *texere*, *text-*, to weave (v.s.).

**texture**. L. *textura* (v.s.).

**th-**. Exc. for a few exotic or unexplained words, all words in *th-* are of E., Scand., or G. origin (þ or ð, θ).

**-th<sup>1</sup>**. Forms abstract nouns from verbs (*birth*, *death*) or adjs. (*filth*, *murth*) In *drought* (cf. Sc *drowth*), *height*, *sleight*, *theft*, has been replaced by *-i*.

**-th<sup>2</sup>**. In ordinal numbers. AS. *-tha*, *-the*, cogn. with L. *-tus* (*quintus*), G. *-tos* (*πέμπτος*).

**thakur** [*Anglo-Ind*]. Title of respect, esp. of Rajpoot noble. Hind. *thākūr*, Sanskrit *thakkurra*, deity.

**thalam-** [*biol.*]. From G. *θάλαμος*, inner chamber. See also *thranite*.

**thalassic**. From G. *θάλασσα*, sea. Cf. *thalatto-*, from Attic *θάλαττα*.

**thaler**. Ger., earlier *taler*. See *dollar*.

**Thalian**. Of *Θάλεια*, Muse of comedy, from *θάλλειν*, to bloom.

**thallium** [*chem*]. From G. *θαλλός*, green shoot (v.s.), because of its green line in spectrum

**thalweg** [*geog.*]. Ger., dale-way.

**than**. AS. *thanne*, ident. with *then*. Use after compar. is WGer.; cf. Du. *dan*, Ger. *denn*, similarly used.

**thanat-**. From G. *θάνατος*, death.

**thane** [*hist.*]. AS. *thegn*, servant, attendant. Com. Teut.; cf. OSax. *thegan*, Ger. *degen* (poet.), ON. *thegn*; cogn. with G. *τέκνον*, child.

**thank**. AS. *thanc* (noun), cogn. with *think*, orig. sense being thought; hence, kind thought, gratitude. Com. Teut., cf. Du. Ger. *dank*, ON. *thokk*, Goth. *thagks*.

**that**. AS. *thæt*, neut. of demonstr. pron. and of demonstr. adj. *sē*, *sō*, *ihæt*. For relative use cf. that of Ger. demonstr. and art. (*der*, *die*), *das*. With use as conj. cf. that of Ger. *dass*, ident. with *das*. See *the*.

**thatch**. Verb. AS. *theccan*, from noun *thæc*, whence dial. *thack*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *dak*, Ger. *dach*, roof (*decken*, to cover), ON. *thah*, roof, *thatch*; cogn. with L. *tegere*, to cover, G. *τέγος*, roof, Gael. Ir. *tigh*, house.

**thaumaturge**. G. *θαυματουργός*, wonder-working, conjuror, from *θαῦμα*, *θαύμαρ*, wonder, *-εργος*, working, from *ἐργον*, work.

**thaw**. AS *thāwan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *dooven*, Ger. *tauen*, ON. *theyja*.

**the**. Weakened form of *that* (q.v.), also representing masc. and fem. *the*, *thee*, which replaced, under influence of *that*, earlier *sē*, *sō*, Aryan; cf. Du. *de*, *dat*, Ger. *der*, *die*, *das*, ON. (*sā*, *sū*), *that*, Goth. (*sa*, *sō*), *thata*, G. (*ὁ*, *ἡ*), *τό*, Sanskrit (*sa*, *sā*), *tal*, also L. *is-te*. In *the more pity*, *the fewer the better*, etc., the represents the old instrument case, AS. *thȳ*, *iḥē*. Cf. *lest*.

**theandric**. Church G. *θεανδρικός*, from *θεός*, god, *ἀνὴρ*, *άνδρ-*, man.

**theanthropic**. From Church G. *θεάνθρωπος*, from *θεός*, god, *ἄνθρωπος*, man.

**thearchy**. Church G. *θεαρχία* (v.s.).

**Theatine**. Rel. order founded (1524) at Chiute (formerly *Teate*) in Italy.

**theatre**. G. *θέατρον*, from *θεάσθαι*, to behold.

**Thebais, Thebaid**. District round *Thebes* (Egypt), formerly favourite abode of hermits and ascetics.

**theco-** [*biol.*]. From G. *θήκη*, case.

**thee**. AS. *iḥē*, dat. of *thou*, also replacing AS. acc. *thec*; cf. obs. Du.

*dr*, Ger. *dr*, *dich*, ON. *thēr*, *thuk*, Goth. *thus*, *thuk*.

**theft**. AS. *thiefth*, from *thref*. See *-th<sup>1</sup>*.

**thegn** [*hist.*]. See *thane*.

**their**. ON. *theirra*, genitive pl. of demonstr., replacing AS. pers. pron. *hira*, ME. *her*.

**theist**. From G. *θεός*, God.

**Thelema**. Rabelais' *Abbaye de Thélème*, of which the only rule was *Fay ce que voudras*. G. *θέλημα*, wish.

**them**. ON. *them*, dat. of demonstr., replacing AS. pers. pron. *him*, whence ME. *hem*, *em*, still in colloq. use.

**theme**. F. *thème*, G. *θέμα*, proposition, from *τιθέναι*, to put.

**Themis**. G. *Θέμις*, personification of Justice, from *τιθέναι*, to set.

**then**. AS. *thanne*, from the root of the demonstr. *that*, *the*; cf. Du. *dan*, Ger. *dann*, ON. *thā*, Goth. *than*. See *than*.

**thence**. MF. *thannes*, *thennes*, for earlier *thenne*, with adv. genitive *-s* (as in *hence*); from demonstr. root *that*, *the*; cf. Ger. *dannen*.

**theo-**. From G. *θεός*, god.

**theodolite**. First (1571) in L. form *theodolitus*, prob. invented and named by the E. mathematician Leonard Digges. Its formation is obscure.

**theorbo**, **theorbe**. Lute. F. *teorbe*, *théorbe*, It. *torba*. Origin unknown.

**theorem**. G. *θεώρημα*, speculation, proposition to be proved (Euclid), from *θεωρέω*, from *θεωρός*, a spectator. Cf. *theory*, G. *θεωρία*. See *theatre*.

**Theotokos**. Epithet of Holy Virgin G., god-bearing, from root of *τίκτεω*, to bear.

**therapeutic**. G. *θεραπευτικός*, from *θεραπεύω*, to attend, etc., from *θέραψ*, *θέραπ*, attendant, minister.

**there**. AS. *thær*, from root of demonstr. *that*, *the*; cf. Du. *daar*, Ger. *da* (OHG. *dār*), ON. Goth. *thar*. For formation cf. *where*. Demonstr. origin appears in compds., e.g. *therefor(e)* (= F. *pour cela*), *thereon*, *therewith*, etc.

**theriac** [*archaic*]. Antidote. See *treacle*.

**therio-**. From G. *θηρίον*, dim. of *θήρ*, wild beast.

**-therium**. From G. *θηρίον* (v.s.).

**thermal**. From G. *θερμ*, heat.

**thermidor** [*hist.*]. Eleventh month of F. Republ. Calendar (July 19-Aug. 17). From G. *θερμ* (v.s.), *δῶρον*, gift.

**thermo-**. From G. *θερμός*, hot.

**thermos** (*flask*). G. *θερμός* (v.s.).

**thero-**. From G. *θήρ*, wild beast.

**Thersitical**. Scurrilous. From *Θερσίτης*,

lit. the audacious, a G. soldier at siege of Troy distinguished by his evil tongue.

**thesaurus**. G. *θησαυρός*, treasure.

**these**. AS. *thæs*, var. of *thās*, pl. of *this* (q.v.). See also *those*.

**thesis**. G. *θέσις*, proposition, from *τιθέναι*, to put. Cf. *theme*.

**thesmothete**. Athenian lawgiver. G. *θεσμοθέτης*, from *θεσμός*, law, *-θέτης*, both from root of *τιθέναι*, to set.

**Thespian**. Of *Θέσπις*, trad. founder of G. tragedy (6 cent. B.C.).

**theurgy**. G. *θεουργία*, sorcery, from *θεός*, god, *-εργος*, working.

**thew**. AS. *thēaw*, custom, characteristic, quality. WGer.; cf. OSax. *thau*, custom, OHG. *thau*, discipline. In ME. used of good quality, and in 16 cent. of physical endowments.

**they**. ON. *thēw*, nom. pl. masc. of demonstr., replacing AS. pers. pron. *hæ*. Cf. *their*, *them*.

**thia-**, **thio-** [*chem.*]. From G. *θειον*, sulphur.

**thick**. AS. *thicce*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *dik*, Ger. *dick*, ON. *thykk*; cogn. with Gael. Ir. *tiugh*.

**thicket**. AS. *thiccet*, from *thick*. Cf. synonym. Ger. *dickicht*.

**thief**. AS. *thēof*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *dief*, Ger. *dieb*, ON. *thōfr*, Goth. *thufs*.

**thigh**. AS. *thēoh*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *dijs*, OHG. *diroh*, ON. *thjō*.

**thill**. Shaft of cart. ? Ident. with AS. *thille*, board, deal<sup>1</sup> (q.v.).

**thimble**. AS. *thymel*, from *thumb*; cf. ON. *thumall*, thumb of glove. In *thimblery* second element is *rig<sup>2</sup>*.

**thin**. AS. *thynne*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *dun*, Ger. *dünn*, ON. *thunnr*; cogn. with L. *tenuis*, Sanskrit *tanu*, and with L. *tendere*, G. *teiwēn*, Ger. *dehnen*, to stretch.

**thine**. AS. *thīn*, genitive of *thou*; cf. Du. *dijn*, Ger. *dein*, ON. *thīn*, Goth. *thems*. See *thy*.

**thing**. AS. *thing*, deliberative assembly; hence affairs, matters (see *hustings*, *storthing*). Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *ding*, ON. *thing*, all orig. in sense of public assembly; also Goth. *theihs*, appointed time. *Thingum*, whence *thingummy*, *thingumbob*, etc., is mock Latin.

**think**. AS. *thencan*, causal of *thyncan*, to seem (see *methinks*). Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *denken*, ON. *thekkja*, Goth. *thagkjan*, all causals. See also *thank*.

**third.** Metath. of *thrad*, AS. *thriðda*, from *three*; cf. Du. *derde*, Ger. *dritte*, ON. *thrithe*, Goth. *thridja*.

**thirst.** AS. *thurst*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *dorst*, Ger. *durst*, ON. *thorst*, Goth. *thaurstei*; cogn. with Ger. *dürr*, dry, L. *torrere*, to parch, Sanskrit *īṣṣ*, to thirst.

**thirteen.** Metath. of *thirteen*, AS. *threotýne*, from *three*. See *-teen*.

**thirty.** Metath. of *thirti*, AS. *thritig*, from *three*. See *-ty*.

**this.** Neut. sing. of AS. demonstr. *thēs*, *thēos*, *thūs*, from the same root as *that*, *the*, with suffix corresponding to Goth. *sai*, see, behold, cf. Du. *deze*, Ger. *dieser*, ON. *thesse*. Pl. was *thās*, whence *those*, and *thas*, whence *these*.

**thistle.** AS. *thistel* Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *distel*, ON. *thistill*.

**thither.** AS. *thuder*, earlier *thæder*, from root of demonstr. *that*, with suffix as in *hither*.

**tho.** See *though*.

**thole**<sup>1</sup>. Peg of rowlock. AS. *thol*; cf. ON. *thollr*, Du. *dot*; ? ident. with ON. *thollr*, fir, tree. From Teut. comes F. dim *tolet*.

**thole**<sup>2</sup> [*archaic & dial.*]. To endure. AS. *tholan*. Com. Teut.; cf. OSax. *tholon*, OHG. *dolon* (whence Ger. *geduld*, patience), ON. *thola*, Goth. *thulan*; cogn. with L. *tollere*, *tulh*, *tolerare*, G. *τῆλαι*.

**Thomas.** G. *Θωμᾶς*, of Aram. origin, a twin, hence explained by G. *Δίδυμος*, from *δῖς*, twice. Used for doubter (John xx. 25). *Thomas Atkins* has been used (since 1815) as specimen name in filling up army forms.

**Thomist.** Follower of St Thomas Aquinas. Cf. *Scotst*.

**thong.** AS. *thwang*, strap; cogn. with ON. *thweng*, and with Ger. *zwingen*, to constrain (see *twinge*).

**Thor.** ON. *thorr*, thunder (q.v.). Cf. *Thursday*.

**thorax.** G. *θώραξ*, breastplate.

**thorium** [*chem.*]. Named from *Thor* (q.v.).

**thorn.** AS. *thorn*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *doorn*, Ger. *dorn*, ON. *thorn*, Goth. *thaurnus*; with Slav cognates.

**thorough.** Var. of *through* (q.v.) in stressed position. *Thoroughfare* is found as verb in AS.

**thorp** [*poet.*]. AS. *thorp*, *thorp*, village. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *dorp*, Ger. *dorf*, ON. *thorp*, Goth. *thaurp*. Current form (cf. *-thorp*, *-thrupp*, etc. in place-names) is partly due to Norse influence.

**those.** AS. *thās*, pl. of *this*, in northern ME. gradually replacing *tho*, AS. *thā*, pl. of *that*. It is thus a doublet of *these*, from which it is now differentiated in sense.

**thou.** AS. *thū* Aryan; cf. archaic Du. *du*, Ger. *du*, ON. *thū*, Goth. *thu*, L. *tu*, G. *du* (Doric *ῥῦ*), Gael. Ir. *tu*, Pers. *tū*, Sanskrit *tvam*.

**though, tho.** AS. *thēah*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *doch*, ON. *thō* (for *\*thauh*), Goth. *thauh*. Current form (ME. also *ther*, *thag*, etc.) is from ON.

**thought.** AS. *thōht*, *gethōht*, from *think*; cf. Du. *gedachte*, OHG. *gīdāht* (whence Ger. *gedächtnis*, memory).

**thousand.** AS. *thūsund*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *duzand*, Ger. *tausend*, ON. *thūsund*, Goth. *thūsundr*. Second element is cogn. with *hundred* (cf. ON. *thūs-hundrath*, thousand), first may be cogn. with Sanskrit *tavas*, strong.

**thrall.** ON. *thrall*, cogn. with OHG. *dregil*, servant, prop. runner, and with AS. *thrægan*, to run Dial. *thrall*, stand for barrels, etc., is prob. a fig. use of the same word. Cf. *mech.* uses of *jack*, i.e. servant.

**thranite** [*naut.*]. G. *θρανίτης*, rower in upper tier, from *θρᾶνος*, bench. The lowest tier rower was called *thalamite*, from *θάλαμος*, chamber, applied to a section of the boat.

**thrap** [*naut.*]. Incorr. for *frap* (q.v.).

**thrash, thresh.** AS. *therscan*, *threscan*, to thresh (corn). Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *dorschen*, Ger. *dreschen*, ON. *threskja*, Goth. *thriskjan*; orig. to tramp, stamp; then esp. the treading of the corn, the use of the flail (q.v.) being learnt from the Romans. Later flagellating sense, with artificial differentiation of spelling, from 16 cent. See *threshhold*.

**thrasonical.** From name of braggart soldier in Terence's *Eumuchus*. G. *Θράσω*, from *θραύς*, bold.

**thrown** [*Sc.*] Twisted, distorted. From *thraw*, dial. form of *throw*. For sense cf. *warped*.

**thread.** AS. *thræd*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *draad*, Ger. *draht*, wire, ON. *thvathr*; from a root to twist, "throw"; cf. Ger. *drehen*, to twist.

**threat.** AS. *thræat*, throng, pressure; cf. AS. *thrēotan*, to weary; cogn. with Du. *verdrieten*, Ger. *verdriessen*, to vex, ON. *thrjōta*, to lack, Goth. *usthrīstan*, to oppress, ? and ult. with L. *irudere*, to thrust.



**three.** AS. *thrī*, *thrīo*, *thrēo* Aryan; cf. Du. *drie*, Ger. *drei*, ON. *thrīr*, *thrjár*, *thrjár* (Sw. Dan *tre*, Norw. *tri*), Goth. *\*threis*, *thrija*, L. *tres*, *tria*, G. *τρεις*, *τρία*, Welsh, Gael. Ir. *tri*, Russ. *tri*, Zend. *thrī*, Sanskrit *tri*.

**thremmatology** [biol.]. From G. *θρέμμα*, *θρέμματ-*, nursling, from *τρέφειν*, to nourish.

**threnody.** G. *θρηνωδία*, dirge, from *θρῆνος*, lament See *ode*.

**thresh.** See *thrash*

**threshold.** AS. *thersc-old*, -wald, -wold; cf. ON. *therskjöldr*, OHG. *driscūft*; first element *thresh*, in orig. sense of treading (see *thrash*), second doubtful

**thrice.** ME. *thries*, formed from *thrie*, three, with adv. genitive -s.

**thrift.** Formed in ME. from *thrive* (q.v.).

**thrill.** Metath. of earlier *thirl*, AS. *thyrhan*, to pierce, from *thýrel*, hole (cf. *nostril*), cogn. with *thurh*, through, and ult. with *drill*<sup>1</sup>.

**thrips.** G. *θρίψ*, wood-worm.

**thrive.** ON. *thrifa*, to grasp, etc., with sense of reflex. *thrifask* (cf. *bask*, *bush*<sup>2</sup>), to grow, increase. *Takask* (see *take*) has same sense in ON.

**thro.** See *through*.

**throat.** AS. *throste*; cf. OHG. *drozza* (whence Ger. *drossel*, only in ven.). From a root meaning to swell, also found with imit. s- in Du. *strot*, It. *strozza*, from Teut.

**throb.** As pres. part. (*throbbant hert*) in *Piers Plowm.* Of imit. origin. It is like *thud*, with recurrence of the beat suggested by the -r.

**throe.** ME. *throwe*, spasm, pang, esp. of death or child-birth. From AS. *thrwian*, to suffer, die, cogn. with ON. *thrā*, violent longing, AS. *thrēa*, punishment, throe, and ult. with *threat*.

**thromb-.** From G. *θρόμβος*, clot.

**throne.** G. *θρόνος*, elevated seat.

**throng.** AS. *geithrang*, from *thringan*, to press; cf. Du. *drang*, Ger. *drang*, pressure, *gedränge*, throng. The verb, still in dial and archaic use, is Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *dringen*, ON. *thryngva*, Goth. *threihan*.

**throstle.** AS. *throstle*; cf. LG. *draussel*, Ger. *drossel*, ON. *throst*; ? ult. cogn. with L. *turdus*, thrush.

**throttle.** Formed in ME. from *throat*; cf. synon. Ger. *erdrosseln*

**through.** AS. *thurh*, which, when stressed, became *thorough*. WGer.; cf. Du. *door*, Ger. *durch*; cogn. with Goth. *thairh*. Orig. oblique case of a

Teut. name for hole, and hence cogn. with *thrill*.

**throw.** AS *thrāwan*, to twist, turn. WGer.; cf. Du. *draaien*, Ger. *drehen*; cogn. with L. & G. root which appears in *teredo* Orig. sense survives in *silk-throwing*. See also *thrawn*.

**thrum**<sup>1</sup> [archaic] Short end, scrap of yarn, etc. Orig. what is left attached to loom when web is cut AS. *thrum*, ligament. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *dreum*, Ger. *trumm* (now esp. in pl. *trümmer*, ruins), ON. *thromr*, edge; cogn. with L. *terminus*.

**thrum**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. Imit. cf. *strum*.

**thrush**<sup>1</sup>. Bird. AS. *thrysce*, *thryssce*, app. cogn. with *throstle* (q.v.), though some authorities regard them as quite separate.

**thrush**<sup>2</sup>. Disease of mouth. From 17 cent; also in 18 cent used of disease in the "frog" of horse's hoof. Cf. Sw. *torsk*, Dan. *troske*, also of obscure origin. Norw. has *frosk*, *frosk*, in same sense, phonetically ident. with *frosk*, frog. This fact, and the use of L. *rana*, frog, G. *βάρπαχος*, frog, as names for diseases of the mouth, suggest that *\*frush* may have been the original. See *frog*<sup>2</sup>. The change of *f-* to *th-* has parallels in hist. *thrdborough*, AS. *frithborh*, peace surety, and naut. *thrap* for *frap*.

**thrust.** ON. *thrysta*, ? ult. cogn. with L. *trudere*.

**thud.** Imit. or, with new sense developed under imit. influence, from AS. *thyddan*, to thrust.

**Thug.** Hind. *thag*, cheat, swindler, used instead of the correct name *p'hansagar*, strangler.

**thuja, thuya.** Shrub. G. *θύια*, *θύα*, an Afr. tree, whence also *thyine* (Rev. xviii. 12).

**Thule.** G. *Θούλη*, *Θύλη*, a land six days' sail north of Britain (Polybius), whence L. *ultima Thule*, used fig. for furthest point.

**thumb.** AS. *thūma*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *duim*, Ger. *daumen*; also ON. *thumall*, thumb of glove; cogn. with L. *tumēre*, to swell, OPers. *tūma*, fat.

**Thummim** [Bibl.]. See *Urim*.

**thump.** Imit., cf. *bump*, *thud*.

**thunder.** AS. *thunor*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *donder*, Ger. *donner*, ON. *thörr* (for *\*thonn*), whence name of god *Thor*; cogn. with L. *tonare*, Sanskrit *tan*, to resound.

**thurable.** From L. *thurbulum*, from Late L. *thus*, *thur-*, incense, L. *tus*,

G. *θύος*, sacrifice, from *θύειν*, to sacrifice.

**Thursday**. AS. *thunresdæg* and ON. *thörsdagr*, day of Thor or thunder (q.v.); cf. Du. *donderdag*, Ger. *donnerstag*. Teut. rendering of Late L. *Jovis dies*.

**thus**. AS. *thus*, from demonst. root of *that, the*; cf. Du. *dus*. OHG. has *sus*, from demonst. *so*.

**thuya**. See *thuya*.

**thwack**. Imit. intensification of earlier *thack*, AS. *thaccran*, to clap, which is also imit. Cf. relation of *tang*<sup>2</sup> and *twang*.

**thwaite** [dial.]. Clearing. ON. *thveit*, cogn. with AS. *thwitan*, to cut. Common in northern place-names.

**thwart**<sup>1</sup>. To impede, etc. First as adv. ON. *ihvert*, across, athwart, orig. neut. of adj. *thverr*, transverse. Hence ME. adj. *thwart*, forward, perverse, "cross," and verb to *thwart* Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *dwars* (adv.), Ger. *quer* (OHG. *twēr*). These are all shortened from an earlier form which appears in AS. *thwæorh*, perverse, cross, Ger. *zwerch*- (OHG. *twēr*h), in *zwerchfell*, diaphragm, "cross skin," Goth. *thwaurhs*, angry, "cross"; ult. cogn. with L. *torquere*, to twist.

**thwart**<sup>2</sup>. Of a boat. Altered, under influence of *thwart*<sup>1</sup>, from earlier *thought* (still in dial.), for *thoft* (still in dial.), AS. *thofte*, rowers' bench; cf. ON. *thofta*, Du. *docht*, *doft*, Ger. *duft*, *ducht* (from LG.); from a Teut. root, to squat.

**thy**. Weakened form of *thine*, orig. before consonants as in Bibl. *thine eyes*, *thy son*.

**Thyestean** (feast). From *Θυέστης*, brother of *Ἀργεῦς*, who made him eat of the flesh of his own sons.

**thylene**. See *thuya*.

**thylacine**. Marsupial wolf (Tasmania). From G. *θύλακος*, pouch.

**thyme**. G. *θύμον*, from *θύειν*, to burn sacrifice.

**thymele**. Altar of Dionysus in G. theatre, G. *θυμέλη*, altar, from *θύειν* (v.s.).

**thyroid** [anat.]. From G. *θυρεοειδής*, shield-shaped, from *θυρεός*, oblong shield.

**thyrsus**. G. *θύρσος*, stem of plant, Bacchic staff.

**thysanur**- [entom.]. From G. *θύσανος*, fringe, *οὐρά*, tail.

**tiara**. G. *τίαρα*, orig. a Pers. head-dress.

**tibia**. L., shin-bone, flute.

**tic**. F., spasmodic trouble. Hence *tic douloureux*, facial neuralgia ? Cf. It. *ticchio*, freak, whim.

**ticca** [Anglo-Ind.]. In *ticca-gharry*. Hind. *thikā*, hire.

**tice** [cricket, lawn-tennis]. Dial. *tice*, apoph. for *entice* (q.v.).

**tick**<sup>1</sup>. Insect WGer.; cf. Du. *teek*, *teek*, Ger. *zecke*. AS. *ticca* (? for \**tica* or \**trcca*) is recorded once. Perh. orig. goat and cogn. with Ger. *ziege*, goat, *zicklein*, kid; cf. synonym Ger. *holzbock*, lit. wood goat.

**tick**<sup>2</sup>. In *bed-tick*. ME *teke*; cf. Du. *tyk*, Ger. *zieche* WGer. loan from L. *teca*, *theca*, G. *θήκη*, case, from *τιθέναι*, to put.

**tick**<sup>3</sup>. Light touch, sound. Imit., cf. Du. *tikken*, Norw. dial. *tikka*, to tap, touch lightly. Sense of light touch with pen gives to *tick off*. See also *tg*.

**tick**<sup>4</sup>. Credit. A 17 cent. clipped form of *ticket* (cf. *mob*, *cut*, etc.). Perh. from seamen's practice of getting goods on their pay-tickets.

**ticket**. F. *étiquette*, label, etc., OF. *estiquete*, from *estiquer*, to stick, of Teut. origin.

**tickle**. ? Metath., influenced by *tick*<sup>3</sup>, of *huttle* (q.v.). But cf. synonym. L. *trillare* and dial. *trille*.

**tick-tack**. Redupl. on *tick*<sup>3</sup>. Cf. F. *tic-tac*.

**tic-polonga**. Snake (Ceylon). Sinhalese *tit-polongā*, spot viper.

**tidbit**. See *tribit*.

**tiddler**<sup>1</sup>. For *tittlebat*. See *stickleback*.

**tiddler**<sup>2</sup> [slang]. Instrument for tickling. For *tittler* (see *tickle*).

**tiddlywinks**. Game, orig. (1870) form of dominoes. ? Suggested by slang *tiddlywink*, unlicensed drink-shop (pawshop).

**tide**. AS. *tīd*, time (cf. *evening*, *Yule-tide*, etc.). Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *tijd*, Ger. *zeit*, ON. *tīth*, all meaning *time*, with which they are ult. cogn. From archaic to *tide* (*betide*), happen, comes *tid*ing(s), orig. happenings; cf. Ger. *zeitung*, newspaper. Application to sea has a parallel in LG. *tide*, Du. *tij* (earlier *tijde*), from which it may have been borrowed.

**tidivate**. See *tivate*.

**tidy**. Orig. timely, seasonable. From *tide*.

**tie**. AS. *tēg* (noun), *tīgan* (verb); cogn. with ON. *tæg*, rope, Ger. *ziehen*, to draw, and with *tight*, *tow*<sup>2</sup>, *tug*, etc. Sense of equality (sport) is

evolved from that of connecting link, {; cf. mod. *bracketted*, i.e. equal.

**tier**. Orig. naut., of oars or guns. From F. *trier*, to draw, shoot OF has *tiere*, sequence, but the E. word (16 cent.) perh. represents F. *tr*, shooting, and was orig. applied to a "tire of ordnance," row of guns. Cf. It. *tro*, "a tyre of ordinance" (Flor.).

**tierce**. F. *terce*, fem of *tiers*, third, L. *tertius*. The cask called a *terce* is the third of a pipe.

**tiercel**. See *tercel*.

**tiers-état** [hist.]. F., third estate, i.e. the Commons, as opposed to the clergy and nobility.

**tiff**<sup>1</sup>. Temper. Prob. imit. of small outburst. Cf. *huff*, *sniff*.

**tiff**<sup>2</sup>, **tift** [dial.]. To drink. Hence Anglo-Ind. *tiffin*, lunch, for *tiffing*. Earlier is noun *tiff*, used in 17 cent. for "swipes." Origin unknown.

**tiffany**. Fabric. In AF. occ. used for Epiphany. OF. *tuphane*, G. *θεοφάνια*, lit manifestation of God. As name for fabric perh. a jocular allusion to etym. sense of "manifestation," ? or associated with *draphanous*.

**tiffin**. See *tiff*<sup>2</sup>.

**tig**. Game of "touch." Cf. *tick*<sup>3</sup>, *tag*<sup>2</sup>, and synon. Ger. *zeck*.

**tiger**. F. *tigre*, G. *tygris*, prob. of Oriental origin, ? with orig. sense of swift, whence also river *Tigris*.

**tight**. For earlier *thight*, ON. *thättr*, watertight, solid, staunch; cf. synon. Ger. *dicht* (from LG.). Change of form is app. due to association with *taut* (q.v.) and with obs. *ticht*, p.p. of *tie*.

**tike**. See *tyke*.

**tilbury** [archaic]. Vehicle. Name of London coach-builder.

**tilde**. Sp. *tilde*, diacritic mark over *n* (as in *señor*), metath. from L. *titulus* (cf. *title*).

**tile**. AS. *tigale*, L. *tegula*, from *tegere*, to cover. Com. Teut. loan from L.; cf. Du. *tegel*, Ger. *ziegel*, ON. *tigl*.

**till**<sup>1</sup>. Verb. AS. *tilian*, to strive after, labour. WGer.; cf. Du. *telen*, to breed, cultivate, Ger. *zielen*, to aim, and see *till*<sup>2</sup>.

**till**<sup>2</sup>. Prep. & conj. Northumb. and ON. *til*, corresponding in use to E. *to*, as still in Sc. Orig. a noun; cf. AS. *til*, fixed position, Ger. *ziel*, end, aim, also AS. *til*, serviceable, to the purpose. See also *till*<sup>1</sup>.

**till**<sup>3</sup>. Noun. Orig. (15 cent.) drawer

or compartment in coffer for valuables, private documents, etc. Origin obscure. ? Cf. F. *tille*, boat-locker, which is perh. of Teut. origin and cogn. with *thill*.

**tillandsia**. Plant. From *Tillands*, Sw. botanist.

**tiller** [naut.]. OF *telier*, *tellier*, orig. weaver's beam, MedL. *telarium*, from *tela*, web; later, stock of crossbow. E. naut. use (= F. *barre du gouvernail*) is 17 cent.

**tilt**<sup>1</sup>. Of cart. Replaced ME. *teld*, *telt*, AS. *teld*, tent, cogn. with Ger. *zelt*, ON. *tyald*. Current form is app. due to ME. *tillette*, OF *telete*, var. of *teilete* (Mod. *toilette*), dim. of *teile* (Mod. *toile*), cloth, L. *tela*.

**tilt**<sup>2</sup>. To incline, etc. In ME. to overthrow. App. from AS. *tealt*, unsteady, whence *tealtian*, to be unsteady.

**tilt**<sup>3</sup>. Joust. I conjecture connection with OF. *tillet*, *tillet*, from *tilleul*, lime<sup>2</sup>, staves of lime-wood having been regularly used in the sport, perh. as splintering easily. The correspondence of full *tilt* with OF. *pleine hanste* (passim in Roland), *bouhort plenier* (Tristan), is significant, as both *hanste* and *bouhort* mean shaft of lance, and OF. *bouhorder*, to tilt, is derived from the latter.

**tilth**. AS., from *til*<sup>1</sup>.

**timbale** [cook.]. F. *timbale*, kettle-drum, bowl, app. a mixed form from OF. *atabal* (q.v.) and L. *tympanum*. See *timbre*.

**timber**. AS. *timber*, house, building material, trees suitable for the purpose. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. dial. *timmer*, Ger. *zimmer*, room (OHG. *zimbar*), ON. *timbr*, Goth. \**timr* (in *timrjan*, to build); cogn. with G. *δέμω*, to build, *δῆμος*, house.

**timbre**. F. *timbre*, small bell (hence, tone), L. *tympanum*, G. *τύμπανον*, timbrel, kettledrum. The F. word also assumed the sense of bell-helmet; hence, crest, and finally, stamp, whence E. *timbromania*, stamp-collecting.

**timbrel**. Dim. of obs. *timbre*, used to render *tympanum* (v.s.).

**time**. AS. *tīma*, cogn. with ON. *tīmi* (whence Sw. *timme*, Dan. *time*, hour), and with *tide*, the more immediate cognates of which represent its sense in the other Teut. langs.

**timid**. L. *timidus*, from *timēre*, to fear.

**timocracy.** G. *τιμοκρατία*, from *τιμή*, honour.

**Timon.** Of Athens, famous misanthrope

**timoneer.** F. *timonier*, helmsman, It. *timoniere*, from *timone*, helm, L. *temo-n-*, waggon-pole, helm.

**timorous.** OF *timoreus*, MedL. *timor-osus*, from *timor*, fear.

**timothy (grass).** Introduced in US. by *Timothy Hanson* (early 18 cent.).

**tin.** AS. *tin*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *tin*, Ger. *zinn*, ON. *tin*.

**tinamou.** Partridge of the pampas. F., from native name (Guiana).

**tinchel** [Sc.]. Circle of beaters in hunting. Gael. *timcholl*, circuit.

**tincture.** L. *tinctura*, from *tingere*, *tinct-*, to dye.

**tinder.** AS. *tynder*, cogn. with *-tendan*, to kindle, whence dial. *tind*. The verb is Com. Teut.; cf. Ger. *zünden*, ON. *tendra*, Goth. *tandjan*. See *tandstickor*.

**tine.** Prong. AS. *tind*, cogn. with ON. *tindr*, Ger. *zinne*, pinnacle. For loss of *-d* cf. *woodbine*.

**tinea** [med.]. Ringworm. L., book-worm, etc.

**ting.** Imit. of thin clear sound. Cf. *tang*<sup>2</sup> and redupl. *ting-tang*.

**tinge.** L. *tingere*, to dye.

**tinkle.** Modification of *tinke*, with which it varies in ME. Orig. idea of sound, passing into that of sensation, appears in to *make one's ears tingle*. L. *tinire* has the same double sense.

**tink.** Imit., the redupl. *tink-tank* (cf. *ting-tang*) representing alternation of lighter and heavier sound.

**tinker.** From *tink*; cf. Sc. *tinkler*, from *tinkle*. From noise connected with his work.

**tinkle.** Frequent. of *tink* (q.v.). Cf. *tingle*, with which it is used indifferently in ME.

**tinsel.** F. *étincelle*, spark, OF. *estincelle*, VL. *\*stincilla*, metath. of *scintilla*.

**tint.** Earlier *tinct*, L. *tinctus*, from *tingere*, *tinct-*, to dye.

**tintinnabulation.** From L. *tintinnabulum*, bell, imit. redupl. from *tinire*, to resound, tinkle.

**tiny.** From earlier (15 cent.) *tine*, used as noun (small quantity) and adj. and always preceded by *little*. ? Connected with *teen* (q.v.); ? cf. hist. of *wee*.

**tip**<sup>1</sup>. Point, extremity. First recorded in *tiploe* (Chauc.). Cf. synonym. Du.

*tip*, Sw. *tip*, Norw. Dan. *tip*; also Du. *tepel*, Ger. *zipfel*, both dims. In some senses perh. a thinned form of *top*; cf. *tip-top*, which may be redupl. on either word.

**tip**<sup>2</sup>. Present. From earlier verb to *tip*, hand over, pass, orig. a cant word, as in to *tip the wink*. Here belongs *tipster*.

**tip**<sup>3</sup>. To upset, tilt up. Orig. *type*, with long vowel (still in dial.). Origin unknown, but cf. synonym. *top*, *tope* (naut. & dial.). Here belongs *tip-cat*.

**tip**<sup>4</sup>. To touch lightly. ? Thinned form of *tap*<sup>2</sup> (cf. LG. *tuppen*, synonym. with Ger. *tappen*). Cf. dial. *tip for tap*. Here belongs *tip and run*.

**tipit, tippit.** Provincial game. For *tip*<sup>2</sup> it, hand it over, pass it on.

**tipper.** Ale brewed with brackish water. Name of Newhaven brewer (1785).

**tippet.** Orig. point (of hood, etc.). Dim. of *tip*<sup>1</sup>. Cf. Ger. *zipfel* in similar senses.

**tipple.** Origin obscure, but ult. connection with *tap*<sup>1</sup> seems likely. Cf. Norw. dial. *tripla*, to drip slowly, drink in small quantities. A *tippler* was orig. an alehouse keeper.

**tipstaff** [hist.]. For *tipped staff*, truncheon with emblem of office. See *tip*<sup>1</sup>.

**tipsy.** From *tip*<sup>3</sup>, but later associated with *tipple*. For suffix cf. *tricksy*.

**tipul-** [entom.]. From L. *ti(p)pula*, water-spider.

**tirade.** F. *tirade*, It. *tratta*, volley, etc., from *tirare*, to fire. See *tire*<sup>2</sup>.

**tirailleur.** F., from *trailler*, frequent. of *tirer*, to shoot. See *tire*<sup>2</sup>.

**tire**<sup>1</sup>. To weary. AS. *tioman*, to exhaust, wear away (trans. & intrans.). Ulterior hist. obscure.

**tire**<sup>2</sup> [obs.]. To tug, tear, etc. F. *tirer*, to draw; cf. It. *tirare*, Sp. *tirar*. Hence *attire*, *retire*. Of obscure origin.

**tire**<sup>3</sup>. Dress, outer covering of wheel. Aphet. for *attire*. Incorr. *tyre*.

**tiro.** L., young soldier, raw recruit. Incorr. *tyro*. Hence *tirocinium* (Cowper, 1784), lit. first campaign, novice experience.

**tironian.** System of shorthand attributed to Cicero's freedman *Tiro*.

**tirra-lirra.** Imit. of cheerful song.

**tisane.** See *ptisane*.

**Tishri.** Jewish month, called *Ethanim* before Captivity. Late Heb. *Tishrī*, from Aram. *shrā*, to begin.

**tissue.** F. *tissu*, p.p. of OF. *tistre* (replaced by *tisser*), to weave, L. *texere*.  
**tit**<sup>1</sup>. Small nag, little girl, bird. Cf. ON. *tittr*, titmouse, Norw. dial. *tita*, of various small fish and other objects.  
**tit**<sup>2</sup>. In *tit for tat*. ? Imit. of light tap. Cf. earlier *tip for tap*, also dial. *tant for tant*, app. after F. *tant pour tant* (see *taunt*).

**Titan.** One of family of giants, G. *Titrâves*, children of Heaven and Earth (Uranus and Gaea), who attempted to scale heaven and overthrow Zeus, by piling Mount Pelion upon Mount Ossa.

**titanium** [chem.]. From *Titan*, on analogy of *uranium* (v.s.).

**titbit.** Also *tidbit*. Prob. from *tit*<sup>1</sup>.

**Titte Barnacle.** Adhesive and incompetent bureaucrat. See *Little Dorrit*.

**tithe.** AS. *teogolha*, *tiotha*, tenth (cf. F. *dîme*, tithe, L. *decima*). Hence *tithing* (hist.), AS. *tiothung*, aggregate of ten households.

**titillate.** From L. *titillare*, to tickle.

**titivate.** Also *tidivate*. ? From *tidy* with jocular latinization, ? or fanciful elaboration of synon. dial. *tiff*, F. *attifer*, "to decke, pranke, trickee, trim, adorne" (Cotg.), Merovingian L. *aptificare*, from *apius*, fit.

**title.** OF. *titre* (Mod. *titre*), L. *titulus*, title, inscription.

**titling.** See *tit*<sup>1</sup>. Cf. ON. *tiltingr*, sparrow.

**titmouse.** ME. *titmose*, from *tit*<sup>1</sup> and obs. *mose*, AS. *māse*, a Teut. bird-name; cf. Du. *mees*, Ger. *meise*, ON. *messingr*. Often shortened to *tit*, whence *tomtit*.

**titrate** [chem.]. To analyse. From F. *titrer*, from *titre*, title, degree of fineness.

**titter.** Imit., cf. Ger. *kichern*.

**titlle.** L. *titulus*, title, in Late L. for any small stroke forming part of, or added to, a letter; cf. Port. *til*, accent, Prov. *titule*, dot of i, Sp. *tilde* (q.v.). Cf. *got*.

**titllebat.** See *stickleback*.

**titlle-tattle.** Redupl. on *titlle*, to prate, much older than *tattle*. Prob. imit., cf. *titter*.

**titup.** To prance along. Perh. imit. of hoof-beat.

**titubate.** From L. *titubare*, to stagger.

**titular.** From L. *titulus*, title.

**tizzy** [slang]. Sixpence. ? Argotic perversion of obs. *tilbury*, sixpence, the fare for crossing from Gravesend to *Tilbury* fort. Cf. schoolboy *swiz* for *swindle*.

**tnesis** [gram.]. Separation of parts of compound. G. *τμήσις*, from *τέμνειν*, to cut.

**T.N.T.** *Tri-nitro-toluene*, from Ger. *tolum*, from *tolu* (q.v.).

**to.** AS. *tō*. WGer.; cf. Du. *te*, Ger. *zu*. ON. has *til*, Goth. *du*; cogn. with L. enclitic *-do* (as in *quando*), G. *-de*.

**toad.** From AS. *tādige*, with no known cognates. Cf. *tadpole*. *Toady* is for *toad-eater*, orig. mountebank attendant of quack doctor pretending to eat (poisonous) toads in order to advertise his master's infallible antidotes. For *toadstool* cf. synon. Du. *paddestoel*, from *paddle*, toad, "paddock."

**toast.** OF. *toster*, from L. *torrere*, *tost-*, to parch, etc. In ME. used also of a slice of toasted spiced bread with which beverages were flavoured.

**tobacco.** Earlier (16 cent.) *tabaco*, Sp., from Carib of Hayti; according to Oviedo (1535) the name of the tube through which the smoke was inhaled, but according to Las Casas (1552), a kind of cigar. Later research suggests the possibility of its being a Guarani word (Brazil).

**tobin bronze.** Invented by J. H. Tobin, of US. navy.

**toboggan.** Canad. Ind. (Micmac) *to-bāgun*.

**toby**<sup>1</sup>. Jug, Punch's dog. From *Tobias* (cf. *jeroboam*, *tankard*, etc.).

**toby**<sup>2</sup> [archaic]. In *high toby*, *low toby*, profession of mounted highwayman and footpad respectively. From Shelta *tohar*, road, ? deliberate perversion of Ir. *bothar*, road.

**toccata** [mus.]. It., from *toccare*, to touch.

**Toc H.** For *Talbot House*, ex-service-men's club, orig. at Poperinghe, Dec. 1915. Named from *Gilbert Talbot* (†1915). The abbrev. is from telephone slang.

**tocher** [Sc.]. Dowry. OGael. *tochar* (Mod. *tochradh*); cf. OIr. *tochuirim*, I put to, from *cuirim*, I put.

**toco, toko** [slang]. From WInd. phrase *toco for yam*, punishment instead of food, with ref. to slaves. *Toco* is said to be imper. of Hind. *tokna*, to censure.

**toco-**. From G. *rókos*, offspring.

**tocsin.** F. *tocsin*, Prov. *tocasenh*, touch (q.v.) sign, with second element from L. *signum*, used in Late L. for bell.

**tod.** Weight, orig. of wool. Fris. &

LG. *todde*, small bundle, load, ? cogn. with Ger. *zotte*, shaggy tuft. *Tod*, bush, esp. in *ivyrod*, is the same word.

**to-day**. From *to* and *day*; cf. *to-nacht*, *to-morrow*.

**toddle**. Orig. Sc. & north. Of obscure origin. Dial. *doddle* has same sense (? cf. *dawdle*).

**toddy**. Orig. Anglo-Ind. name for fermented sap. Earlier *iaddy*, *tarrrie*, Hind. *tārī*, from *tar*, species of palm, Sanskrit *tāla*.

**todea**. Fern. From *Tode*, Ger. botanist (†1787).

**to-do**. Cf. *ado* and origin of *affair*.

**today**. Wind bird. From L. *todus*, adopted as generic name by Linnaeus.

**toe**. AS *tā* (for \**tāhe*). Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *teen*, *toon* (orig pl.), Ger. *zehe*, ON. *tā*.

**toff** [slang]. Earlier *toft*, vulgarism for *tuft* (q.v.).

**toffee**. Later form of northern *taffy*. ? Connected with *tafia*.

**toft** [archaic]. ON. *toft*, homestead, earlier *tomt*; ? cogn. with L. *domus* Common in place-names.

**tog**. Usu. in pl. Cant. perh. from L. *toga*.

**toga**. L., cogn. with *tegere*, to cover.

**together**. AS. *tōgædere*, cogn. with *gather*; cf. Ger. *zusammen*, together, cogn. with *sammeln* (OHG. *samanan*), to gather. Hence *altogether*.

**toggers** [Oxf.]. Slang perversion of *torpids*, Lent races orig rowed in slower boats.

**toggle**. Cross-bar. Orig. naut. ? Cf. obs. *tuggle*, from *tug*.

**toil**<sup>1</sup>. To work laboriously, orig. to contend, struggle OF. *toillier*, L. *tudiculare*, to stir, from *tudicula*, machine for crushing olives, from *tudes*, mallet, cogn. with *tundere*, *tutud-*, to beat.

**toil**<sup>2</sup>. Only in pl., in the toils. F. *toile*, cloth, web, L. *tela*, cogn. with *texere*, to weave; orig. an extensive netting to keep in the game.

**toilet**. F. *toilette*, dim of *toile*, cloth (v.s.). For curious sense-development in F. & E., wrapper, table-cover, dressing-table, attire, etc., cf. that of *bureau*.

**toise** [mil.]. F. *toise*, fathom, measure of six feet, L. *tena* (sc. *brachia*), stretched (arms), from *tendere*, to stretch.

**tokay**. Wine. From *Tokay*, Hungary.

**toke** [slang]. Bread and butter. ? Alteration of *tack*<sup>2</sup>.

**token**. AS. *tācn*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *teeken*, Ger. *zeichnen*, ON. *teikn*, Goth. *taskns*; cogn. with *teach* (q.v.).

**toko**. See *toco*.

**tolbooth** [hist.]. From *toll*<sup>1</sup> and *booth*. Orig. customs office (Wyc. *Matt.* ix. 9); later, esp. in Sc., town-hall, jail.

**tol-de-rol**. Meaningless refrain.

**toledo** [hist.]. Sword. From *Toledo*, Spain. Cf. *balbo*.

**tolerate**. From L. *tolerare*, cogn. with *tollere*, to lift, bear.

**toll**<sup>1</sup>. Payment. AS. *toll*, *toln*; cf. Du. *tol*, Ger. *zoll*, ON. *tollr*. Early Com. Teut. loan from VL. *toloneum*, for *teloneum*, toll-office, G. *τελώνιον* (*Matt.* ix. 9), from *τέλος*, tax. See also *tolbooth*.

**toll**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. App. spec. use of obs. *toll*, to draw, allure (still in dial. & US.), cogn. with obs. *till*, to pull, AS. *-tyllan*. Orig. sense may have been that of "alluring" people to church (cf. *peal*).

**tolu**. Balsam. From *Tolu* (now *Santiago de Tolu*), Colombia.

**Tom**. For *Thomas* (q.v.). Often used for great bells, guns (*long tom*), fools (*tomfool*, *tomnoddy*). *Tomboy* was orig. applied to an unmannerly boy. *Tom Tiddler's ground* is also in dial. *Tom Tichler's* (or *Tinker's*) ground. With *tomint* cf. *jachdaw*, *magpie*, etc.

**tomahawk**. Namer. Ind. (Virginia), with many vars.

**toman** [hist.]. Pers. gold coin nominally worth 10,000 dinars. Pers. *tūmān*, ten thousand, of Tatar origin.

**tomato**. Earlier *tomate*, Sp. *tomate*, Mex. *tomatl*.

**tomb**. F. *tombe* (now only poet.), Late L. *tumba*, from G. *τύμβος*, funeral mound, ? cogn. with L. *tumulus*.

**tombac**. Alloy of copper and zinc. F. *tombac*, Port. *tambaca*, Malay *tambāga*, copper.

**tombola**. It., lottery, from *tombolare*, to tumble, fall upside down.

**tome**. F. *tome*, G. *τόμος*, part of volume, from *τέμνειν*, to cut.

**tomentose** [biol.]. From L. *tomentum*, wadding, cogn. with *tumēre*, to swell.

**Tommy**. See *Tom*. For origin of nickname *Tommy Atkins* see *Thomas*. *Tommy-rot* was perh. suggested by *tomfool*.

**to-morrow**. See *to-day*.

**tompion**<sup>1</sup>. Watch or clock by *Thomas Tompion*, watchmaker temp. Anne.

**tompion**<sup>2</sup>. Plug fitting mouth of cannon. Also *tampion*, *tampkin*. F.

*tampon*, nasalized form of *tapon*, bung, of Teut. origin and cogn. with *tap*<sup>1</sup>.

**tom-tom**. Urdu *tam-tam* or Malay *long-long*, of imit. origin.

**-tomy**. G. *-tōpōla*, from *répew*, to cut.

**ton**<sup>1</sup>. Weight. Var. of *tun* (q.v.). Cf. F. *tonne*, in both senses, also dim. *tonneau*, cask, used in giving *tonnage* of ship, which was orig. calculated in terms of Bordeaux wine-tuns. Hist. *tonnage* (and *poundage*) was levied on every *tun* of wine.

**ton**<sup>2</sup>. F., tone (q.v.).

**tonality**. After F. *tonalité*, from *ton*, tone.

**tondo** [art]. Circular painting. It., for *rotondo*, round.

**tone**. F. *ton*, G. *τόνος*, stretching, tension, esp. as mus. term, from *répew*, to stretch. See also *tune*. Physiol. sense is perh. direct from G. Hence med. *tonic*.

**tonga**<sup>1</sup> [Anglo-Ind.]. Light cart. Hind. *tāngā*.

**tonga**<sup>2</sup>. Plant and drug (Fiji). Said to be arbitrary invention of one Ryder, who first sent specimens to England.

**tongs**. Pl. from AS. *tang*, *tange*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *tang*, Ger. *zange*, ON. *tōng*; cogn. with G. *δάκνω*, to bite.

**tongue**. AS. *tunge*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *tong*, Ger. *zunge*, ON. *tunga*, Goth. *tuggō*; cogn. with L. *lingua*, OL. *dingua* (cf. *tear*<sup>1</sup>).

**tonic**. See *tone*.

**to-night**. See *to-day*.

**tonite**. Explosive. From L. *tonare*, to thunder.

**tonitrual**. Late L. *tonitrualis*, from *tonitrus*, thunder.

**tonka bean**. Negro name in Guiana. Incorr. *tonquin bean*.

**tonneau**. Of motor-car. F., cask. See *ton*, *tun*.

**tonsil**. From L. *tonsillae* (pl.).

**tonsonial**. From L. *tonsorius*, from *tonsor*, from *tondēre*, *tons-*, to shear, clip, ult. cogn. with G. *répew*, to cut.

**tonsure**. F. *tonsure*, L. *tonsura*, from *tondēre*, *tons-* (v.s.).

**tonnine**. From *Tontii*, Neapolitan banker, who introduced this method of insurance into France (17 cent.).

**Tony** [hist.]. Port. soldier. For *Antonio*. Cf. *Tommy*, *Sammy*, etc.

**too**. Stressed form of *to*; cf. Ger. *zu* in both senses.

**tool**. AS. *tōl*, from a Teut. verb, to make, prepare, which appears in

*taw*<sup>1</sup>, with agent. suffix as in *shovel*, *ladle*.

**toot**. Du. *tuiten*, *toeten*; cf. Ger. *tuten*, "to blow, or wind, the horn, as post-boys do" (Ludw.), ? of imit. origin; ? but cf. Ger. *tüte*, *tüte*, *düte*, horn-shaped bag, of LG. origin.

**tooth**. AS. *tōth* (for *\*tanth*). Aryan; cf. Du. *tand*, Ger. *zahn* (OHG. *zand*), ON. *tonn*, Goth. *tunthūs*, L. *dens*, *dent-*, G. *δδούς*, *δδόν-*, Sanskrit *danta*, Welsh *dant*. Prob. a pres. part., eater (cf. L. *edere*, to eat).

**tootie**. Frequent. of *toot*.

**tootsy, tootsicum**. Baby word for foot, prob. evolved from *toddle*.

**top**<sup>1</sup>. Summit, etc. AS. *top*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *top*, Ger. *zopf*, queue of hair, ON. *toppr*, tuft of hair. Fig. use of *top-sawyer* is due, according to Grose, to the fact that in Norfolk saw-pits the *top-sawyer* received twice the wages of the *bottom-sawyer*.

**top**<sup>2</sup>. For spinning. Cf. Du. dial. *top*, *dop*, the latter the earlier form, app. cogn. with Ger. *topf*, pot, used in dial. for top; also F. *toupe*, "a gig, or casting-top" (Cotg.), OF. *topet*, *toupin*, etc., from Teut. App. the orig. *top* was the hollow humming-top. So also Ger. *kräusel* (now usu. *kreisel*), top, is a dim. of *krause*, pot, cruse.

**toparch** [hist.]. Petty king. G. *τόπ-αρχος*, from *τόπος*, place.

**topaz**. G. *τόπαζος*, of obscure origin; ? Sanskrit *tapas*, heat, fire.

**tope**<sup>1</sup>. Mango grove. Tamil *tōppu*, Telugu *tōpu*.

**tope**<sup>2</sup>. Dome-shaped Buddhist shrine or tumulus. Hind. *tōp*, Sanskrit *stūpa*.

**tope**<sup>3</sup>. Verb, whence *tope*. F. *tope*, to accept the stake in gambling; hence, to clinch a bargain and "wet" it. Cf. synonym. It. *toppare*, Sp. *topar*, and It. *toppa*, done! Of imit. origin, from striking hands together in token of bargain (cf. *swap*).

**tope**<sup>4</sup>. Small kind of shark. According to Ray (1686) a Corn. name.

**topee**. See *sola*.

**toph-**. From L. *tophus*, for *tofus*, porous stone.

**Tophet**. Heb. *tōpheth*, name of place near *Gehenna* (q.v.), where the Jews sacrificed to strange gods (Jer. xix.). Trad. derived from *tōph*, timbrel, used in worship of Moloch.

**topiary** [gard.]. Clipping of shrubs into fantastic shapes. L. *topiarius*, from

G. τόπος, pl. of τόπιον, dim. of τόπος, place.

**topic.** From G. τὰ τοπικά (neut. pl. of τοπικός), title of work by Aristotle on (κοινὰ) τόποι, commonplaces, pl. of τόπος.

**topography.** G. τοπογραφία, from τόπος, place. Cf. *toponymy*, study of place-names, from G. ὄνομα, name (Aeolic).

**topple.** From *top*<sup>1</sup>, orig. sense being to fall as being *top-heavy*.

**topsy-turvy.** Earlier *-tirvy*, *-tervy*. Perh. for orig. \**top-so-tervy*, which would have a parallel in earliest form of *upside-down* (q.v.). Second element app. from obs. *terve*, to turn (usu. in compd. *over-terve*), with which cf. AS. *tearfian*, to roll, app. a derivative of the unrecorded simplex (cf. OHG. *zerben*, to rotate).

**toque.** F. *toque*; cf. It. *tocca*, Sp. *toca*, Port. *touca*. Common (as *tock*, *tuck*) in earlier travellers' records for Turkish or Moorish cap, turban, which suggests Eastern origin.

**tor**<sup>1</sup> [west]. AS. *torr*, tower, rock, L. *turris*.

**tor**<sup>2</sup>. In *alley-tor*. See *taw*<sup>2</sup>.

**torah.** Mosiac law, Pentateuch. Heb. *tôrâh*, direction, instruction.

**torch.** F. *torche*, OIt. *torchio*, VL. \**torculum*, from *torcere* (*torquere*), to twist, a torch being made of twisted tow.

**torchon.** F., lit. duster, dish-cloth, from *torchon*, to wipe, from *torche* (v.s.), in sense of handful of twisted straw.

**toreador.** Sp. *toreador*, from verb *torear*, from *toro*, bull, L. *taurus*.

**toreutic.** G. τορκευτικός, from *torpeúvō*, to work in relief.

**torment.** L. *tormentum*, for \**torquem-mentum*, from *torquere*, to twist.

**tormentil.** Plant. ModL. *tormentilla*, prob. from med. virtues against some sort of pain (v.s.).

**tornado.** E. perversion (after Sp. *tornar*, to turn) of Sp. *tronada*, from *tronar*, to thunder, L. *tonare*.

**torpedo.** L., numbness, also a cramp-fish, from *torpère*, to be torpid.

**torpid.** L. *torpidus*, from *torpère* (v.s.).

**torque** [antiq.]. From L. *torques*, twisted collar, from *torquere*, to twist.

**torrefy.** F. *torréfier*, from L. *torrefacere*, from *torrere* (v.i.) and *facere*.

**torrent.** L. *torrens*, *torrent-*, orig. pres. part. of *torrere*, to burn, hence to boil, bubble, etc. Cf. *burn*<sup>1,2</sup> and see *estuary*.

**Torricellian** [phys.]. Of *Torricelli*, It. physicist (†1647).

**torrid.** L. *torridus*, from *torrere*, to parch, ult. cogn. with *thirst*.

**torsion.** F. *torsion*, L. *tortio-n-*, from *torquere*, *tort-*, to twist.

**torsk.** Fish. Norw. & Sw. *torsk*, ON. *thorskr*; cf. Ger. *dorsch* (from LG.); cogn. with Ger. *dürr*, dry.

**torso.** It. *torso*, stalk, cabbage-stump, trunk of body without head and arms, G. *θύραος*, thyrsus, wand.

**tort** [leg.]. F. *tort*, ModL. *tortum*, lit. twisted, from *torquere*, *tort-*. Cf. relationship of *wrong* to *wring*.

**torticollis** [med.]. Crick in neck. ModL., from *collum*, neck (v.s.).

**tortilla** [Mex.]. Cake. Dim. of Sp. *torta* (see *tart*<sup>2</sup>).

**tortoise.** Earlier *tortu*, *tortuce*, *tortose*, etc.; cf. F. *tortue*, Sp. *tortuga*, representing Late L. *tortuca*, ? twisted (see *tort*), ? from crooked feet of SEurop. variety. The sibilant ending of *tortoise* may be due to *tortu's-shell*. But the naming of the animal from so inconspicuous a feature as the feet seems unnatural, and some of the SEurop. forms in *tar-* (e.g. It. *tartaruga*, Sicilian *tartuca*) suggest *-a-* as orig. vowel, with a later assim. to L. *tortus*.

**tortuous.** F. *tortueux*, L. *tortuosus*, from *torquere*, *tort-*, to twist.

**torture.** F. *torture*, L. *tortura* (v.s.).

**torula** [biol.]. ModL. dim. from *torus* (v.i.).

**torus** [arch. & biol.]. L., lit. bed; hence, cushion, bulge, etc.

**torve** [archaic]. Grim. L. *torvus*.

**tory.** Ir. *tóraidhe*, pursued man, robber, from *tóir*, pursuit. Orig. applied (c. 1650) to dispossessed Irishmen who became freebooters.

**tosh** [slang]. Origin unknown.

**toss.** ? Cf. Norw. dial. *tossa*, to spread, strew. Earliest in ref. to the sea (Tynd. *Matt.* xiv. 24).

**tot**<sup>1</sup>. Small child. ? Cf. ON. *tuttr*, as nickname for dwarf, whence Dan. *tommel-tot*, Tom Thumb. ? Hence also sense of very small glass (cf. *tallboy*).

**tot**<sup>2</sup>. To reckon up. From earlier noun *tot*, short for *total*. Perh. partly due to obs. *tot*, to mark an item as paid in sheriff's accounts, which is L. *tot*, so much.

**total.** Scholastic L. *totalis*, from *totus*, all.

**tote** [US.]. To carry, transport. From 17 cent. (Virginia). Cotg. has *tauter*,



"to lay a roller, &c. under a heavy thing, the better to remove it."

**totem.** From N Amer. Ind. (Algonkin) *autem*, hereditary emblem, the *t*-being supposed to represent the final sound of a possess. pron.

**totter.** Orig. to swing, esp. from gallows. ? Ult. ident. with dial. *toller* and Du. *touteren*, to swing. ? Cf. AS. *tealtran* and *tilt*<sup>2</sup>. But evidently associated with dial. *tiller* (see *teeter*).

**toucan.** S Amer. bird. Sp. *tucán*, from Brazil, perh. from cry. But it is a curious fact that the E Ind. hornbill is also called *toucan*, which has been taken to be Malay *toucan*, carpenter, from the bird's hammering trees with its bill.

**touch.** F. *toucher*; cf. It. *toccare*, Sp. *tocar*. Prob. from an imit. *toc*, ground-sense being to strike; cf. *tocsin* and F. *toquer*, to touch, knock, a Norm.-Pic. form.

**touchy.** Altered (on *touch*, with suggestion of sensitiveness) from archaic *ietchy*, earlier also *itchy*, apphet. for OF. *entechié*, *entiché*, from *teche*, quality, characteristic, of obscure origin (? ident. with ModF. *tache*, stain, and ult. with *token*). *Entechié* had also in OF. pejorative sense, as though *mal entechié*, ill-conditioned, and this sense passed into E.

**tough.** AS. *tōh*. W Ger.; cf. Du. *taar*, Ger. *zäh*.

**toupee** [archaic]. F. *toupet*, top-knot of periwig, of Teut. origin (see *top*<sup>1</sup>).

**tour.** F. *tour* (OF. *tourin*), from *tourner*, to turn (q.v.). F. *tour* has also sense of feat, trick, as in *tour de force*.

**tourmaline** [min.]. F. *tourmaline*, ult. Sinhalese *toramalli*, cornelian.

**tournament.** OF. *tournoiement*, *tournoisement*, from *tourner* (Mod. *tournoyer*), from *tourner*, to turn. Cf. F. *tournoi*, from the same verb, whence E. *tourney*.

**tournoquet.** F., from *tourner*, to turn.

**tourure.** F., shape, bearing, etc., from *tourner*, to turn.

**touse, touze.** Frequent. of archaic *touse*, to pull, worry (whence dog-name *Towzer*), cogn. with *tease* (q.v.) and with Ger. *zausen*, "to towze, lug, pull, one about the hair" (Ludw.).

**tout.** Orig. to peep, look out for, in which sense obs. *toot*, AS. *tōtiam*, occurs earlier. The latter form survives in *Toothill*.

**tow**<sup>1</sup>. Unworked fibre. In AS. only in compds. *towcræft*, spinning, *towhūs*,

spinning-house. Prob. cogn. with *taw*<sup>1</sup>, *tool*, as being raw material for work (cf. Ger. *werg*, tow, ident. with *werk*, work).

**tow**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. AS. *togian*, to draw. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *togen*, OHG. *zogōn*, ON. *toga*; cogn. with Ger. *ziehen*, to draw, L. *ducere*, also with *tre*, *tug*, *taut*.

**toward(s).** AS. *tōweard* (see *-ward*).

**towel.** Archaic F. *iouaille*, of Teut. origin; cf. Du. *dwerl*, ON. *thvegill*, OHG. *dwahila*, from *dwahan*, to wash, cogn. with AS. *thwēan*, to wash, *thwēal*, washing. So also It. *tovaglia*, Sp. *toalla*, from Teut.

**tower.** F. *tour*, L. *turris*, G. *τῦρῖς*.

**town.** AS. *tūn*, enclosure, court; later, homestead. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *tuin*, garden, Ger. *zaun*, hedge, ON. *tūn*, enclosure, farmhouse; cogn. with AS. *týnan*, to fence, and ult. with Celt. *-dunum* (e.g. *Lyon* = *Lugdunum*); cf. Welsh *Dinas*.

**toxic.** MedL. *toxicus*, from G. *τοξικόν*, arrow poison, from *τόξον*, bow (v.i.).

**toxophilite.** Devotee of archery. From Ascham's *Toxophilus* (1545), lover of the bow (v.s.).

**toy.** App. Du. *tug*, earlier *tuygh*, "arma, artium instrumenta, arma, menta, impedimenta, ornamenta" (Kil.), cogn. with Ger. *zeug*, stuff, implements, frippery, etc., AS. *sulh-gēðog*, agricultural implements, late ON. *týgr*, tool, equipment; cf. Du. *speelting*, Ger. *spielzeug*, toy, plaything (from *spiel*, game).

**trabected** [arch.]. From L. *trabs*, beam.

**trace**<sup>1</sup>. Track, vestige, etc. F. *trace*, from *tracer*, VL. *\*tractiare*, from *tractus*, a drawing along, from *trahere*, *tract-*, to draw. Senses have been influenced by (prob. unrelated) *track* (q.v.).

**trace**<sup>2</sup>. Of horse. ME. *trays*, OF. *traiz*, pl. of *trait*, "a teame-trace, or trait" (Cotg.), L. *tractus* (v.s.). For adoption of pl. cf. *boðice*.

**trachelo-.** From G. *τράχηλος*, neck.

**tracheo-** [anat.]. From Late L. *trachia*, G. *τραχεία* (sc. *ἀρτηρία*), fem. of *τραχύς*, rough.

**trachyte** [geol.]. Gritty volcanic rock. From G. *τραχύς*, rough.

**track.** F. *trac*, "a track, tract, or trace" (Cotg.), ? of Teut. origin and cogn. with Du. *trekken*, to draw, pull, which supposes ground-sense to have been mark made by what is dragged along.

**tract<sup>1</sup>.** Space. *L. tractus*, a stretching out, from *trahere*, to draw.

**tract<sup>2</sup>.** Pamphlet. Short for *tractate*, *L. tractatus*, from *tractare*, to handle, treat of, frequent of *trahere*, *tract*-, to draw.

**tractable.** *L. tractabilis*, from *tractare* (v.s.).

**tractarian, tractate.** See *tract<sup>2</sup>*.

**traction.** MedL. *trachio-n-*, from *trahere*, *tract*-, to draw. Cf. *tractor*.

**trade.** A LG. word, track, course, cogn. with *tread*. Introduced by Hanse Merchants. Current sense has developed via that of regular course (as in *trade-wind*), occupation.

**tradition.** *L. traditio-n-*, from *tradere*, to hand over, *trans* and *dare*, to give.

**traduce.** *L. traducere*, to lead across; hence, to lead along as a spectacle, slander.

**traffic.** *F. trafic*, It. *traffico*, from *trafficare* (early 14 cent.); cf. Sp. Port. *traficar*. A Mediterranean word of uncertain origin.

**tragacanth.** Medicinal gum. *G. τραγάκανθα*, from *τράγος*, goat, *ἄκανθα*, thorn.

**tragedy.** *F. tragédie*, *G. τραγωδία*, from *τράγος*, goat, *ᾠδή*, song, the connection with the goat being variously explained.

**tragelaph.** Myth. animal, antelope. *G. τραγέλαφος*, from *τράγος*, goat, *ἐλαφος*, deer.

**tragopan** [ornith.]. *G. τραγόπαν*, some Ethiopian bird, from *τράγος*, goat, *Πάν*, Pan.

**trail.** OF. *trailer*, to tow, ? VL. *\*tragulare*, from *tragula*, a sledge, drag-net, cogn. with *trahere*, to draw. Cf. AS. *træghian*, Du. LG. *treilen*, app. of *L.* origin; also Sp. *tralla*, Port. *tralha*, rope, tow-line.

**train.** *F. train*, from *trahere*, to drag (behind one), OF. *trahier*, VL. *\*traginare*, from *trahere*, to draw. *Train-band* (hist.) is for *trained band*.

**train-oil.** For earlier *train*, Du. *traan*, lit. tear<sup>1</sup> (cf. *Ger. träne*), used also of exudations.

**trait.** *F. trait*, line, stroke, feature, p.p. of OF. *trahire*, to draw (in ModF. to milk), VL. *\*tragere*, for *trahere*.

**traitor.** OF. *traïtour*, *L. traditor-em*, from *tradere*, to hand over, *trans* and *dare*.

**trajectory.** From *L. traicere*, *traject*-, to cast across, from *trans* and *jacere*.

**tram.** Of LG. origin; cf. archaic Ger. *tram*, LG. *traam*, beam, handle of barrow, etc., Fris. *trame*, beam, rung

of ladder. From c. 1500 in sense of shaft of barrow, also wooden frame for carrying or dragging. Sense of vehicle, first in mining, is app. evolved from *tram-road*, in which the trams were heavy wooden rails on which the coal-trams were run.

**trammel.** First in sense of large fishing-net, trammel-net, cf. *F. tré-mail*, It. *tramaglio*, Sp. *trasmallo*; all explained as three-mesh, from *L. macula*, mesh. If this is right (which I doubt), *trammel*, clog, hindrance, is a separate word, belonging to *tram* (q.v.), the most elementary form of clog being a stout staff, cf. MedL. *tramarolus*, "baculus collo canis appensus, ne per ea loca currat, quibus nocere posset . . . nos tramail vocamus non solum rete, sed etiam quodvis pedicæ genus" (Ducange).

**tramontane.** It. *tramontano*, beyond the mountains, *L. transmontanus*, from *trans*, across, *mons*, *mont*-, mountain.

**tramp.** App. nasalized form of a Teut verb, to tread, which appears in *Ger. treppe*, stairs, the modification being perh. imit.; cf. relationship of *stamp*, *step*. So also *Ger. trampen*, Norw., Sw. *trampa*, Dan. *trampe*, Goth. *anatrimpan* (Luke v. 1). Hence *trample*.

**transe.** *F. transe*, deadly anxiety, orig. passage from life to death, from *transir*, to perish, lit. to go across (in ModF. to chill), *L. transire*.

**tranquil.** *L. tranquillus*, from *trans* and an element cogn. with *quies*.

**trans-.** *L. trans*, across, also *tra-* in compds.; orig. pres. part. of a lost verb which appears in *in-trare*, *pentrare*. In many geog. and hist. compds., e.g. *transalpine*, *transpadane* (*L. Padus*, Po), *transrhenane* (*L. Rhenus*, Rhine), etc. Cf. *cis*-.

**transact.** From *L. transigere*, *transact*-, to achieve, come to agreement, etc., from *agere*, to do, drive.

**transcend.** *L. transcendere*, to climb beyond, from *scandere*.

**transcribe.** *L. transcribere*, to copy, from *scribere*, to write.

**transect.** From *L. secare*, *sect*-, to cut.

**transept.** AL. *transeptum* (16 cent.), ? coined from *L. septum*, *saepium*, hedge, etc., from *saepire*, to enclose, ? or (more prob.) a pedantic perversion of *transect* (cf. *sept*).

**transfer.** *F. transférer* or *L. transferre*, from *ferre*, to bear.

**transfigure.** L. *transfigurare*, from *figura*, form.  
**transfix.** OF *transfixer*, from L. *figere*, fix-, to fix.  
**transform.** L. *transformare*, from *forma*, shape. Cf. *metamorphosis*.  
**transfuse.** See *fuse*<sup>1</sup>.  
**transgress.** F. *transgresser*, from L. *transgredi*, -gress-, from *gradior*, I step.  
**transient.** From pres. part. of L. *transire*, from *ire*, to go.  
**transit.** L. *transitus*, from *transire* (v.s.). Cf. *transitory*, *transitive*.  
**translate.** Archaic F. *translater*, from L. *transferre*, *translat*-, to bear across.  
**transliterate.** Coined from L. *littera*, letter.  
**transmigration.** Late L. *transmigration*-n- (see *migrate*).  
**transmit.** L. *transmittere*, from *mittere*, to send.  
**transmogrify** [slang] App. arbitrary perversion (? suggested by *modify*) of obs. *transmigure*, altered (after *transfigure*) from *transmigrate*.  
**transmute.** L. *transmutare*, from *mutare*, to change.  
**transom.** ME. *traunson*, *traunson*. Earliest E. sense, common in 15 cent. wills and inventories, is *bolster*. App. a corrupt. of F. *traversin*, cross-piece, *bolster*, with ending perh. affected by F. *sommier*, *transom*, *mattress*, lit. *beast of burden* (see *sumpter*); in fact the earliest record is *transomer*. Earlier still occur, in the same sense, AF. *traversin* (*Black Prince's Will*) and AL. *transversia* (*Joan of Kent's Will*).  
**transparent.** From pres. part. of MedL. *transparere*, to show through, from *parere*, to appear.  
**transpire.** F. *transpirer*, to perspire, from L. *spirare*, to breathe.  
**transpontine.** From L. *trans* and *pons*, *pont*-, bridge.  
**transport.** L. *transportare*, from *portare*, to carry.  
**transpose.** F. *transposer*. See *pose*.  
**transubstantiation.** MedL. *transubstantiatio*-n-, transmutation, from *substantia*, substance.  
**transvase.** F. *transvaser*, to pour from one vessel, *vase*, into another.  
**transverse.** L. *transversus*, from *vertere*, *vers*-, to turn.  
**trap**<sup>1</sup>. Snare. AS. *træppe*; cf. obs. Du. *trappe*; also MedL. *trappa*, F. *trappe*, It. *trappola*, Sp. *trampa*. Of Teut. origin and cogn. with Ger. *trappe*, stair (see *tramp*). The simplest form of trap is a pitfall giving to the

tread. Sense of vehicle is for earlier *rattletrap*, used disparagingly of a rickety vehicle, article of furniture, etc.

**trap**<sup>2</sup>. Chiefly in *trappings* of horse. Var. of F. *drap*, cloth, for which see *drab*, *draper*.

**trap**<sup>3</sup> [min.]. Sw. *trapp*, staircase (see *trap*<sup>1</sup>), the rock being named from its stair-like appearance.

**trapes.** See *trapse*.

**trapeze.** F. *trapèze*, G. *τραπεζίον*, dim. of *τράπεζα*, table. Cf. *trapezoid*, suggesting a trapezium. The *trapeze* is named from its shape ▽.

**trappings.** See *trap*<sup>2</sup>.

**Trappist.** F. *trappiste*, monk of order established (1664) by abbot of *La Trappe* (Orne).

**trapse, traipse** [colloq.]. App. from obs. *trape*, to trudge, loaf (see *tramp*), was developed a noun *trapes*, slattern, which in its turn was used as verb (cf. *coax*).

**trash.** From 16 cent. App. earliest sense was broken twigs, etc., as still in dial. and in Wind. *cane-trash*. Cf. Norw. *trase*, rag, Norw. dial. *tras*, trumpery, ON. *trös*, rubbish.

**trass, tarras** [geol.]. Volcanic earth used for cement. Du. *tras*, earlier *tarrasse*, OF. *terrace*, It. *terracia*, from *terra*, earth.

**traumatic** [med.] G. *τραυματικός*, from *τράυμα*, wound.

**travail.** F. *travail*, work; earlier also, toil, suffering; from verb *travailler*, cogn. with It. *travaghare*, Sp. *trabajar*. This is usu. derived from Late L. *trepahum*, an instrument of torture, conjectured to have been an arrangement of three stakes (L. *pālus*). An alternative, and better, etym. is from VL. *\*trabaculum*, dim. of *trabs*, beam, whence F. *travail*, "the frame whereinto farriers put unrulie horses, when they shoe or dresse them" (Cotg.). Cf. obs. E. *trave*, *travail*, similarly used. This makes an equally good starting-point for the series of senses. That of (orig. toilsome) journeying, which appears early in AF. and is peculiar to E., is now differentiated by the spelling *travel*.

**travel.** See *travail*.

**traverse.** F. *traverser*, VL. *traversare*, for *transversare*, from *vertere*, *vers*-, to turn.

**travertin-e** Limestone. F. *travertin*, It. *travertino*, earlier *ivertino*, L. *Tiburinus*, of *Tibur*, Tivoli.

**travesty.** First as adj. F. *travesti*, p.p. of *travester*, It. *travestire*, to disguise, from L. *trans* and *vestire*, to clothe.

**trawl.** Prob. var. of *trail* (q.v.). The vowel has a parallel in *brawl*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.). *Trail*, *trailnet* are found for *trawl*, and *trawl* is recorded for *trail* of a gun earlier than *trail* in that sense.

**tray**<sup>1</sup>. Utensil. ME. *trei*, AS. *trig*, ult. cogn. with *tree*, as being of wood.

**tray**<sup>2</sup>, **trei**. Three at cards, also (ven.) third branch of stag's horn. OF. *trei*, back-formation from *treis* (Mod. *trois*), L. *tres*, three. For first sense cf. *deuce*.

**treachery.** F. *tricherie*, OF. also *trecherie*, from *tricher*, to cheat, for which see *trick*<sup>1</sup>. Spelling and sense partly due to association with *treason*.

**treacle.** OF. *triacle*, antidote against venom, L. *theriaca*, from G. *θηριακός*, from *θηρίον*, dim. of *θήρ*, wild beast. Later used of many pharmaceutical compounds, and, in E. only, of unrefined molasses.

**tread.** AS. *trēdan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *trēden*, Ger. *treten*, ON. *trotha*, Goth. *trudan*. Hence *treadle*, with agent. suffix as in *ladle*, *shovel*.

**treason.** OF. *trahison* (Mod. *trahison*), L. *traditio-n-*, from *tradere*, to hand over, from *trans* and *dare*, to give.

**treasure.** F. *trésor*, G. *θησαυρός*, ? from *τιθέω*, to put, lay up. For intrusive -r- cf. *paybridge*.

**treat.** F. *traiter*, L. *tractare*, to handle, frequent. of *trahere*, *tract-*, to draw, drag. *Treatise* is OF. *tratis*. With *treaty*, F. *traité*, cf. *tractate*.

**treble.** OF. *treble*, L. *triphus*, for *triplex*, three-fold; cf. *double*. Mus. sense app. from the soprano being the third part added in early contrapuntal music to the melody.

**trebuchet** [hist.]. Missile war-engine. F. *trébuchet*, trap, balance, in OF. war-engine, from *trébucher*, to stumble, from L. *trans* and OHG. *būh*, trunk of body (cf. Ger. *bauch*, belly). Also used for cucking-stool.

**trecento** [art]. It., for *mil trecento*, 14 cent.

**tree.** AS. *trēow*. Aryan, though not found in Du. & Ger. (*boom*, *baum*); cf. OSax. *trio*, ON. *trē*, Goth. *triu*, G. *δρῦς*, oak, OSlav. *drevo*, tree, Welsh *derwen*, oak, Sanskrit *dru*, tree, wood.

**tréfa**, **trifa** [Jew.]. Meat which is not kosher (q.v.). Heb. *tréphāh*, from *tārāf*, to tear (Lev. xvii. 15).

**trefoil.** AF. *trifol*, L. *trifolium*, from *tri-* (q.v.) and *folium*, leaf.

**trek** [Safv.]. Du. *trekken*, to draw, drag.

**trellis.** F. *treillis*, OF. *trelix*, VL. *\*trihcius*, for *trilix*, *trilic-*, made of three threads, rendering G. *τρίπυρος* (see *dimity*, *sanite*). Later form and sense affected by association with F. *treille*, lattice, railing, trellised vine, L. *trichila*, bower, summer-house.

**tremble.** F. *trembler*, VL. *tremulare*, from *tremulus*, from *tremere*, to quake, tremble; cf. G. *τρίπυρ*.

**tremendous.** From L. *tremendus*, to be feared, from *tremere* (v.s.).

**tremolo** [mus]. It. *tremolo*, L. *tremulus*, from *tremere* (v.s.).

**tremor.** L. (v.s.). Cf. *tremulous*, from L. *tremulus*.

**trenail** [naut.]. For *tree-nail*, because made of wood.

**trench.** OF. *trenche* (Mod. *tranche*, slice), from *trencher* (Mod. *trancher*), to cut, app. VL. *\*trincare*, for *truncare*, from *truncus*, trunk. Cf. *trenchant*, lit. cutting; *trencher*, F. *tranchoir* (OF. *trencheoir*), wooden platter on which food was cut.

**trend.** AS. *trendan*, to roll, revolve, cogn. with *trundle*, and with Dan. *omtvendt*, about, Sw. dial. *trind*, round.

**trental** [eccl.]. Series of thirty masses. Church L. *trentale*, from VL. *\*trenta*, thirty, for *triginta*.

**Trentine** [hist.]. Of Council of *Trent* (16 cent.), L. *Tridentum*, city in the *Trentino* (Tyrol).

**trepan**<sup>1</sup> [surg.]. MedL. *trepanum*, G. *τρίπανον*, from *τρύπᾱν*, to bore.

**trepan**<sup>2</sup>. To kidnap. Earlier *trapan*, a cant word app. connected with *trap*<sup>1</sup>.

**trepane.** Sea-slug. Mal. *trīpang*.

**trephine** [surg.]. Improved *trepan*<sup>1</sup>. For *trafine*, coined (after *trepan*<sup>1</sup>) by its inventor, "a *tribus finibus*, from the three ends thereof."

**trepidation.** L. *trepidatio-n-*, from *trepidare*, to hurry, be agitated. Cf. *intrepid*.

**trespass.** OF. *trespasser* (Mod. *trépasser*, to pass away, die), MedL. *transpassare*, to pass across.

**tress.** F. *trèss*, from *tresser* (OF. *trecier*), to weave, plait; cf. It. *trecciare*. Origin obscure. ? From G. *τρίψα*, three-fold.

**trestle.** OF. *trèstel* (Mod. *tréteau*), VL. *\*transtellum*, dim. of *transstrum*, cross-beam, from *trans*, across.

**tret.** Only in archaic *tare* and *tret*. Orig. allowance of 4 lb. in 104 lb. on goods sold by weight. AF. *tret*, F. *trait*, pull (of the scale), from OF. *tratre*, to pull, L. *trahere*. The allowance compensated for the number of "turns of the scale" which would result from weighing the goods in smaller quantities. *Trait* is still so used in F.

**trews.** Ir. *triús*, Gael. *triubhas*, from obs. E. *trouse*, trousers (q.v.).

**treys.** See *tray*<sup>2</sup>.

**tri-.** L., from *tres*, three, or G. *τρι-*, from *τρεῖς*, three, *τρίς*, thrice.

**triad.** G. *τριάς*, *τριάς*, group of three.

**trial.** AF., from *try* (q.v.).

**trialogue.** ModL. *trialogus*, mistakenly coined on *dialogus* (see *dialogue*).

**triangle.** F. *triangle*, L. *triangulum*, from *angulus*, corner.

**triarchy.** G. *τριαρχία*, triumvirate.

**triassic** [geol.]. From G. *τριάς*, triad, because divisible into three groups.

**tribe.** L. *tribus*, ? from *tri-* and root of verb to be as in L. *fu-* and in G. *φύλη*, tribe. Orig. applied to the three divisions of the early Romans.

**tribrach** [metr.]. G. *τρίσπαχς*, three short. Cf. *amphibrach*.

**tribulation.** Church L. *tribulatio-n-*, from *tribulare*, to oppress, from *tribulum*, threshing-machine, cogn. with *terere*, *tri-*, to rub, pound.

**tribune.** L. *tribunus*, protector of the commons, from *tribus*, tribe. Hence L. *tribunal-e*, judgment seat.

**tribute.** L. *tributum*, from *tribuere*, to give, assign, etc., app. from *tribus*, tribe. Hence *tributary*.

**trice.** To pull, now only naut. Du. *trijzen*, to hoist; cf. Dan. *trisse*, naut. Ger. *trissen* (both from Du. or LG.), also F. *drisse*, halyard, of Teut. origin. Hence in a *trice*, at one pull.

**triceps.** Muscle. See *tri-* and cf. *biceps*.

**trichi.** Short for *Trichinopoli* (cheroot), Madras.

**trichinosis.** From ModL. *trichina*, intestinal worm, from G. *τρίχινος*, hairy, from *θρίξ*, *τριχ-*, hair.

**tricho-.** From G. *θρίξ*, hair (v.s.).

**trichotomy.** Tripartite division. Coined (on *dichotomy*) from G. *τρίψα*, triply.

**trick.** ONF. *trique*, from *triquier* (Mod. *tricher*), to cheat, of doubtful origin; ? VL. \**tricare*, for *tricari*, to trifle. The word has developed many senses not known in F., and it is doubtful whether they all belong here, e.g.

archaic *trick*, to adorn, deck out, suggests OF. *estricqué*, "pranked, decked, neat, fine, spruce, trickt up" (Cotg.), p. p. of OF. *estriquer*, to array, put in order, orig. to level corn with a "strike." To *trick*, sketch (a coat of arms), may be Du. *trekken*, to draw (for change of vowel cf. *trigger*), and naut. *trick at the wheel* (oar) is prob. also Du. *trek*, pull, spell, etc. In fact Du. *trek*, *trekken* have so many senses in common with *trick* that the possibility of Du. or LG. origin must be allowed for F. *tricher* (OF. also *trechier*).

**trickle.** Orig. of tears. For *strickle*, frequent of *strike* (q.v.), which in AS. & ME. has also the sense of flow. The loss of *s-* would be due to the word being regularly preceded by *tear-s*.

**triclinalium** [antiq.]. Couch round three sides of table. L. *triclinalium*, G. *τρίκλινιον*, dim. of *τρίκλινος*, from *κλίνη*, couch (cf. *clinic*). See *tri-*.

**tricolour.** F. *tricolore* (sc. *drapeau*), Late L. *tricolor*, from *color*, colour.

**tricorne.** Three-cornered hat. F. *tricorne*, L. *tricornis*, from *cornu*, horn.

**tricot.** F., from *tricotier*, to knit, ? ult. from Ger. *stricken*, to knit.

**trick-trac.** Form of backgammon. F., imit. of clicking noise made by pieces.

**tricycle.** F., cf. *bicycle*.

**tridacna** [zool.]. From G. *τρίδακνος*, eaten at three bites, from *δάκναι*, to bite.

**trident.** L. *tridens*, *trident-*, from *dens*, tooth.

**Tridentine.** As *Trentine* (q.v.).

**triduum.** Three days' prayer. L., from *tri-* and *dies*, day.

**triennial.** From L. *triennium*, from *annus*, year.

**trierarchy** [hist.]. G. *τριαρχία*, office of *trierarch*, commander of a *trireme* (q.v.).

**trifa.** See *trefa*.

**trifid** [biol.]. L. *trifidus*, cleft in three, from root of *findere*, to cleave.

**trifle.** ME. & OF. *truffe*, mockery, deceit, var. of synonym. OF. *trufe*. Orig. a lying or nonsensical story, ? later sense having been affected by *trivial*. The usual assumption that it is ident. with *truffle* (q.v.) has parallels in the somewhat similar use in F. of *nefle*, medlar, *prune*, plum, *baie*, berry, *baguenaude*, bladder-nut, etc. For application to a sweetmeat cf. *fool*<sup>2</sup>, *sillabub*.

**trifolium.** L., see *trifol.*

**triforium** [*arch.*]. MedL., usu. explained as from L. *fores*, folding door, but this does not suit orig. sense.

**trig<sup>1</sup>** [*dial.*]. Nimble, trim, etc. ON. *tryger*, trusty, firm.

**trig<sup>2</sup>**. To check, prop. Back-formation from dial. *trigger*, brake, skid, etc. (v.i.)

**trigger.** Earlier *tricker*, Du. *trekker*, from *trekken*, to pull

**triglyph.** G. *τρίγλυφος*, from *γλυφή*, carving.

**trigonometry.** ModL *trigonometria* (16 cent.), from G. *τρίγωνον*, triangle.

**trilby hat.** From Du Maurier's novel *Trilby* (1894).

**trilith.** Cromlech. G. *τρίλιθον*. Cf. *monolith*.

**trill.** It. *trillare*, of imit. origin

**trillion.** F., after *million*. Cf. *bullion*, etc.

**trilobite** [*palaeont.*]. Extinct animal with three-lobed body. Coined from G. *λοβός*, lobe.

**trilogy.** G. *τρίλογία*, series of three tragedies.

**trim.** AS *trymman*, to arrange, make firm, from *trium*, firm, strong.

**trimeter** [*metr.*]. G. *τρίμετρος*, from *μέτρον*, measure.

**trine.** L. *trinus*, from *tres*, three.

**trinity.** F. *trinité*, L. *trinitas*, -*iat*-, triad, three together, from *trinus* (v.s.)

**trinket.** Orig. in sense of implements, paraphernalia. App. ident. with ME. *trenket*, shoemaker's knife, ONF. *trenquet* (Mod. *tranchet*), from *trancher*, to cut (see *trench*) The transition of sense may be explained by the fact that ornamental knives were at one time a regular adjunct to female costume (see Chauc. A. 233), and also by association with obs. *tricket*, from *trick*, to decorate, etc.

**trinomial** [*math.*] See *tri-*, *binomial*.

**trio.** It., coined from *tre*, three, on analogy of duo.

**triolet** [*metr.*]. F., from *trio* (v.s.)

**Triones** [*astron.*]. L., plough-oxen.

**trip.** OF. *triper*, *treper*, to dance, skip, of Teut. origin; ult. cogn. with AS. *treppan*, to tread (see *tramp*, *trap<sup>1</sup>*). In sense of causing to fall, perh. rather a thinned form of *trap<sup>1</sup>* (cf. *bulk*).

**tripe.** F. *tripe*, entrails; cf. It. *trippa*, Sp. *tripa*; of obscure origin; ? Arab. *therb*, entrails.

**triphthong.** See *tri-* and *diphthong*.

**triple.** F. *triple*, L. *tripilus*. See *treble*. Hence *triplet*, *triplicate*.

**tripod.** L. *tripus*, *tripod-*, G. *τρίπους*, from *πούς*, *ποδ-*, foot. Cf. *trivet*.

**tripoli** [*geol.*]. Rotten-stone. From *Tripoli* (Afr.).

**tripos.** For L. *tripus* (see *tripod*). At Camb. orig. a B.A. who, seated on a tripod, conducted a satirical dispute (cf. *wangler*) with candidates for degrees. The (math.) *tripos* list was orig. printed on the back of a set of humorous verses composed by the *tripos*.

**triptych.** See *tri-* and *diptych*

**tripudiate** [*archaic*]. To dance. From L. *tripudiare*, from *tripudium*, perh. orig. a kind of three-step (see *tri-*).

**triquetrous** [*biol.*]. From L. *triquetrus*, three-cornered.

**trireme** [*hist.*]. Galley with three banks of oars. L. *triremis*, from *tri-* and *remus*, oar

**trisagion** [*eccl.*]. G. (τὸ) *τρισάγιον*, the Eucharistic hymn, neut. of *τρισάγιος*, from *τρίς*, thrice, *ἅγιος*, holy.

**trisect.** See *tri-* and *bisect*.

**trismegistus.** Epithet of Hermes (q.v.).

**tritagonist.** G. *τριταγωνιστής*, actor playing third part. Cf. *protagonist*.

**trite.** L. *tritus*, p.p. of *terere*, to rub, use up

**tritic-**. From L. *triticum*, wheat.

**trito-**. From G. *τρίτος*, third.

**tritoma.** Plant. From G. *τρίτομος*, thrice-cut. Cf. *atom*.

**Triton.** G. *Τρίτων*, son of Poseidon.

**triturate.** From Late L. *triturare*, from *tritura*, from *terere*, *trit-*, to rub, pulverize.

**triumph.** L. *triumphus*, cogn. with G. *θρίαμβος*, hymn to Bacchus.

**triumvir** [*hist.*]. L., usu. in pl. *triumviri*, back-formation from *trium viro- rum*, genitive of *tres viri*, three men.

**triune.** From *tri-* and L. *unus*, one.

**trivet.** AS. *trefet*, L. *tripes*, *triped-*, tripod.

**trivial.** L. *trivialis*, common, orig. of the *trivium*, cross-roads, place of gossip, etc., from *tri-* and *via*, way.

**-trix.** L., fem. of *-tor*.

**trocar** [*surg.*]. F. *troquart*, for *trois carre*, OF. *carre*, face, L. *quadra*. From shape of instrument.

**trochaic** [*metr.*]. G. *τροχαϊκός*, from *τρέχω*, to run.

**troche** [*pharm.*]. Shortened from *trochisk*, F. *trochisque*, G. *τροχίσκος*, small wheel, globule, lozenge, dim. of *τροχός*, wheel, from *τρέχω*, to run.

**trochilus** [*ornith.*]. An Egypt. bird said

to clean the crocodile's teeth. G. τροχίλος, from τρέχειν, to run.

**trochl-**. From L. *trochlea*, G. τροχίλια, pulley (v.s.).

**trocho-**. From G. τροχός, wheel (v.s.).

**troglodyte**. G. τραυλοδύτης, from τρώλη, hole, δύνειν, to get into.

**trogon** [ornith.]. G. τρώγων, pres. part. of τρώγειν, to gnaw.

**troika**. Vehicle. Russ. *trojka*, from *troje*, set of three (*tri*), because drawn by three horses.

**Trojan**. L. *Trojanus*, from *Troja*, Troy.

**troll**<sup>1</sup>. Verb, with gen suggestion of rotary motion. In ME. to saunter. ? OF. *troller* (Mod. *troller*), "hounds to trowle, range, or hunt out of order" (Cotg.), Ger. *trollen*, to run with short steps, ? like a *troll*<sup>2</sup>. In angling sense perh. another word; cf. *trowell*, "rotula" (*Manp. Voc*), OF. *troul*, *trouil* (Mod. *treuil*), reel, winch, ? ult. from G. τροχός, hoop, from τρέχειν, to run.

**troll**<sup>2</sup>. Goblin. ON. *troll*, supernatural giant (also *trolldömr*, witchcraft), whence Sw. *troll*, Norw. Dan. *trolde*, dwarfish imp.

**trolley**. ? From *troll*<sup>1</sup>.

**trollop**. I suggest this is simply *troll*<sup>1</sup>-up, a nickname like *gad-about*. Cf. *startup*, formerly used of an upstart, and now also, like *Trollop*, a surname. So also Du. *klimop*, ivy, lit. climb-up.

**trombone**. It., augment. of *tromba*, trump<sup>1</sup> (q.v.).

**tromometer**. For measuring tremor (G. τρόμος) of earth.

**tronage** [hist.]. Due for official weighing by the *tron*, OF. *trone*, L. *trutina*, G. τρυάνη, scales.

**tronk** [SAfr.]. Prison. Cape Du., from Port. *tronco*, trunk, used for stocks.

**troop**. F. *troupe*; cf. It. *truppa*, Sp. *tropa*, Late L. *troppus*, flock; ? of Teut. origin and cogn. with *thorp* (q.v.), ? or connected with L. *turba*. Ult. identity of *thorp* and *turba* is possible.

**tropaeolum** [bot.]. From G. τρόπαιον, trophy, the leaf suggesting a shield and the flower a helmet.

**trope**. G. τρόπος, from τρέπειν, to turn.

**troph-**. From G. τροφή, from τρέφειν, to nourish.

**Trophonian** [myth.]. Of Τροφώνιος, builder of temple of Apollo, at Delphi, afterwards associated with cave in Boeotia, entry into which deprived of power of ever smiling again.

**trophy**. F. *trophée*, L. *trophæum*, G. τρόπαιον, neut. of τροπαῖος, putting to flight, from τροπή, turning, defeat, from τρέπειν, to turn. Orig. a memorial set up on the battle-field.

**tropic**. G. τροπικός (sc. κύκλος, circle), pertaining to the "turning" of the sun at the solstice (v.s.).

**trope-**. See *trope*.

**trot**<sup>1</sup>. Of horse. F. *trotter*; cf. It. *trottare*, Sp. *trotar*, MedL. *trottare*. Origin unknown.

**trot**<sup>2</sup> [archaic]. Old woman, hag. From *Dame Trote of Salerno*, famous 11 cent. doctress and witch.

**troth** [poet.]. Phonetic var. of *truth*; cf. *trow*.

**troubadour**. F. *troubadour*, Prov. *troubador*, from *trobar*, to find (see *trouver*).

**trouble**. F. *troubler*, OF. *torbler*, VL. \**turbulare*, frequent. of *turbare*, to disturb, from *turba*, disorder, throng, G. τύβη.

**trough**. AS. *trog*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. ON. *trog*; ult. cogn. with *tray*<sup>1</sup>, *tree*.

**trounce**. Orig. to terrify. For *traunce*, earlier form of *trance* (q.v.), which in OF. & ME. had the sense of extreme fear. For vowel cf. *jounce*.

**troupe**. F., troop (q.v.).

**trousers**. Lengthened from obs. *trouse* (*trews*), Ir. Gael. *triubhas*, ident. with OF. *trebzus*, Late L. *tubraci*, later *tibraci*, derived by Isidore (7 cent.) from *tibia*, shin, *braccæ*, breeches. It may however be of Teut. origin, "thigh breeches"; cf. OHG. *deoh-proh* in *Cassel Gloss*. (8 cent.).

**trousseau**. F., dim. from *trousse*, bundle, truss (q.v.).

**trout**. AS. *trūht*, Late L. *tructus*, *tracta*, from G. τρώκτης, gnawer, from τρώγειν, to gnaw.

**trouveur**. F., poet, from *trouver*, to find. *Trouvère* is the OF. nom. Cf. *troubadour*.

**trove, treasure**. Orig. p.p. of OF. *trouver*, to find. For loss of -é cf. *costive*, *defile*<sup>2</sup>, etc.

**trover** [leg.]. Finding and appropriating personal property. OF. *trouver* (Mod. *trouver*), to find; cf. It. *trovare*, Sp. *trouar*; of obscure origin. ? Back-formation from OF. \**entrouver* (recorded as *entruver*, to seek), L. *interrogare*. For phonology, cf. OF. *rover*, to ask, L. *rogare*.

**trow** [archaic]. AS. *trēowian*, *trūwian*, to trust, believe, from *trāow*, faith, belief, cogn. with *true*. Com. Teut.;

cf. Du. *trouwen*, Ger. *trauen*, ON. *trúa*, Goth. *trauan*.

**trowel.** F. *truella*, Late L. *truella*, for *trulla*, dim. of *trua*, ladle.

**troy weight.** From weight used at fair of Troyes (Aube)

**truant.** F. *truand*, beggar, rascal, of Celt. origin; cf. Welsh *truan*, wretched, Gael. *truadanach*, vagabond, earlier E. sense (13 cent.) of *truant*.

**truce.** Orig. pl. of *trewe*, AS. *trēow*, fidelity, agreement, etc., cogn. with *true*. For form cf. *bodice* (q.v.).

**truck<sup>1</sup>.** Barter. F. *troquer*, "to truck, chop, swab, scorse, barter, change" (Cotg.); cf. It. *truccare*, Sp. *trocar*, MedL. *trocare*. Origin unknown.

**truck<sup>2</sup>.** Vehicle. Orig. small spokeless wheel, as still in naut. *truck*, disk of wood at mast-head. Short for earlier *truckle* (q.v.).

**truckle.** Orig. grooved wheel, sheave of pulley. AF. *trocle*, L. *trochlea*, G. τροχλία, from τροχος, hoop, wheel, from τρέχειν, to run. Esp. in *truckle-bed* (also called *trundle-bed*), small bed on castors, which could be run under the great bed; hence to *truckle under*.

**truculent.** L. *truculentus*, from *trux*, *truc-*, fierce.

**trudge.** Orig. to start off. Alteration (cf. *forge<sup>2</sup>*) of earlier *truss*, to pack (off), F. *trousser*, as in *trousser baggage* (see *truss*). Later perh. associated with *tread*, *tramp*.

**trudgen stroke** [swim.]. Introduced (c. 1868) by John Trudgeon.

**true.** AS *getræwe*, from *trēow*, faith. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *getrouw*, Ger. *treu*, ON. *trygg*, Goth. *triggus*.

**truffle.** From F. *truffe*, app., by metath., from L. *tubera*, pl. of *tuber*, "a puffed growing on the ground like a mushroom" (Coop.).

**trull.** Ger. *trulle*, ? cogn. with *troll<sup>2</sup>*, of which MHG. form was used as term of contempt, and ult. with *droll*. Cf. synon. F. dial. *aroule*, from Teut.

**Trulliberian.** Hoggish. From Parson Trulliber (Joseph Andrews, ii. 14).

**trump<sup>1</sup>.** Trumpet. F. *trompe*, OHG. *trumba*, of imit. origin (cf. *drum*). For dim. *trumpet*, F. *trompette*, cf. *cornei<sup>1</sup>*.

**trump<sup>2</sup>.** At cards. Earlier *triumph*. Cf. F. *triomphe*, "the card-game called ruffe, or trump; also, the ruffe, or trump at it" (Cotg.). Here belongs to *trump up*, perh. partly associated

with *trump<sup>1</sup>* (cf. to *drum up recruits*) and with *trumpery*.

**trumpery.** F. *tromperie*, deceit, from *tromper*, to cheat, perh. from *trompe*, *trump<sup>1</sup>*. Cf. Du. *fluiten*, to play the flute, deceive, F. *piper*, to pipe, deceive.

**trumpet.** See *trump<sup>1</sup>*.

**truncate.** From L. *truncare*, from *truncus*, trunk.

**truncheon.** F. *tronçon*, dim. of *tronc*, trunk, L. *truncus*.

**trundle.** Phonetic var. of earlier *trendle*, *trindale*, AS. *trendel*, ring, circle, from *trendan*, to turn, trend (q.v.). Cf. OF. *trondeler*, "to trundle as a ball" (Cotg.), of cogn. Teut. origin, which has app. influenced the E. word.

**trunk.** F. *tronc*, L. *truncus*, trunk of tree. Sense of chest is due to primitive method of "digging out" a box from a tree-trunk; cf. F. *tronc*, poor-box in church. With *trunk-hose* (surviving in the *trunks* of boxing costume) cf. Ger. *strumpf*, stocking, orig. stump, trunk, and sense-development of *stocking*. In *trunk* of elephant there is confusion (? due to archaic *trunk*, tube) with *trump<sup>1</sup>*, earlier used in same sense.

**trunnion.** Knob at side of cannon by which it rested on its carriage. F. *trognon*, stock, stump, ? from OF. *tron*, var. of *tronc*, trunk.

**truss.** F. *trousse*, bundle, package, etc., from *trousser*, to fasten up, pack, OF. *torser*; cf. Prov. *trostar*, MedL. *trossare*. Origin unknown.

**trust.** ON. *traust*; cogn. with *throw*, *true*; cf. Du. *troosten*, Ger. *trösten*, to comfort, Goth. *trausti*, covenant.

**try.** F. *trier*, to sift, sort, separate good from bad; cf. Prov. & Catalan *triar* (? from F.), MedL. *triare*. ? Late L. *tritare*, to triturate, thresh corn, from *terere*, *trit-*, to rub.

**trypanograph.** From G. *τρυπάν*, to pierce.

**tryps-, trypt-.** For *trips-*, from G. *τρίψις*, rubbing.

**tryst.** Earlier *tristire*, *treste*, hunting station to which the game was driven. Cf. OF. *tristire*, *terstire*, *triste*, MedL. *trista*. Archaic F. *tistre* (also *titre*), with one *-r-* lost by dissim., survives as term of ven. The fact that the word is only E. & F. (? Norm.) makes Norse origin likely, and ON. *treystia*, to trust, rely, has been suggested.

**tsar.** Now usual spelling of *czar* (q.v.).



**tsetse.** Fly. From Bechuana lang. of S Afr.

**Tsung-li-yamen** [pol.]. Chin. Foreign Office, lit. general management bureau.

**tuatara.** New Zeal. lizard. Maori, from *tua*, on the back, *tara*, spine.

**tub.** Du. *tobbe* or LG. *tubbe*.

**tuba.** L., trumpet, cogn. with *tubus* (v.i.).

**tube.** F. *tube*, L. *tubus*.

**tuber.** L., hump, swelling, cogn. with *tumēre*, to swell. Hence *tubercle*, *tuberculosis*.

**tuberose.** Plant with tuberous root. L. *tuberosa*, fem. of *tuberosus*, tuberous (v.s.).

**tubular.** From L. *tubulus*, dim. of *tubus*, tube.

**tuck<sup>1</sup>.** To gather in folds; earlier, to tug, snatch, and spec. to dress cloth by stretching it on the tenter-hooks (hence name *Tucker*). App. AS *tūcian*, to ill-treat (for shortened vowel cf. *suck*), cogn. with Ger. *zucken*, to tug, snatch, intens. of *ziehen*, to pull, and ult. with *tug*, *tie*, etc. Hence *tucker*, frill. From sense of gathering up and putting away, "tucking in," comes *tuck-shop* and Austral. *tucker*, provender.

**tuck<sup>2</sup>** [archaic]. In *tuck of drum*. F. *toquer*, north. form of *toucher*, to touch (q.v.); cf. *tocsin*. Hence archaic *tucket*, flourish of trumpets.

**tuck<sup>3</sup>** [hist.]. Straight sword. F. *estoc*, "a rapier, or tucke" (Cotg.), from LG. *stocken*, to stick, pierce, cogn. with Ger. *stock*, stick. The E. word is from F. dial. var. *étoc*.

**tucker.** See *tuck<sup>1</sup>*.

**tucket.** See *tuck<sup>2</sup>*.

**tucutucu.** Burrowing rodent (Patagonia). Native, from grunt.

**Tuesday.** AS. *Tīwesdæg*, day of *Tīw*, corresponding to ON. *Týr*, cogn. with OHG. *Zio*, and with L. *deus*, G. *Zeús*, A. Ir. *dia*, Sanskrit *dyaus*, *div*, heaven. This Teut. divinity was taken as corresponding to Mars, hence *Tuesday* for L. *Martis dies* (whence F. *mardi*).

**tufa** [geol.]. It. *tufo*, *tufa*, from L. *tofus*.

**tuft.** F. *touffe*, with excrescent *-t* (cf. *graff<sup>1</sup>*), prob. of Teut. origin, cogn. with *top<sup>1</sup>*, and ult. with Ger. *zopf*, "a tuft or tuffet" (Ludw.). See also *toff*.

**tug.** ME. *toggen*, intens. formation from AS. *tāon*, corresponding to Ger.

*ziehen* (zog, gezogen), to pull. See *tie*, *tow<sup>1</sup>*, *tuck<sup>1</sup>*.

**tuisim.** Coined from L. *tu*, thou.

**tuition.** OF. *tuicion*, L. *tutio-n-*, from *tuēre*, to look after.

**tulip.** F. *tulipe* (earlier *tulipan*), It. *tulipano*, from *tul(v)band*, vulg. Turk. pronunc. of Pers. *duiband*, turban, which the shape of the flower suggested.

**tulle.** Fabric. From *Tulle* (Corrèze).

**tulwar.** Hind. *talwār*, sabre.

**tumble<sup>1</sup>.** To fall. Frequent. from AS. *tumbran*, to dance, etc.; cf. Du. *tummelen*, Ger. *tummeln*, to bustle, *taumeln*, to reel, Sw. *tumla*, Dan. *tumle*, to tumble, roll, F. *tomber* (of LG. origin). The wide extension of the word (e.g. Rum. *tumbă*, somersault, Calabrian *tummare*, to go head over heels) points to an orig. imit. *tum(b)* of the *flop*, *bump* type. The glass called a *tumbler* was orig. round-bottomed.

**tumble<sup>2</sup>** [slang]. For *understumble*, slang perversion of *understand*.

**tumbrel.** OF. *tomberel* (Mod. *tombe-reau*), tip-cart, from *tomber*, to fall.

**tumid.** L. *tumidus*, from *tumēre*, to swell. Cf. *tumour*, F. *tumeur*, L. *tumor-em*; *tumefaction*, from L. *tumefacere*, to make to swell.

**tummy.** Infantile for *stomach*. See *s-*.

**tump.** Mound. Welsh *tump*, ? cogn. with L. *tumulus* (q.v.).

**tumult.** F. *tumulte*, L. *tumultus*, from *tumēre*, to swell.

**tumulus.** L., "a hillock, a knap, a tump" (Litt.), from *tumēre* (v.s.).

**tun.** Var. of *ton* (q.v.). AS. *tunne*; cf. Du. *ton*, Ger. *tonne* (OHG. *tunna*), ON. *tunna*; also (from Teut.), F. *tonne*, ModL. *tunna*, Gael. Ir. *tunna*. Prob. a seafaring word of LG. origin, adopted early by other Europ. langs. Orig. large cask, application to weight (*ton*) appearing in late ME.

**tund** [Winchester school slang]. L. *tundere*, to beat.

**tundra** [geog.]. Treeless steppe of NRuss. A Lapp word, orig. compd., *tun-tur*, marsh plain.

**tune.** Phonetic var. of *tone* (q.v.).

**tungsten** [chem.]. Sw., heavy stone.

**tunic.** F. *tunique*, L. *tunica*. Of Semit. origin and ult. ident. with G. *χιτών*.

**tunker.** See *dunker*.

**tunnel.** OF. *tonel* (Mod. *tonneau*), dim. of *tonne*, tun (q.v.), with ground-sense of cylindrical shape.

**tunny.** From F. *thon*, "a tunnie fish" (Cotg.), Prov. *ton* or It. *tonno*, G. *thun*vos.

**tup** [*drai*]. Ram. ? Transferred use of Norw. Sw. *tup*p, cock<sup>1</sup>, cogn. with *top*<sup>1</sup>, in sense of crest.

**tupelo.** Tree. Namer. Ind.

**tupperism.** In style of Martin Tupper, author of *Proverbial Philosophy* (1838-42).

**tu quoque.** L., thou also, "you're another."

**Turanian** [*ling.*]. Group of Asiatic langs. which are neither Aryan nor Semitic. From Pers *Turān*, realm beyond the Oxus, contrasted with *Irān*, Persia.

**turban.** Pers. *dulband*. In most Europ. langs., the *-r* for *-l* appearing first in Port. See *tulip*.

**turbary** [*leg*]. Right of cutting peat. OF. *tourberie*, from *tourbe*, turf (q.v.), peat.

**turbid.** L. *turbidus*, from *turba*, crowd, disturbance. See *troop*.

**turbine.** F. *turbine*, L. *turbo*, *turbin*-, whirlwind, reel, spindle, etc., from *turbare*, to disturb (v.s.).

**turbit.** Pigeon. App. from L. *turbo*, *top*<sup>2</sup> (v.s.).

**turbot.** F. *turbot*, OF. *tourbout*, OSw. *törnbut*, thorn butt (see *butt*<sup>1</sup>, *halibut*); cf. synonym. Ger. *dornbutt*. So also Norw. *pigvar*, from *pig*, thorn.

**turbulent.** L. *turbulentus*, from *turba*, crowd, disturbance.

**Turco.** F. slang for Algerian infantry soldier. Sp. It. *Turco*, Turk.

**Turcoman** [*ethn.*]. Branch of Turkish race inhabiting Turkestan. Pers. *turkumān*, like a Turk, from *māndan*, to resemble.

**turd.** AS. *tord*, with Du. & ON. cognates.

**turidiform** [*ornith.*]. From L. *turdus*, thrush.

**tureen.** Earlier *terreen*, F. *terraine*, "an earthen pot, or pan" (Cotg.), from *terre*, earth.

**turf.** AS. *turf*, sod, peat. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *turf*, OHG. *zurba* (replaced by LG. *torf*), ON. *torf*; cogn. with Sanskrit *darbha*, tuft of grass. OF. *tourbe* is from Teut. (see *turbary*).

**turgid.** L. *turgidus*, from *turgere*, to swell.

**Turk.** Arab. *turk*, of obscure origin.

**turkey.** Short for *Turkey-cock* (-hen), orig. applied to the guinea-fowl (which was often imported through Turkish territory) and later transferred to the Amer. bird.

**Turki** [*ling*]. Pers. *turkī*, Turkish, applied to the lang. of the Eastern Turks, Turcomans.

**Turkoman.** See *Turcoman*.

**turmeric.** Earlier *tarmaret*, archaic F. *terre mērite*, MedL. *terra merita*, app. a fanciful name, but possibly folk-etym. for some Eastern word.

**turmoil.** ? For unrecorded \**turmel*, OF. *trumel*, disturbance, tumult, altered like AF. *trouble*, trouble.

**turn.** AS. *turnian*, *tyrnan*, L. *turnare*, from *tornus*, lathe, G. *τόρνος*, carpenter's compasses. Senses were re-inforced in ME. by cogn. F. *tourner*. *Turnpike* was orig. a revolving barrier armed with pikes or spikes. *Turnsole*, plant and dye, is F. *tournesol*, Prov. *tournasol*, turn sun (cf. *heliotrope*).

**turnip.** Earlier *turnepe*, compd. of obs. *neep*, AS. *nēp*, L. *napus*, turnip. First element may be *turn*, from symmetrical shape.

**turpentine.** Earlier *terebinthine*, L. *terebinthina* (sc. *resina*), exudation of the *terebinth* (q.v.).

**turpinate.** Explosive. From *Turpin*, name of F. inventor.

**turpitude.** L. *turpitude*, from *turpis*, base.

**turquoise.** F., "a turquoise or Turkish stone" (Cotg.), because brought from *Turkestan*.

**turret.** OF. *tourte* (replaced by *tourrelle*), dim. of *tour*, tower (q.v.).

**turtle**<sup>1</sup>. Dove. AS. *turla* (m.), *turtle* (f.), dissim. (cf. *marble*) of L. *turtur*, of imit. origin, from coo of dove.

**turtle**<sup>2</sup>. Sea-tortoise. Sailors' corrupt. of F. *tortue*, tortoise (q.v.), illogically assimilated to *turtle*<sup>1</sup>.

**Turveydropian.** Of Mr *Turveydrop*, model of deportment (*Bleak House*).

**Tuscan.** Late L. *Tuscanus*, of the *Tusci*, or Etruscans. For *tuscan* *hai* cf. *leghorn*.

**tush** [*archaic*]. Natural exclamation of impatience. Hence *tushery*, romantic literature in pseudo-archaic lang.

**tusk.** ME. *tusc*, metath. of AS. *tūx*, var. of *tūsc*, whence archaic *tush*; cf. Fris. *tosh*, LG. *tusk*, ON. *toskr*.

**tussle.** Frequent. of dial. *touse* (see *tease*, *tousle*).

**tussock.** For earlier *tusk*, *tush*, bush of hair. Origin unknown.

**tussore.** Hind. *tasar*, coarse brown silk.

**tut.** Natural sound of contempt. Cf. *tush*.

**tutelar.** L. *tutelar*, from *tutela*, guardianship, from *tutus*, safe, from *tuēr*, to regard, see to. Cf. *tutelage*.

**tutor.** L., from *tuēr* (v.s.).

**tutti frutti.** It., all fruits.

**tutty.** Oxide of zinc. F. *tutie*, Sp. *tutia*, Arab. *tūthyā*, of Pers. origin; cf. Sanskrit *tūtha*, blue vitriol.

**tu-whit, tu-whoo.** Imit. of owl's cry (*Love's Lab. Lost*, v. 2).

**twaddle.** For earlier *twattle*, in *twittle-twattle*, variation on *tittle-tattle* (q.v.).

**twain.** AS. *twēgen* (m.). See *two*.

**twang.** Imit., the -w- expressing the bowstring element which is absent from the percussive *tang*<sup>2</sup>. Hence *twangle*.

**twank** [dial.]. Imit. of sound which begins with a *twang* and ends like a *spank*.

**twankay.** Green tea. Chin. (Peking) *Twan-ch'i*, Cantonese *Tūn-k'ei*, name of stream where orig. grown.

**tway-blade.** Plant. From obs. *tway*, apocopated form of *twain*.

**tweak.** App. for earlier *twick*, AS. *twiccian*, cogn. with *twich* (q.v.).

**tweed.** Originated in a misreading of *twel*, Sc. form of *twill* (q.v.), helped by association with the river *Tweed*, which runs through a region where the fabric is made.

**tweedle-dee and tweedle-dum.** From *tweedle*, imit. of sound of pipe, the phrase being first used (1725) in ref. to two rival musicians (Bononcini and Handel).

**tweeny** [colloq.]. For *between-maid*, assisting both cook and housemaid.

**tweezers.** Pair of *tweezers* is for earlier pair of *tweeses*, double pl. of obs. *etwee*, *twee*, small case for instruments opening book-fashion, F. *étui*, case, of uncertain origin. The name was transferred from the case to one of the instruments.

**twelve.** AS. *twelf*, from *two*, with second element as in *eleven* (q.v.). Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *twaaif*, Ger. *zwölf* (OHG. *zweilif*), ON. *tolf*, Goth. *twalif*.

**twenty.** AS. *twēntig*, from *two* (*twain*) and -*ty* (q.v.). Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *twintig*, Ger. *zwanzig*, ON. *tuttugu*, Goth. *twaitigjus*.

**twice.** ME. *twies*, AS. *twiges*, adv. formation from *twiga*, *twiwa*, twice, cogn. with *two*.

**twiddle.** App. imit. of motion which suggests both *twirl* and *fiddle* (in sense of trifling, aimless movement).

**twig**<sup>1</sup>. Noun AS. *twig*, cogn. with *two*, with orig. sense of dividing, forking; cf. Du. *twyg*, Ger. *zweig*.

**twig**<sup>2</sup> [slang]. Verb. ? Ident. with dial. *twick*; to pinch, nip (see *tweak*, *twich*).

**willight.** Formed in ME., with prefix *twi-*, cogn. with *two*; cf. LG. *twelecht*, Ger. *zwelecht*.

**twill.** Short for obs. *twilly*, AS. *twili*, formed from *twi-* (v.s.) after L. *bili*x (from *bi-* and *licum*, thread); cf. Ger. *zwilch* (OHG. *zwilīh*), and see *drill*<sup>4</sup>. See also *tweed*.

**twin.** AS. *twinn*, twofold, twin, cogn. with *two*, with suffix as in L. *bini*, two at a time.

**twine.** AS. *twīn*, cogn. with *two*; cf. Du. *twijn*, Ger. *zwirn*, ON. *twinni*.

**twinge.** AS. *twengan*, usu. regarded as cogn. with Du. *dwingen*, Ger. *zwingen*, ON. *þvinga*, all meaning to oppress.

**twinkle.** AS. *twincian*, frequent. of \**twincan*, whence archaic *twink*, to wink, sparkle, etc.; cogn. with Ger. *zwincken*, *zwinkern*. With *twinkling*, moment, cf. synonym. AS. *beorhthwīl*, lit. bright-while.

**twirl.** Replaced (? under influence of *whirl*) ME. *tirl* (still in dial.), earlier *trill* (Chauc.), cogn. with Norw. Sw. *trilla*, Dan. *trille*.

**twist.** In AS. only in compd. *mast-twist*, stay (i.e. twisted rope) of mast. Cogn. with *two* and *twine*. Du. *twist*, Ger. *zwist*, discord, strife, represent another sense-aspect.

**twit.** Earlier *twite*, aphet. for obs. *atwite*, to reproach, AS. *ætwillan*, to reproach with, from *at* and *willan*, to blame, cogn. with *wita*, punishment, as in hist. *bloodwite* (q.v.). Cf. Ger. *verweisen*, "to reproach, upbraid, to cast, hit, or twist in the teeth with" (Ludw.), Du. *verwijten*, Goth. *fra-wertan*, all cogn. with *wit*, knowledge, with sense-development like that of L. *animadvertere*, to censure, punish, lit. turn the mind to.

**twitch**<sup>1</sup>. To jerk. Cogn. with *tweak*, dial. *twick*, Du. *twikken*, Ger. *zwicken*, *zwacken*, "to pinch, twitch, nip" (Ludw.).

**twitch**<sup>2</sup>. Grass. Dial. var. of *quitch* (q.v.).

**twite.** Mountain-linnet. Imit. of cry. **twitter.** Imit., cf. Du. *kwetteren*, Ger. *zwitschern*, *zwitzern*.

**twizzle.** To twirl. Dial. formation on *twist*, *twirl*.

**two.** AS. *twā*, fem. and neut., replacing masc. *twain*, AS. *twēgen*. Aryan; cf.

OSax. *twēne*, *twō*, *twē*, OHG. *zwēne*, *zwō*, *zwei*, ON. *tvær*, *tvær*, *tvann*, Goth. *twas*, *twōs*, *twa*, L. *duo*, G. *duo*, OIr. *dā*, Russ. *dva* (Com. Slav.), Sanskrit *dva*.  
**-ty**. In numerals AS. *-tig*; cf. Du. *-tig*, Ger. *-zig*, ON. *tigr*, Goth. *tigus*, the two latter not suffixed; cogn. with *ten* (q.v.).

**Tyburn tree** [*hist.*]. Gallows at Tyburn, at junction of Oxford St. and Edgware Rd.

**Tychonic** [*astron.*]. Of Tycho Brahe, Dan. astronomer (†1601).

**tycoon**. Title. Jap. *taikun*, app. from Chin. *ta*, great, *kuin*, prince.

**tyke**. ON. *tīk*, bitch.

**tylo-**. From G. *τύλος*, knob, or *τύλη*, callosity.

**tympanum**. L. *tympanum*, drum, wheel for raising weights, face of pediment, G. *τύμπανον*, cogn. with *τύπτειν*, to strike. Cf. *tympany*, morbid swelling, turgidity, from G. *τυμπανία*, dropsy.

**tynewald** [*hist.*]. Annual gathering of authorities in Isle of Man. From ON. *thingvöllr*, assembly ground (see *thing*). Cf. place-names *Dingwall*, *Tinwald*, *Tingwall*.

**type**. F. *type*, L. *typus*, G. *τύπος*, impression, from *τύπτειν*, to strike.

**typhlitis** [*med.*]. From G. *τυφλόν*, blind gut, neut. of *τυφλός*, blind.

**typhoid**. Of the nature of *typhus*, G. *τύφος*, vapour, stupor, from *τύφειν*, to smoke.

**Typhon**. G. *Τυφών*, giant, father of the winds, buried under Mount Etna (v.i.), personification of *τυφών*, whirlwind.

**typhoon**. Combined from Arab. *tūfān*, hurricane, which is prob. G. *τυφών* (v.s.), and Chin. *tai fung*, dial. form of *ta feng*, big wind. The Arab. word was adopted via Urdu, and the Chin. name was assimilated to it, current spelling being due to *Typhon* (v.s.).

**typhus**. See *typhoid*.

**tyrant**. F. *tyran*, G. *τύραννος*, absolute ruler (cf. *despot*). For spurious *-i*, which does not appear in the derivatives, cf. *peasant*, *pheasant*, etc.

**tyre**. Incorr. spelling of *tire*<sup>3</sup> (q.v.).

**Tyrian**. Of Tyre, esp. in *Tyrian purple*.

**tyro**. Incorr. spelling of *tiro* (q.v.).

**tyro-**. From G. *τύρός*, cheese.

**Tyrtæan**. Of *Τυρταῖος*, martial poet of the Spartans (7 cent. B.C.).

**tzigane**. Hung. gipsy. F. *tzigane*, Magyar *czigany*, cogn. with *zingari* and Ger. *zigeuner*.

**U-boat** [*hist.*]. For Ger. *unterseeboot*, undersea boat.

**ubiety**. "Whereeness." Coined from L. *ubi*, where.

**ubiquity**. F. *ubiquité*, coined from *ubique*, wherever, everywhere.

**udal** [*hist.*]. Freehold tenure in Orkneys (see Scott's *Pirate*). ON. *óðal*; cf. AS *æthel*, lineage, produce, OSax. *óðul*, OHG *uodal*; cogn. with *atheling*.

**udder**. AS. *ūder*. Aryan; cf. Du. *uor* (earlier *uder*), Ger. *euter*, ON. *jūgr*, L. *uber*, G. *oðhap*, Sanskrit *ūdhar*. For relation of L. *-b-* to Teut. dental cf. *beard*, *red*.

**udometer**. Rain-gauge. From L. *udus*, damp.

**ugh**. Natural exclamation of disgust.

**ugly**. ON. *uggligr*, from *uggr*, fear; cogn. with *awe*; cf. Goth. *ōgan*, to fear.

**Ugrian** [*ling.*]. Finnic. From name of a tribe of N. Russia.

**uhlan**. Ger. *ulan*, lancer, Pol. *ulan*, Tatar light horseman, Turk. *oghlan*, young man, Tatar *oglan*, son, child.

**utlander** [*hist.*]. Du., outlander, foreigner.

**ukase**. Russ. *ukaz*, edict, from *kazat'*, to indicate (in Serb. to say; in Czech, to preach), whence *ukazat'*, to command.

**ukelélé**. Four-stringed guitar. Haiwanian name, lit. jumping flea.

**ulcer**. F. *ulcère*, L. *ulcus*, *ulcer-*, cogn. with G. *Źkos*, sore, wound.

**ulema**. Corporation of Moslem doctors of sacred law. Arab. *'ulemā*, pl. of *'ālim*, learned, from *'alima*, to know. Cf. *alma*.

**ullage**. Orig. what a cask lacked of being full. Prov. *ulhage*, from *ulhar*, to fill up; cf. synonym. OF. *ouillage*, *ouiller*; from L. *oculus*, eye, in sense of bung-hole.

**ulmic** [*chem.*]. From L. *ulmus*, elm.

**ulnar** [*anat.*]. Of the *ulna*, L., smaller bone of fore-arm, cogn. with *ell*, elbow.

**ulotrichian** [*ethn.*]. Woolly-haired. From G. *οὐλότρις*, from *ὄλος*, whole, thick, fleecy, *τρίξ*, *τριχ-*, hair.

**ulster**. Orig. long frieze coat as worn in Ulster.

**ulsteria** [*pol.*]. Coined by enemies of Ulster to describe the province's attitude to Home-rule.

**ult**. For *ultimo*.

**ulterior**. L., compar. from *ultra*, beyond.

**ultimate.** From Late L. *ultimare*, to come to an end, from *ultimus*, superl. of *ulterior*. *Ultimatum* is "diplomatic Latin."

**ultimo.** Abl. of L. *ultimus* (sc. *mensis*). Cf. *proximo*.

**ultimogeniture.** Cf. *primogeniture* (q.v.).

**ultra-** L., beyond. Hence mod. *ultra*, extremist, *ultraism*, *ultraist*.

**ultramarine.** Altered from It. *oltra marino*, foreign, from overseas, applied to lapis lazuli.

**ultramontane.** F. *ultramontain*, beyond the mountains, esp. the Alps.

**ultra vires.** L., beyond powers.

**ultramotivity.** Power of spontaneous movement. From L. *ultra*, spontaneously.

**ululate.** From L. *ululare*, to howl, screech, of imit. origin.

**ulva.** Sea-weed. L., sedge.

**umbel** [*bot.*]. L. *umbella*, dim. of *umbra*, shadow.

**umber.** F. *terre d'ombre*, It. *terra d'ombra*, shadow earth, a pigment used for shading; cf. Sp. *sombra*, umber, lit. shadow.

**umbilical** [*anat.*]. Of the navel, L. *umbilicus*, cogn. with G. *ὀμφαλός*, and ult. with *navel* (q.v.).

**umbles** [*archaic*]. Entrails of deer. See *humble-pie*.

**umbo.** L., central boss (of shield, etc.), cogn. with *umbilical*.

**umbraculum** [*bot.*]. L., dim. from *umbra*, shade.

**umbrage.** F. *ombrage*, "an umbrage, a shade, a shadow; also, jealousy, suspicion, an inclining of; whence *donneur ombrage à*, to discontent, make jealous of, or putte buzzes into the head of" (Cotg.). Perh orig. a term of horsemanship, as in F. *cheval ombrageux*, a horse apt to take fright at its own shadow. See also *dudgeon*<sup>2</sup>.

**umbre.** Bird. For F. *ombrette*, coined from *ombre*, shade.

**umbrella.** Archaic It. *ombrella* (now *ombrellino*), dim. of *ombra*, shade, L. *umbra*.

**umbrette.** See *umbre*.

**Umbrian** [*ling.*]. Italic dial. of *Umbria*, akin to L.

**umiak.** See *oomiak*.

**umlaut** [*ling.*]. Ger., from *um*, around, *laut*, sound.

**umpire.** For ME. *noumper*, OF. *nomper* (=non pair), not equal (see *peer*<sup>1</sup>), third (or extra) man called in when arbitrators disagreed. For loss

of *n*-cf *apron*, *auger*. Cf., for orig. sense, *arbiter*.

**umpty, umpteen.** Army slang. Cf. *iddy-umpty*, colloq. for the Morse dot-and-dash notation.

**un** [*colloq.*]. As in *good un*. Preserves older pronunc. of *one*. Also, in old southern dial., from AS. *hine*, acc. of *he* (see *him*).

**un**<sup>1</sup>. Prefixed to adjs., and nouns and advs. derived from them AS. *un-*. Aryan; cf. Du. *on-*, Ger. *un-*, ON. *ö-*, *ü-*, Goth. *un-*, L. *in-*, G. *ä-*, *är-*, Sanskrit *a-*, *an-*; ult. cogn. with L. *ne*. In some cases (*uncouth*, *ungainly*, *unkempt*, *unruly*) the simplex is not in use exc. as a nonce-word.

**un**<sup>2</sup>. Prefixed to verbs. AS. *un-*; cf. Du. *ont-*, Ger. *ent-* (OHG. *ant-*), Goth. *and-*, *anda-*, cogn. with L. *ante*, G. *antwort* (see *answer*).

**unaneled** [*archaic*]. See *anele*.

**unanimous.** From L. *unanimus*, from *unus*, one, *animus*, mind.

**unberufen.** Ger., unsummoned, exclamation propitiating Nemesis.

**uncanny.** Sc., "dangerous, incautious, mischievous, untender, careless" (Sc. Dict. 1878). See *canny* and cf. synon. Ger. *unheimlich*, lit. unfamiliar. Cf. also *uncouth*.

**uncate** [*bot.*]. From L. *uncus*, hook

**uncial.** L. *unciales*, as in Late L. *litterae unciales*, letters an inch long. See *inch*<sup>1</sup>, *ounce*<sup>1</sup>.

**uncinate** [*bot.*]. L. *uncinatus*, from *uncus*, hook.

**uncle.** F. *oncle*, VL. *aunclus*, for *avunculus*, uncle on the mother's side, dim. of *avus*, grandfather.

**unco.** Sc. form of *uncouth* (q.v.), esp. in *unco guid* (Burns).

**unconscionable.** See *conscience*.

**uncouth.** AS. *uncūth*, unknown, from p.p. of *cunnan*, to know. Cf. *strange*, *oullandish*.

**unction.** L. *unctio*-n-, from *ungere*, *unct-*, to anoint. Cf. *unctuous*, Late L. *unctuosus*.

**undate** [*bot.*]. From L. *unda*, wave.

**undé** [*her.*]. F. *ondé*, waved (v.s.).

**undecennial.** From L. *undecim*, eleven (after *septennial*, etc.). Cf. *undecagon*, with G. second element.

**under.** AS. *under*, under, among. Com. Teut.; cf. Ger. *unter*, Du. *onder*, ON. *undir*, Goth. *undar*; cogn. with L. *inter*, *infra*, which correspond to the two Teut. senses.

**undercroft** [*arch.*]. From archaic *croft*, crypt (q.v.), Du. *krocht*, L. *crypta*.

**undergrad.** Short for *undergraduate*, univ. student *in statu pupillari*. Cf. jocular *undergraduate*.

**undermost.** See *-most*.

**underneath.** See *beneath*, *neither*.

**underpin.** From obs. *pin*, to fill in joints.

**understand.** AS. *understandan*, lit. to stand among. The sense-development is obscure, but cf. synonym G. *ἐπιστασθαι*, lit. to stand upon; also Ger. *verstehen*, corresponding to AS. *forstandan*, to understand, lit. to stand before.

**understrapper.** ? Orig. a barber's assistant, ? or a stable-boy.

**undertake.** Cf. Ger. *unternehmen*, AS. *underniman*, F. *entreprendre*. An *undertaker* was orig. a contractor, projector, etc. For specialization of sense cf. *stationer*.

**underwrite.** Transl. of *subscribe* (q.v.).

**undies** [*neol.*]. For *underclothing*.

**undine.** Water-sprite. ModL. *undina*, from *unda*, wave.

**undose** [*biol.*]. L. *undusus*, from *unda*, wave.

**undulate.** From L. *undulare*, from *undula*, dim. of *unda*, wave.

**ungainly.** From ME. *ungere*, from ON. *gegn*, convenient, etc., cogn. with *gegna*, to meet, suit, and with *again*.

**ungual.** From L. *unguis*, nail, talon.

**unguent.** L. *unguentum*, from *ungere*, to anoint.

**ungulate.** From L. *ungula*, hoof, talon, dim. of *unguis*, nail.

**uni-.** From L. *unus*, one. Cf. *mono-*.

**uniate.** Member of Oriental Christian Church acknowledging Papal supremacy. Russ., from L. *unus*, one.

**unicorn.** L. *unicornis*, from *uni-* and *cornu*, horn.

**uniform.** F. *uniforme*, L. *uniformis*, from *uni-* and *forma*, form.

**unify.** F. *unifier*, Late L. *unificare*, from L. *unus*, one.

**Unigenitus** [*hist.*]. L., only begotten, init. word of bull directed by Clement XI against Jansenism (1713).

**union.** L. *unio-n-*, from *unus*, one.

**unique.** F. *unique*, L. *unicus*, from *unus*, one.

**unison.** L. *unisonus*, from *uni-* and *sonus*, sound.

**unit.** Shortened from *unity*. Cf. *defile*<sup>2</sup>.

**Unitarian.** Ending perh. suggested by *Aran*.

**unite.** From L. *unire*, *unit-*, from *unus*, one.

**unity.** L. *unitas*, from *unus*, one.

**universe.** L. *universum*, neut. of *universus*, lit. turned to one, from *vertere*, *vers-*, to turn. L. *universitas*, whole, the state in gen., the world, was also used of a corporation or organized body.

**unkempt.** Lit. uncombed, from p.p. of AS. *cemban*, to comb (q.v.).

**unless.** For *on less*, earlier *on lesse than* (or *that*); cf. F. *à moins que*.

**unruly.** From obs. *ruly*, from *rule*.

**until.** For *unto*, with substitution of northern *ull*<sup>2</sup> (q.v.).

**unto.** For *\*und-to*, with first element cogn. with OSax. *und*, OHG. *unz*, Goth. *und*, and with *un*<sup>2</sup>.

**unwieldy.** From obs. *wieldy*. See *wield*.

**up.** AS. *upp*, *ūp* (adv.). Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *op*, Ger. *auf*, ON. *upp*, Goth. *up*; cogn. with *over* and with G. *ὑπέρ*.

**upas.** Javan poison tree, *pōhun ūpas*.

**upbraid.** App. from *up* and *braid* (q.v.), with idea of "taking up (sharply)." Cogn. ON. *bregtha*, Dan. *bebrede* have the same fig. sense.

**upholster.** First as noun, for *upholder*, from *upholder*, in ME. a broker. For lengthened *upholsterer* cf. *fruiterer*, *caterer*. For mod. limitation of sense cf. *stationer*, *undertaker*.

**uphroe, euphroe** [*naut.*]. Kind of block. Du. *guffrouw*, lit. young woman, maiden. Cf. *gasket*.

**upon.** AS. *uppon*, up on.

**uproar.** Du. *oproer*, from *op*, up, and *roeren*, to stir, which is cogn. with AS. *hrēran*, to move (see *rearmouse*), Ger. *rühren*, to stir, ON. *hræra*. So also Ger. *aufprühl*, "an uproar, sedition, tumult" (Ludw.). Unconnected with *roar*.

**upshot.** ? Orig. in sense of target, thing shot at (archery).

**upside-down.** For ME. *up-so-down*, up as though down. Cf. *topsy-turvy*.

**uraemia** [*med.*]. From G. *οὔρον*, urine, *αἷμα*, blood.

**uraeus** [*antiq.*]. Head-dress of Egyptian kings. G. *οὐραῖος*, from *οὐρά*, tail.

**Ural-Altaic** [*ling.*]. Finno-Ugrian. From *Ural* and *Altai* mountains.

**uranium** [*chem.*]. Named after the planet *Uranus*.

**Uranus.** G. *οὐρανός*, heaven, also (myth.) the father of Saturn; name of planet.

**urban-e.** L. *urbanus*, of a city, *urbs*.

**urceolate** [*bot.*]. From L. *urceolus*, dim. of *urceus*, pitcher.

**urchin.** ME. *irchoun*, orig. hedgehog, then, goblin, small boy, ONF. *herichun* (Mod. *hérisson*), VL. \**(h)ericio-n-*, for *ericus*, cogn. with G. *χῆρ*, hedgehog.

**Urdu** [ling.]. Hindustani, the lingua franca of India, a mixture of the vernaculars descended from Sanskrit with the langs. of various invaders (Arab., Pers., Mongol). For *zabān-i-urdū*, language of the camp, horde (q.v.).

**urea** [chem.]. From G. *οὐρον*, urine.

**ured-** [bot.]. From L. *uredo*, blight, from *urere*, to burn.

**ureter, urethra** [anat.]. From G. *οὐρῆν*, to urinate.

**urge.** L. *urgere*, cogn. with G. *ἐργεῖν*, to shut, compress, and ult. with *wrick*.

**uric** [med.]. From G. *οὐρον*, urine.

**Urim and Thummim** [Bibl.]. Heb. (*Ex.* xxviii. 30), lights and perfections.

**urine.** L. *urina*, cogn. with G. *οὐρον*.

**urman** [geog.]. Tract of coniferous forest in Siberia. Of Tatar origin.

**urn.** F. *urne*, L. *urna*, orig. vessel of burnt clay; ? cogn. with *urere*, to burn.

**uro-<sup>1</sup>.** From G. *οὐρά*, tail.

**uro-<sup>2</sup>.** From *urine*.

**urochs.** See *aurochs*.

**Ursa Major, Minor** [astron.]. L., Greater (Smaller) Bear.

**ursine.** L. *ursinus*, of the bear, *ursus*.

**Ursuline.** Order named from St

*Ursula* of Cologne.

**urticate** [med.]. To sting like a nettle, L. *urtica*.

**urubu.** Black vulture. Native Central Amer. name.

**urus.** See *aurochs*.

**us.** AS. *ūs* (dat.); cf. Du. *ons*, Ger. *uns*, ON. *oss*, Goth. *uns*. AS. had also acc. *ūsic* (cf. OHG. *unsich*, Goth. *unsis*).

**use.** The noun is archaic F. *us* (in *us et coutumes*), L. *usus*, from *uti*, *us*, to use. The verb is F. *user* (in ModF. to wear out, use up), VL. \**usare*, for *uti*. Leg. sense of benefit, enjoyment (of property, etc.) has been affected by OF. *ues*, profit, advantage, L. *opus*.

**usher.** OF. *uissier* (Mod. *huissier*), door-keeper, from *uis* (Mod. *huis*), door, L. *ostium*.

**usquebaugh** [archaic]. Ir. *uisge beatha*, water of life. See *whisky*<sup>1</sup>.

**ust-.** From L. *urere*, *ust-*, to burn.

**usual.** L. *usualis*, from *usus*, use, custom.

**usucaption, usucapion** [leg.]. L. *usu-capio-n-*, from *usucapere*, to take by prescription, use.

**usufruct** [leg.]. L. *ususfructus*, from *usus*, use, *frui*, *fruct-*, to enjoy.

**usurp.** L. *usurpare*, from *usu*, by profit, and *vapere*, to seize.

**usury<sup>1</sup>.** Interest on money. From F. *usure*, L. *usura*, from *uti*, *us-*, to use, derive benefit from.

**usury<sup>2</sup>** [neol.]. Adaptation of F. *usure*, wear and tear, loss, from *user*, to wear out (see *use*).

**ut** [mus.]. Now *usu*. replaced by *do*. See *gamut*.

**utensil.** L. *utensilis*, from *uti*, to use.

**uterus** [anat.]. L. *uterus*, cogn. with G. *δοτέρα*

**utility.** L. *utilitas*, from *utilis*, useful, from *uti*, to use.

**uti possidetis.** L., as you possess.

**utmost.** Double superl. from AS. *ūt*, out. See *-most*.

**Utopia.** Title of Sir T. More's imaginary country (1516), from G. *οὐ*, not, *τόπος*, place.

**utraquist** [hist.]. Hussite sect claiming communion in both kinds, *sub utraque specie*.

**utricle** [biol.]. L. *utriculus*, dim. of *uter*, leather bag, wine-skin.

**utter<sup>1</sup>.** Adj. AS. *uttera*, compar. from *ūt*, out.

**utter<sup>2</sup>.** Verb. ME. *uttren*, from adv. *utter*; cf. Ger. *äussern*, to utter, express, from *aus*, out.

**utterance** [archaic]. F. *outrance*, as in *combat à outrance*, from *oultre*, beyond, L. *ultra*. See *Macb* iii. i.

**uvula** [anat.]. ModL., dim. of *uva*, bunch of grapes.

**uxorious.** From L. *uxorius*, from *uxor*, wife.

**v-.** There are, apart from dial., no words in *v-* of AS. origin, exc. *vane*, *vat*, *viren*, which are southern vars. of *f-* forms.

**V.** Five. The Roman symbol for the number.

**vac.** For *vacation*. Cf. *mob*, *cit*, etc.

**vacant.** F. *vacant*, from pres. part. of L. *vacare*, to be empty, *vacuus*. Cf. *vacancy*, *vacate*, *vacation*.

**vaccine.** L. *vaccinus*, from *vacca*, cow, used (1798) by Jenner in *variolae vaccinae*, cow-pox. Hence *vaccination*.

**vaccinium** [bot.]. L., bilberry.

**vacillate.** From L. *vacillare*, to waver.  
**vacuum.** L., neut. of *vacuus*, empty  
**vade-mecum.** L., go with me.  
**vagabond.** F. *vagabond*, L. *vagabundus*,  
 from *vagari*, to wander.  
**vagary.** Orig. wandering, roaming,  
 etc. App. from L. *vagari*, to wander,  
 though the nature of the borrowing is  
 abnormal.  
**vagina** [anat.]. L., sheath.  
**vagitus** [med.]. L., cry (of new-born  
 child), from *vagire*, to wail.  
**vagrant.** ME *vagaraunt*, AF *wakerant*,  
 OF *walcrant*, *waucrant*, pres. part. of  
*walcere*, to wander, app. of Teut.  
 origin and cogn. with *walk*. Change  
 of *w-* to *v-* is due to influence of *vaga-*  
*bond*.  
**vague.** F. *vague*, L. *vagus*, wandering.  
**vail**<sup>1</sup> [archaic]. To lower, descend.  
 Aphet for obs *avale*, F. *avalier*, from  
*ad vallem*, to the valley, downhill.  
**vail**<sup>2</sup> [archaic]. Gratuity. Aphet. for  
*avail* (q.v.), in sense of profit, per-  
 quise.  
**vain.** F. *vain*, L. *vanus*, empty, vain.  
**vair** [her.]. Fur, orig. of grey and  
 white squirrel. F. *vair*, L. *varius*, of  
 divers colours. Cf. *miniver*.  
**vakeel** [Anglo-Ind.]. Agent, repre-  
 sentative. Urdu *vakil*, from Pers.  
 Arab.  
**valance.** App. a pl. form (cf. *bodice*) of  
 unrecorded \**valant*, from F *avaler*,  
 to descend (see *vail*<sup>1</sup>). Cf. F. *pentés*,  
 "valance" (Cotg.), from *pendre*, to  
 hang.  
**vale.** F. *val*, L. *vallis*.  
**valediction.** From L. *valedicere*, to say  
 farewell, *vale*, imper. of *valere*, to be  
 strong, prosper.  
**valenciennes.** Lace. From place of  
 origin (Nord).  
**valency.** From L. *valentia*, power (see  
*valid*).  
**valentine.** Orig. person of opposite  
 sex chosen as sweetheart on day of  
*St. Valentine* (Feb. 14), when birds  
 were supposed to mate.  
**valentinian** [theol.]. Of *Valentinus*,  
 Egypt. gnostic (2 cent.).  
**valerian.** F. *valériane*; cf. It. Sp.  
 MedL. *valeriana*, app. from pers.  
 name *Valerius*.  
**valet.** F. *valet*, OF *vaslet*, *varlet*, dim.  
 of *vassal* (q.v.).  
**valetudinary.** L. *valetudinarius*, sub-  
 ject to sickness, from *valetudo*, state  
 of health, from *valère*, to be well.  
**valhalla.** From ON. *valhöll*, *valhall*,  
 hall of those slain in battle. Cf. AS.

*wæl*, slaughter, bodies of slain war-  
 riors, and poet. Ger *wahlistatt*, battle-  
 field; cogn. with OHG. *wuol*, over-  
 throw, AS. *wöl*, pestilence. See also  
*valkyrie*.  
**vali.** Turk. governor. See *wali*.  
**valiant.** F. *valliant*, OF. pres. part. of  
*valour*, to be worth, L. *valère*.  
**valid.** L. *validus*, strong, from *valère*,  
 to be strong, well.  
**valise.** F. *valise*, It. *valigia*; cf. Sp.  
*balija*, MedL. *valesia*. Origin un-  
 known.  
**valkyrie** [poet.]. One of twelve war-  
 maidens hovering over battle-field and  
 conducting the fallen to valhalla.  
 ON. *valkyrja*, dead chooser, with first  
 element as in *valhalla* (q.v.), second  
 from stem of *kjósa*, to choose. Cf.  
 AS. *wælcyr*(g)e, sorceress.  
**valley.** F. *vallée*, from *val*, vale; cf.  
 It. *vallata*.  
**vallonia.** See *valonia*.  
**vallota.** Plant. From *Fallot*, F.  
 botanist (†1671).  
**vallum.** L., wall, rampart, from *vallus*,  
 stake, palisade.  
**valonia.** Acorn used in tanning. It.  
*vallonia*, ModG. *βάλανία*, from G.  
*βάλανος*, acorn.  
**valour.** F. *valeur*, worth, valour, L.  
*valor-em*, from *valère*, to be worth, etc.  
**valse.** F. form of *waltz* (q.v.).  
**value.** F. *value*, p.p. fem. of *valoir*, to  
 be worth, L. *valère*.  
**valuta** [neol.]. It., p.p. fem. of *valere*,  
 to be worth, L. *valère*.  
**valve.** L. *valva*, leaf of folding-door,  
 usu. in pl., ? cogn. with *volvere*, to roll.  
**vambrace** [hist.]. Guard for fore-arm.  
 Earlier *vauuit-brace*, F. *avant-bras*.  
 Cf. *van*<sup>1</sup>.  
**vamosé, vamoose** [US.]. Sp. *vamos*,  
 let us go, from L. *vadere*.  
**vamp**<sup>1</sup>. Of shoe. ME *vampey*, OF.  
*avanpié* (i.e. *avant pied*), part of foot-  
 gear covering front of foot. Hence  
 to *vamp*, patch (shoes), fig. to patch  
 up (literary work, a mus. accompani-  
 ment, etc.). Cf. *vambrace*, *van*<sup>1</sup>.  
**vamp**<sup>2</sup> [slang]. For *vampire*.  
**vampire.** F. *vampire*, Magyar *vampir*,  
 found also in all the Slav. langs., e.g.  
 Russ. *vampir*. Such forms as Czech  
*úpir* seem to point to Turk. *über*, witch.  
**vamplate** [hist.]. Hand-guard for tilt-  
 ing lance. From *plate*, with prefix as  
 in *vambrace* (q.v.).  
**van**<sup>1</sup>. Short for *vanguard*, F. *avant-*  
*garde*. Cf. *vambrace*, *vamp*<sup>2</sup>, *vauit-*  
*courier*.



**van<sup>2</sup>.** Vehicle. For *caravan* (q.v.). Cf. *bus*.

**van<sup>3</sup>** [*archaic & poet.*]. For *fan* (q.v.). Either a southern dial. var., or adopted from cogn. F. *van*.

**vanadium** [*chem.*]. From ON. *Vanadís*, one of the names of goddess Freyja.

**Vandal.** L. *Vandalus*; cf. AS. *Wendlas* (pl.), ON. *Vendill*, a Ger. tribe. Cf. *Goth, Hun*.

**vandyke.** To mark with deep indentations, like a collar in paintings by A. Van Dyck (†1641).

**vane.** Southern var. of obs. *fane*, AS. *fana*, flag. Com. Teut.; cf. OSax. *fano*, Ger. *fahne*, ON. *-fani* (in *gunnfani*, gonfalon), Goth. *fana*; cogn. with L. *pannus*, cloth.

**vanessa.** Butterfly. ModL.

**vang** [*naut.*]. Rope for steadying gaff. Var. of synon. *fang*, with sense of catch, or cogn. Du. *vang*.

**vanguard.** See *van<sup>1</sup>*.

**vanilla.** Sp. *vainilla*, dim. of *vaina*, pod, L. *vagina*, sheath.

**vanish.** Aphet. for obs. *evanish*, OF. *esvanir*, *esvaniss-* (Mod. *évanouir*), from VL. *\*evanescere*, for *evanescere*, from *vanus*, empty.

**vanity.** F. *vanité*, L. *vanitas*, -*tat*-, from *vanus*, empty.

**vanquish.** OF. *vainquoir*, *vainquiss-*, var. of *vaincre*, to conquer, OF. *veindre*, L. *vincere*.

**vantage.** Aphet. for *advantage* (q.v.).

**vapid.** L. *vapidus*, from *vappa*, wine that has lost its flavour; cogn. with *vapour*.

**vapour.** F. *vapeur*, L. *vapor-em*.

**vapulatory.** From L. *vapulare*, to be beaten.

**vaquero.** Sp. *vaquero*, cow-boy, from *vaca*, cow, L. *vacca*.

**Varangian** [*hist.*]. Norse rover (9-10 cent.) reaching Constantinople via Russia (see *Count Robert of Paris*). From MedL. *Varangus*, MedG. *Bápayyos*, via Slav. from ON. *Væringi*, from *\*vār*, plighted faith (only in pl. *vārar*), cogn. with Ger. *wahr*, true, L. *verus*, OIr. *fír*.

**varch.** Sea-weed. F., from E. or Scand. (*wreck*).

**variance, variant.** See *vary*.

**varicose.** L. *varicosus*, from *varix*, *varic-*, dilated vein.

**varic-**. See *varicose*.

**variegate.** From L. *variegare*, from *varius*.

**variola** [*med.*]. Smallpox. From L. *varius*. Cf. F. *varirole*, *petite vérole*, and see *vair*.

**variorum.** L., of various (commentators), for *editio cum notis variorum*.

**varlet.** Archaic F., page, var. of OF. *vaslet*, valet (q.v.).

**varnish.** F. *vernir*, *verniss-*, prob. from Teut. root which appears in E. *warn*, in sense of protect. OF. *verniss* also means weir, dike, plating of shield. Cf. *veneer*.

**varsity.** Aphet. for *university*.

**varsovienn** [*archaic*]. F. (sc. *danse*), from *Varsovie*, Warsaw.

**vary.** F. *varier*, L. *variare*, from *varius*, various. Cf. *vair*.

**vascular.** From L. *vasculum*, dim. of *vas*, vessel, vase.

**vase.** F. *vase*, L. *vas* (v.s.).

**vaseline.** Coined from Ger. *wasser*, water, G. *Élaion*, oil, and -*ine*.

**vassal.** F. *vassal*, MedL. *vassallus*, dim. of *vassus*; of Celt origin; cf. Welsh *gwas*, servant, and Gaulish -*vassus*, in names. See *valet*, *varlet*, *avasour*.

**vast.** L. *vastus*, cogn. with *waste* (cf. *devastate*).

**vat.** Southern var. of Bibl. *fat* (*Mark* xii. r). AS. *fæt*, cask. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *vat*, Ger. *fass*, ON. *fat*; cogn. with Ger. *fassen*, to hold, contain. For v- cf. *vane*, *vixen*.

**Vatican.** L. *Vaticanus* (sc. *collis*, *mons*), hill on which Papal palace stands.

**vaticinate.** From L. *vaticinari*, to prophesy, from *vates*, prophet, -*cinere* (for *canere*), to sing.

**vaudeville.** F., earlier *varu-de-vire*, light popular song such as those ascribed to Olivier Basselin (15 cent.), inhabitant of the valley of *Vire* (Calvados).

**Vaudois** [*hist.*]. See *Waldenses*.

**vault<sup>1</sup>.** Noun. OF. *voute*, *volte* (Mod. *voûte*, arched roof), VL. *\*volta* (for *voluta*), from *volvere*, to turn.

**vault<sup>2</sup>.** Verb. F. *volter*, "to vault, or tumble; also, to bound, or curvet; also, to turn, or make turn" (Cotg.), from *volte*, It. *volta*, "the turne that cunning riders teach their horses" (Flor.). Etym. as for *vault<sup>1</sup>*.

**vaunt.** Partly aphet. for obs. *avaunt*, OF. *vanter*, to put forward, from *avant*, L. *ab ante*; partly F. *vanter*, to praise, extol (whence *se vanter*, to boast), OF. also *vanter*, L. *vendicare*, "to do any thing before men to set forth him selfe and have a prayse; to vaunt, to crake, to brag" (Coop.), lit. to push one's wares, frequent. of

*vendere*, to sell. The derivation usu given, from Late L *vanitare* (Augustine), disregards the hist. of the word.

**vaunt-courier** [archaic]. F. *avant-courreur*, "a fore-runner, avant-cursor" (Cotg.).

**vavasour** [hist.]. F. *vavasour*, Merovingian L. *vassus vassorum*, vassal (q.v.) of vassals.

**vaward** [archaic]. Contr. of *vanward*, vanguard (see *van*<sup>1</sup>).

**veal**. OF. *veal* (Mod. *veau*), L. *vitellus*, dim. of *vitulus*, calf, orig. yearling, cogn. with G. *ēros*, year, and with *weither*.

**vector** [math.]. L., agent. noun from *vehere*, *vect-*, to carry.

**Veda**. One of the four sacred books of the Hindus. Sanskrit *veda*, knowledge, sacred book, cogn. with L. *vidēre*, E. *wit*. Hence *Vedic*, early Sanskrit.

**vedette, vidette** [mil.]. F. *vedette*, It. *vedetta*, "a watch towre, a prying or peeping-hole" (Flor.), from *vedere*, to see. For sense-development, with change of gender, cf. *spy*, *scout*, *sentry*, *sentinel*.

**veer**<sup>1</sup> [naut.]. To let out rope. Du. LG. *vieren*, esp. in *den schoot vieren*, "to veer the sheets" (Sewel), cogn. with OHG. *fieren*, to give direction to.

**veer**<sup>2</sup>. To turn. Orig. naut., of the wind. Altered (after *veer*<sup>1</sup>) from earlier *vire*, F. *vire* (12 cent.), "to veere, turne round, wheele or whirle about" (Cotg.); cf. It. *virare*, Sp. *virar*. Origin obscure. The same root appears in *environ* and *ferrule*. See also *wear*<sup>2</sup>.

**vega** [geog.]. Sp. *vega*, fertile plain, ? VL. *\*vica*, from *vic-em*, turn, from rotation of crops.

**vegetable**. F. *végétale* (adj.), L. *vegetabilis*, from *vegetare*, to animate, from *vegetus*, lively, from *vegēre*, to be healthy, cogn. with *vigēre*, to flourish.

**vehement**. L. *vehemens*, -ment-, explained by some as from *mens*, *ment-*, mind, with neg. prefix as in *vesanus*, insane. According to others from *vehere*, with idea of bearing onward.

**vehicle**. L. *vehiculum*, from *vehere*, to carry.

**Vehmgericht** [hist.]. Secret tribunal in Westphalia (12-16 cents.). Older form of Ger. *Femgericht*, from MHG. *verme*, *veme*, judgment, of obscure origin; perh. cogn. with Du. *veem*, guild, league. Second element is Ger. *gericht*, tribunal.

**veil**. OF. *veil* (Mod. *voile*), L. *velum*.

**vein**. F. *veine*, L. *vena*.

**vekil**. See *vakeel*.

**velar** [phon.]. Of the soft palate. L. *velaris*, from *velum*, curtain, veil.

Cf *velarium*, awning.

**veldt** [SAfr.]. Older form of Du. *veld*, field (q.v.).

**velitation** [archaic]. Skirmish. L. *velitatio-n-*, from *velites*, pl. of *velēs*, light-armed soldier.

**velleity** [archaic]. MedL. *velleritas*, coined (after *voluntas*), from *velle*, to wish, cf. F. *vellété*, weak impulse.

**vellum**. F. *velin*, from OF. *vel*, calf (see *veal*). For final -m cf. *venom*, *pilgrim*.

**velocity**. F. *vélocité*, L. *velocitas-tat-*, from *velox*, *veloc-*, swift, ? cogn. with *volare*, to fly. *Velocipede* is F. *vélocipède*, from *velox* and *pes*, *ped-*, foot.

**velour-s**. F., velvet (q.v.).

**velum**. See *velar*.

**velvet**. The -v- is a misreading of the -u- in AF *veluet*, dim. from F. *velu*, shaggy, VL. *\*villutus*, from *villus*, nap<sup>2</sup>; cf. F. *velours*, OF. *velous*, L. *villosus*.

**venal**. L. *venalis*, from *venum*, that which is for sale. Cf. *vend*.

**venatic**. L. *venaticus*, from *venari*, to hunt. Cf. *venatorial*.

**vend**. F. *vendre*, L. *vendere*, for *venum dare*.

**vendace**. Fish found in Loch Maben (Sc.). Confused, by erron. latinization of loc. *vangis*, with unrelated OF. *vendore* (Mod. *vandoise*), "a dace or dare-fish" (Cotg.).

**Vendean** [hist.]. F. *Vendéen*, esp. in ref. to the rising of *La Vendée* against the Republic (1793).

**vendetta**. It. *vendetta*, L. *vindicta*, vengeance.

**vener**. For earlier (18 cent.) *finer*, Ger. *furnieren*, as though from F. *fournir*, to furnish, but more prob. from *vernir* (see *varnish*).

**venerable**. L. *venerabilis*, from *veneri*, to worship, from *venus*, *vener-*, love (cf. *venereal*).

**venereal**. From L. *venereus*, from *venus*, *vener-* (v.s.).

**venen-**. From L. *venenum*, poison.

**venery**<sup>1</sup> [archaic]. Hunting. Archaic F. *vénérerie*, from OF. *vener*, to hunt, from L. *venari*. Cf. *venison*.

**venery**<sup>2</sup> [med.]. Sexual indulgence. From L. *venus*, *vener-*, sexual love.

**venesection** [med.]. From L. *vena*, vein, *sectio-n-*, cutting. Cf. *phlebotomy*.

**Venetian.** MedL. *Venetianus*, from *Venetia*, Venice.

**vengeance.** F. *vengeance*, from *venger*, to avenge, L. *vindicare*, from *vindex*, *vindic-*, redresser of wrongs, etc., etym. sense of which appears in *vindicate* (q.v.).

**venial.** Late L. *venialis*, from *venia*, pardon.

**venire facias** [archaic leg.]. Writ directing sheriff to summon jury. L., that thou make to come

**venison.** F. *venaison*, L. *venatio-n-*, from *venari*, to hunt.

**Venite.** L., come ye. First word of Ps. xciv.

**venom.** ME. *venim*, F. *venin*, from L. *venenum*, poison. For -m cf. *vellum*, but OF. var. *venim* (whence *venimeux*) points rather to VL. \**venimen*.

**venous.** L. *venosus*, from *vena*, vein.

**vent<sup>1</sup>.** Slit in back of coat. For earlier *fent*, F. *fente*, fissure, from *fendre*, L. *findere*, to cleave.

**vent<sup>2</sup>.** Orifice, outlet, emission. Partly from F. *vent*, wind (cf. L. *spiraculum*, vent-hole, from *spirare*, to breathe), partly from F. *venter*, exposure to air, from *eventer*, OF. *esventer*, "to puff, blow, breathe, or yield wind; also to divulge, publish, or spread abroad" (Cotg.). No doubt also associated with *vent<sup>1</sup>*, the spelling of which it has influenced. Finally, fig. sense, esp. in to find a vent, has been associated with obs. *vent*, sale, F. *vente*, which is very common (also as verb) in 16-17 cents.

**venta.** Inn. Sp. *venta*, L. *vendita*, from *vendere*, to sell.

**ventail** [hist.]. Lower part of vizor. OF. *ventaille*, from *vent*, wind, air.

**ventil** [mus.]. Organ-valve. Ger. *ventil*, L. *ventile*, shutter, from *ventus*, wind.

**ventilate.** From L. *ventilare*, to fan, winnow corn, from *ventus*, wind.

**ventral.** L. *ventralis*, from *venter*, *ventr-*, abdomen. Cf. *ventricle*, L. *ventriculus*; *ventriloquy*, from L. *ventriloquus*, "one possest with a spirit that speaks out of his belly" (Litt.).

**venture.** Aphet. for ME. *aventure*, adventure (q.v.).

**venue** [leg.]. Orig. locality in which a case is tried. Altered, perh. by association with *venire facias* (q.v.), from earlier AF. *visné*, MedL. *vicinium*, "a venue or venew" (Litt.), orig. area from which jury was summoned. For a similar disguised

ending cf. *purlieu* for *purley*, dial. *vinew*, mouldiness, for *vinny*.

**Venus.** Personification of L. *venus*, sexual love. See *venerable*, *venerated*.

**veracity.** From L. *verax*, *verac-*, truthful.

**verandah.** Hind. *varandā*, Port. *varanda*, balcony, etc., of unknown origin. For Port. words via India cf. *padre*, *tank*.

**veratr-** [chem.]. From L. *veratrum*, hellebore

**verb.** F. *verbe*, L. *verbum*, word, verb, ult. cogn. with *word*.

**verbena.** L., cogn with *verber*, rod. Cf. F. *verveine*, whence E. *vervain*.

**verbiage.** F., from OF. *verbier*, to speak.

**verbose.** L. *verbosus*, from *verbum*, word.

**verbum sap.** For L. *verbum sapienti satus est*, a word to the wise is sufficient.

**verdant.** After F. *verdoyant*, pres. part. of *verdoyer*, to grow green, from OF. *verd* (Mod. *vert*), L. *viridis*. Or simply suggested by much earlier *verdure*, from F. Cf. *verd antique*, ornamental marble, It. *verde antico*, antique green.

**verderer** [hist.]. Royal forester. Extended (cf. *poultier*) from AF. *verder*, OF. *verdier*, from *verd*, green (v.s.), with allusion to *vert* (q.v.) and *venison*.

**verdict.** AF. *verdit*, OF. *veir dit*, *voir dit*, true word. Hence MedL. *ver(e)-dictum*, to which mod. form has been assimilated.

**verdigris.** OF. *vert de Grece*, Greek green, later *verd-de-gris* (Mod. *vert-de-gris*), "verdigrise, a Spanish green" (Cotg.). Cf. MedL. *viride grecum*. The reason for the name is unknown.

**verditer.** Pigment. OF. *verd de tere* (= *vert de terre*), earth green.

**verdure.** F. *verdure*, from OF. *verd* (Mod. *vert*), green, L. *viridis*.

**verecund.** L. *verecundus*, from *vereri*, to revere.

**verein** [pol.]. Union. Ger., see *zollverein*.

**verge<sup>1</sup>.** Noun. Orig. wand, rod, esp. of office. F. *verge*, L. *virga*. Hence *verger*, mace-bearer. From the *verge*, or staff of office of the Royal Steward, came the expression *within the verge*, AF. *dedeinz la verge*, AL. *infra virgam*, i.e. subject to the Steward's authority. Hence gen. sense of boundary, edge, rim, and finally brink, in to be on the *verge* (of).

**verge**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. L. *vergere*, to turn (cf. *diverge*, *converge*), but much influenced by *verge*<sup>1</sup>, esp. in to *verge on*, i.e. border on.

**verger**. See *verge*<sup>1</sup>.

**veridical**. From L. *veridicus*, from *verum*, truth, *dicere*, to say.

**verify**. F. *vérifier*, MedL. *verificare*, from *verus*, true, *facere*, to make.

**verisimilitude**. L. *verisimilitudo*, from *verisimilis*, likely to be true.

**verity**. F. *vérité*, L. *veritas*, -*tat*-, from *verus*, true. See *very*.

**verjuice**. F. *verjus*, earlier *vert jus*, green juice.

**vermeil**. See *vermilion*.

**vermicelli**. It., pl of *vermicello*, dim. of *verme*, worm, L. *vermis*.

**vermicular**. MedL. *vermicularis*, from *vermiculus*, dim. of *vermis* (v.s.).

**vermiform**. MedL. *vermiformis*, worm-shaped. Cf. *vermicide*, *vermifuge*.

**vermilion**. F. *vermilion*, from *vermeil*, L. *vermiculus*, dim. of *vermis*, worm, applied to the cochineal insect. *Vermeil* is occ. used in E in its secondary sense of silver-gilt.

**vermin**. F. *vermine*, collect. from OF. *verm* (Mod. *ver*), worm, L. *vermis*.

**vermouth**. F. *vermouth*, Ger. *wormuth*, wormwood (q.v.).

**vernacular**. From L. *vernaculus*, domestic, indigenous, from *verna*, bond servant.

**vernal**. L. *vernalis*, from *vernus*, from *ver*, spring, cogn with G. *ēap*.

**vernicle** [antq.]. OF. *vernicle*, var. of *veronique*, portrait of the Saviour imprinted on the handkerchief of St *Veronica*.

**vernier**. Instrument invented by F. mathematician *Vernier* (†1637).

**veronal**. Drug. Fancy Ger. name from L. *ver*, spring.

**veronica**. Flower. From St *Veronica* (see *vernicle*). The name of the Saint may have sprung from the legend and represent L. *verum*, true, combined with G. *εἰκών*, image, likeness.

**verrucose**. L. *verrucosus*, from *verruca*, wart.

**versant** [geog.]. Slope. F. *versant*, from *verser*, L. *versare*, frequent. of *vertere*, to turn.

**versatile**. L. *versatilis*, from *versare* (v.s.).

**verse**. AS. *fers*, L. *versus*, metric line, lit. turning (to the next line), from *vertere*, to turn. Reinforced by F. *vers*.

**versed**<sup>1</sup>. Practised. Adapted from F.

*versé* or L. *versatus*, p.p. of *versari*, to busy oneself, frequent. of *vertere*, to turn. Cf. *conversant*.

**versed**<sup>2</sup> [math.]. In *versed sine*. Adapted from L. *versus*, turned

**versicoloured**. From L. *versicolor*, changing colour (v.s.).

**version**. L. *versio*-n-, from *vertere*, *vers*-, to turn.

**vers libre** [metr.]. F., free verse.

**verso**. L. (sc. *folio*), abl. of *versum folium*, turned leaf.

**verst**. Russ. *vesta*, orig. series, row.

**versus**. L., towards, against, from *vertere*, *vers*-, to turn.

**vert**. F., green. Chiefly in *vert* and *vermion*, where *vert* means green vegetation such as serves as cover to deer. Cf. *verderer*.

**'vert**. Nickname (*convert* regarded as *pervert*) for seceder from the Church of England to Rome.

**vertebra**. L., from *vertere*, to turn.

**vertex**. L., whirlpool, vortex; hence, pole of the sky, summit of anything; from *vertere*, to turn. Hence *vertical*.

**vertigo**. L., from *vertere*, to turn.

**vervain**. See *verbena*.

**verve**. F., with sense in OF. of whim, caprice. Origin unknown.

**very**. ME. *verray*, true, real, OF. *verai* (Mod. *vrai*), ? VL. \**veracius*, for *verax*, *verac*-, from *verus*, true, ? or VL. \**veraius*, from *aro*, I say (cf. *veridicus*). L. *verus* is cogn. with AS. *wār*, Du. *waar*, Ger. *wahr*, OIr. *fír*.

**Véry light**. From F. inventor's name.

**vesica**. L., bladder. Cf. dim. *vesicle*.

**vesper**. L., evening star, cogn. with G. *έσπερος*, *Hesperus*.

**vespine**. Of the wasp, L. *vespa*.

**vessel**. Represents both OF. *vaisseil* (Mod. *vaisseau*), ship, L. *vascellum*, dim. of *vasculum*, dim. of *vas*, vase, etc., and F. *vasselle* (collect.), pots and pans, plate, L. *vascella*, neut. pl. taken as fem. sing.

**vest**. First as verb. OF. *vestir* (Mod. *vêtir*), L. *vestire*, from *vestis*, garment, cogn. with G. *έσθής*, Sanskrit *vastra*.

**Vesta**. Roman goddess of the hearth and home, corresponding to G. *Εστία*, personification of *εστία*, hearth, household. Hence *Vestal*, orig. one of the *virgines Vestales* in charge of the sacred fire in the temple of *Vesta*.

**vestiary**. L. *vestiarius*, wardrobe, neut. of *vestiarius*, from *vestis*, garment.

**vestibule**. L. *vestibulum*, porch, entry.

**vestige**. F. *vestige*, L. *vestigium*, footprint.

**vestment.** OF. *vestment* (Mod. *vêtement*), L. *vestimentum*, from *vestire*, to clothe.

**vestry.** OF. *vestiarie*, *vestiary* (q.v.).

**vesture.** OF., from *vestur* (Mod. *vêtr*), to clothe (v.s.).

**vesuvian.** Eruptive match. Trade-name, from Mount Vesuvius.

**vet.** For *vet(ernary) surgeon*.

**vetch.** ONF. *veche* (F. *vesce*), L. *vicia*. Var. *filch* (Is. xxviii. 25) is still in dial. use.

**veteran.** L. *veteranus*, from *vetus*, *veter-*, old.

**veterinary.** L. *veterinarius*, from *veterina* (*animalia*), beasts of burden, orig. beasts of a certain age (v.s.).

**veto.** L., I forbid.

**vettura.** It. *vettura*, carriage, L. *vectura*, from *vehere*, *vect-*, to carry.

**vex.** F. *vexer*, L. *vexare*, to shake, agitate, from \**vexus*, from *vehere*, to carry along.

**vexillum** [hist.]. L., military flag, cogn. with *vehere*, to carry.

**via.** L., by way (of).

**viaduct.** Coined from L. *via*, way (after *aqueduct*).

**vial.** Var. of *phial* (q.v.). Esp. in *vials of wrath* (Rev. xvi. 1).

**viand.** F. *viande*, VL. \**vivanda*, for *vivenda*, from *vivere*, to live, one -v- being lost by dissim., and neut. pl. taken as fem. sing.; cf. It. *vivanda*, Sp. *vianda*. See also *vivandière*.

**viaticum.** L., travelling money, provision for journey, from *via*, way.

**vibrate.** From L. *vibrare*, to shake, brandish.

**viburnum.** L., wayfaring tree.

**vicar.** F. *vicaire*, L. *vicarius*, substitute, from *vic-em*, turn. Cf. *vicarious*.

**vice<sup>1</sup>.** Fault. F. *vice*, L. *vitium*. Hence *vicious*, *vitiate*.

**vice<sup>2</sup>.** Implement. F. *vis*, screw, L. *vis*, vine, with ref. to spiral tendrils.

**vice<sup>3</sup>.** Short for *vice*-(*chairman*, etc.).

**vice<sup>4</sup>.** L. *vice*, in place of, abl. of *vicem* (not found in nom.), orig. used in L. with following genitive. Many E. compds. were orig. in *vis-* (from OF.), this form of the prefix surviving only in *viscount*. Compds. of which the simplex does not exist alone in E. are *vicegerent*, from pres. part. of L. *gerere*, to direct, and *viceroy*, from OF. *roy* (Mod. *roi*), king. For gen. sense of prefix cf. *vicar*.

**vicennial.** From L. *vicennium*, twenty

years, from *vicies*, twenty times, and *annus*.

**vicesimal.** See *vigesimal*.

**vice versa.** L., position turned (abl. absolute). See *vice-*.

**vichy.** Mineral water from Vichy (Allier).

**vicinity.** L. *vicinitas*, from *vicinus*, neighbour, from *vicus*, village (see *wick<sup>2</sup>*).

**vicious.** F. *vicieux*, L. *vitiosus*, from *vitium*, *vice<sup>1</sup>*.

**vicissitude.** F. *vicissitude*, L. *vicissitudo*, from *vicissim*, in turns (see *vice-*).

**victim.** L. *victima*, sacrificial beast, ult. cogn. with Ger. *weißen*, to consecrate.

**victor.** L. *victor*, from *vincere*, *vict-*, to conquer, cogn. with AS. *wīg*, battle. Cf. *victory*, F. *victoire*, L. *victoria*.

**victoria.** Used of various objects (vehicle, plum, fabric) named after Queen Victoria (1837-1901). The Victoria Cross was instituted Jan. 29, 1856.

**victorine.** Fur tippet. ? From F. female name.

**victual(s).** L. *victualia*, neut. pl., from *victus*, food, from *vivere*, *vict-*, to live.

**vicuna.** Sp. *vicuña*, from Peruv. name.

**vidame** [hist.]. F. *vidame*, OF. *visdame*, MedL. *vice-dominus*.

**vide.** L., see. Also v.; cf. *v.s.*, *vide supra*, *v.i.*, *vide infra*.

**videlicet.** L., from *vidēre*, to see, *licet*, it is allowed.

**vidette.** See *vedette*.

**vidimus.** L., we have seen, used to authenticate document.

**vidual** [archaic]. L. *vidualis*, of a widow, *vidua*.

**vie.** Aphet. from OF. *envier* (au jeu), "to vie" (Cotg.), orig. as gaming term, to challenge; cf. F. *à l'envi*, in emulation. OF. *envier*, to challenge, L. *invitare*, is distinct from *envier*, to envy (q.v.). For loss of *en-* cf. *gin<sup>1</sup>*.

**vienne** [archaic]. OF., as *viol*, fiddle (q.v.).

**view.** F. *vue*, p.p. fem. of *voir*, to see, L. *vidēre*.

**vigesimal.** From L. *vigesimus*, var. of *vicesimus*, twentieth.

**vigia** [naut.]. Danger-mark on chart. Sp. Port. *vigia*, look-out, L. *vigilia*.

**vigil.** F. *vigile*, eve of feast-day, L. *vigilia*, watchfulness, from *vigil*, alert, cogn. with *vigēre*, to be vigorous.

**vignette.** F., lit. little vine (q.v.), orig. used of decorative border design on blank page of book.

**vigogne.** F., as *vicuna* (q.v.).  
**vigour.** F. *vigueur*, L. *vigor-em*, from *vigere*, to flourish.  
**viking.** ON. *vikingr*, AS. *wicing*, from AS. *wic*, camp (see *wick*<sup>2</sup>), the formation of temporary encampments being a prominent feature of viking raids.  
**vilayet.** Turk. province ruled by a *vah*, *wali* (q.v.).  
**vile.** F. *vil*, L. *vilis*, vile, of little price. Cf. archaic *vilipend*, Late L. *vilipendere*, to esteem at a low price, from *pendere*, to weigh.  
**vill** [hist.]. AF. name for territorial unit corresponding to AS. tithing. F. *ville* (v.i.).  
**villa.** L., manor, country house, ? cogn. with *vicus*, settlement, *wick*<sup>2</sup>. For sense-development of F. *ville* cf. that of E. *town*. Current E. sense of *villa* is via It.  
**village.** F. *village*, L. *villaticum*, neut. of *villaticus*, of a villa (v.s.).  
**villain, villein.** OF. *vilain*, peasant, churl (whence ModF. *vilain*, low, ugly), orig. serf attached to a *ville* or manor (see *villa*). AF. *villein* is used by historians in orig. sense; cf. *villeinage*, serfdom.  
**villanelle** [metr.]. F. *villanelle*, It. *villanella*, "a ballad, such as country milke-maids sing" (Flor.), fem. of *villanello*, rustic (v.s.).  
**villeggiatura.** It., from *villeggiare*, to live in a country villa.  
**villean.** See *villain*.  
**villosity** [biol.]. From L. *villosus*, from *villos*, shaggy hair.  
**vim.** Orig. US. ? Acc. of L. *vis*, strength.  
**vimineous** [bot.]. From L. *vimen*, *vimin-*, osier.  
**vinaceous.** From L. *vinaceus*, from *vinum*, wine.  
**vinaigrette.** F., from *vinagre*, (aromatic) vinegar (q.v.).  
**Vincentian.** (1) Of St Vincent de Paul (†1660), (2) of St Vincent of Lerins (†450).  
**vincible.** See *invincible*.  
**vinculum.** L., from *vincere*, to bind.  
**vindicate.** From L. *vindicare*, from *vim*, acc. of *vis*, force, *dicere*, to say. Cf. *vindicative*, earlier *vindicative*, F. *vindicatif*.  
**vine.** F. *vigne*, L. *vinea*, vineyard, vine, from *vinum*, wine (q.v.).  
**vinegar.** F. *vinaigre*, sour wine (see *eager*).  
**vingt-et-un.** F., twenty-one.  
**vinous.** F. *vineux*, L. *vinosus*, from *vinum*, wine.

**vintage.** Earlier *vendage*, F. *vendange*, L. *vindemia*, from *vinum*, wine, *demere*, to remove, from *de* and *emere*, to take.  
**vintner.** Altered from earlier *vinter*, OF. *vinetier*, from L. *vinum*, wine. Hence *Vintry*, part of the City.  
**viol.** F. *viols*, OF. *vielle*; cf. Prov. *viula*, It. Sp. *viola*, all from a root *vid-*, which appears in MedL. *vidula*, *vitula*, and in *fiddle* (q.v.). ? Ult. from L. *fides*, (lute-)string. *Violin* is It. dim. *violino*, and *violoncello* is It. dim. of augment. *violone*, "a great violi or viole de gamba" (Flor.). The *viola da gamba* is held between the legs (see *gambut*).  
**viola**<sup>1</sup>. Flower. L., violet (q.v.).  
**viola**<sup>2</sup>. Instrument. It., viol (q.v.).  
**violate.** From L. *violare*, from *vis*, vi-, force. Cf. *violence*, *violent*.  
**violet.** F. *violette*, dim. of OF. *virole*, L. *viola*, cogn. with G. *io*v (see *iodine*).  
**violin.** See *viol*.  
**violoncello.** See *viol*.  
**viper.** L. *vipera*, ? cogn. with *vibrate*.  
**virago.** L., a manly woman, from *vir*, man.  
**vielay** [metr.]. F. *vielai*, altered (on *lai*, *lay*<sup>2</sup>), from OF. *vielt*, prob. meaningless jingle as refrain of dancing song.  
**virescent.** From pres. part. of L. *virere*, to become green, *viridis*.  
**virgate** [hist.]. MedL. *virgata*, from *virga*, (measuring) rod.  
**virgin.** OF. *virgine*, *virgne*, L. *virginem*, acc. of *virgo* (whence F. *vierge*). The connection of archaic *virginals*, musical instrument, with this word is unexplained.  
**virginia.** Tobacco from *Virginia*, named after Elizabeth, the *Virgin Queen*. Cf. *virginia creeper*.  
**viridescent.** From pres. part. of L. *viridescere*, to become green, *viridis*.  
**virile.** L. *virilis*, from *vir*, man. See *werwolf*.  
**virtu.** It. *virtù*, virtue, in spec. sense of knowledge of, and love for, art.  
**virtue.** F. *vertu*, L. *virtus*, *virtut-*, virtue, excellence, etc., from *vir*, man.  
**virtuoso.** It., in spec. sense of skilled, learned. See *virtu*.  
**virulent.** L. *virulentus*, from *virus*, poison.  
**vis.** L., strength.  
**visa.** L., p.p. fem. of *videre*, to see. Cf. *visé*.  
**visage.** F. *visage*, from OF. *vis*, face (still in *vis-à-vis*), L. *visus*, from *videre*, to see.

**visard.** See *visor*.

**vis-à-vis.** F., face to face. See *visage*.  
**viscacha.** S.Amer. rodent. Sp., from Peruv.

**viscera.** L., pl. of *viscus*, internal organ.

**viscount.** AF. *viscounte*, OF. *visconte* (Mod. *viconte*), from *vice-* (q.v.) and *count*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.).

**viscous.** L. *viscosus*, from *viscum*, mistletoe, birdlime, cogn. with G. *İşós*, mistletoe.

**visé.** F. *visé*, p.p. of *viser*, to inspect, VL. \**visare*, from *videre*, *vis-*, to see.

**Vishnuism.** Worship of *Vishnu*, second of the triad of Hindi deities, Sanskrit *Vishnu*, lit. worker, from *vish*, to be active.

**visible.** F. *visible*, L. *visibilis*, from *videre*, *vis-*, to see. Cf. *vision*, L. *visio-n-*.

**Visigoth** [hist.]. Late L. *Visigothus*, Late G. *Θούριγος*, with first element prob. meaning west; cf. *Ostrogoth*.

**vision.** See *visible*.

**visit.** F. *visiter*, to inspect, search, etc., L. *visitare*, frequent. of *visere*, from *videre*, *vis-*, to see.

**visne** [hist.]. See *venue*.

**visor, vizor, vizard.** AF. *viser*, F. *visière*, from *vis*, face, *visage* (q.v.).

**vista.** It. *vista*, sight, view, from L. *videre*, *vis-*, to see.

**visual.** Late L. *visualis*, from *videre*, *vis-*, to see.

**vital.** L. *vitalis*, from *vita*, life.

**vitamine** [neol.]. From L. *vita*, life, and chem. *amine* (from *ammonia*).

**vitell-** [chem.]. From L. *vitellus*, yolk of egg, lit. little calf, *vitulus*.

**vitiate.** From L. *vitare*, from *vitium*, vice<sup>1</sup>.

**viti-**. From L. *vitis*, vine.

**vitreous.** From L. *vitreus*, from *vitrum*, glass.

**vitriol.** MedL. *vitriolum*, from glassy appearance (v.s.).

**Vitruvian** [arch.]. Of *Vitruvius*, Roman architect (1 cent.).

**vitta** [biol.]. L., fillet, strip.

**vituline.** L. *vitulinus*, of the calf, *vitulus*. See *veal*.

**vituperate.** From L. *vituperare*, to censure, from *vitium*, fault, *parare*, to make ready.

**Vitus.** A Slav. divinity *Svanto-Viđ*, worshipped by the Baltic Slavs (Rügen) with epileptic dances, was transformed by early Christian missionaries into *Sanctus Vitus*, whence a popular

baptismal name (Ger. *Vert*, It. *Guido*, F. *Guy*).

**viva**<sup>1</sup>. It., pres. subj. of *vivere*, to live. Cf. *vival*.

**viva**<sup>2</sup>. Short for *viva-voce*.

**vivacious.** From L. *vivax*, *vivac-*, from *vivere*, to live.

**vivandière.** Fem. of OF. *vivandier*, purveyor, from Late L. *vivenda*, provisions. See *vivand*.

**vivarium.** L., from *vivere*, to live.

**vivat.** L., pres. subj. of *vivere*, to live. Cf. *qui-vive*.

**viva-voce.** L., with living voice.

**viverr-.** From L. *viverra*, ferret.

**vivid.** L. *vividus*, from *vivere*, to live Cf. *vivify*, F. *vivifier*; *viviparous* (see *-parous*); *vivisection* (see *section*).

**vixen.** AS. \**fyxen*, fem. of *fox*, with solitary E. survival of Teut. fem. suffix cogn. with *-in-* of L. *regina*. Init. *v-* (cf. *vane*, *vat*) is west country.

**viz.** For *videlicet* (q.v.). Earlier *vide*, the *z* being orig. not a letter, but a twirl indicating abbrev.

**vizard.** Var. of *visor*, with excrescent *-d* as in "scholar<sup>d</sup>."

**vizier.** Turk *vezir*, Arab. *wazīr* (see *al-quazil*), from *wazara*, to bear burdens.

**vizor.** See *visor*.

**vley, vly** [SAfr.]. Depression, swamp. Contr. of Du. *valler*, valley.

**vocable.** L. *vocabulum*, cogn. with *vox*, *voc-*, voice. With *vocabulary*, Late L. *vocabularium*, cf. *dictionary*.

**vocal.** L. *vocalis*, from *vox*, *voc-*, voice.

**vocation.** L. *vocatio-n-*, from *vocare*, to call. Cf. *vocative*, L. *vocativus* (sc. *casus*), calling case.

**vociferate.** From L. *vociferare*, from *vox*, *voc-*, voice, *ferre*, to bear.

**vodka.** Russ. *vodka*, brandy, dim. of *voda*, water (q.v.). Cf. hist. of *whisky*<sup>1</sup>.

**voe** [Shelland]. Inlet. Norw. *vaag*, ON. *vāgr*, creek; cogn. with *vogue*.

**vogue.** F. *vogue*, from *voguer*, "to saile forth, or forward" (Cotg.), It. *vogare*, "to rowe in a gallie or any bote" (Flor.), from Ger. *woge*, wave, OHG. *wāc*, cogn. with AS. *wæg*. Orig. sense in *vogue la galère*!

**voice.** OF. *vois* (Mod. *voix*), L. *vox*, *voc-*.

**void.** OF. *voit*, *vuit* (Mod. *vide*), obscurely derived from L. *viduus*, empty.

**voivode.** Ruler, official (Poland and Balkans). Russ. *voyevoda*, with first element cogn. with Russ. *vojna*, war, Serb. *vojsko*, army, second from Russ. *voditi*, to lead.

- volage.** F., from *voler*, to fly (v.i.).
- volant.** F. *volant*, pres. part. of *voler*, to fly, L. *volare*.
- volapük.** Artificial lang. invented (1879) by Schleyer. Supposed to mean, in volapük, world-speech.
- volar** [*anat.*]. From L. *vola*, palm of the hand, sole of the foot.
- volatile.** L. *volatilis*, from *volare*, to fly.
- vol-au-vent.** F., for *vole au vent*, fly in the wind.
- volcano.** It. *volcano*, L. *Vulcanus*, Vulcan, whose forge was supposed to be below Etna.
- vole**<sup>1</sup>. At cards. F. *vole*, ? L. *vola*, hollow of the hand, ? or from *voler*, to fly.
- vole**<sup>2</sup>. Field-mouse. Short for *vole-mouse*, from Norw. Dan. *vold*, field, plain, ON. *vollr*, cogn. with E. *weald*, *wold*.
- volet** [*arch.*]. F. *volet*, shutter, from *voler*, to fly, L. *volare*.
- volitant** [*biol.*]. From L. *volitare*, frequent. of *volare*, to fly.
- volition.** MedL. *volitio-n-*, from *volo*, I wish.
- volslied.** Ger., from *volk*, people, *lied*, song.
- volksraad** [*hist.*]. Parliament of former SAfr. republics. Du, council of the people (v.s.) *Raad* is cogn. with Ger. *rat*, counsel, E. *rede*, *read*, etc.
- volley.** F. *volée*, from *voler*, to fly, L. *volare*. Orig a term at tennis.
- volplane** [*aeron.*]. For F. *vol plané*, from *vol*, flight, and p.p. of *planer*, to glide.
- Volstead Act.** From name of father of US. Prohibition Act (1919).
- volt.** Unit of electromotive power. From *Volta*, It. physicist (†1827), whence also *voltage*, *voltarc*.
- volte** [*fenc.* & *equit.*]. F. *volte* (see *vault*)<sup>2</sup>.
- volte-face.** F. *volte-face*, It. *volta faccia*, turn face. See *vault*<sup>2</sup>.
- voltigeur** [*hist.*]. F. *voltigeur*, orig. member of light company, "light bob," from *voltiger*, It. *volteggiare*, to leap, etc. See *vault*<sup>2</sup>.
- voluble.** L. *volubilis*, from *volvere*, *volu-t-*, to turn, roll.
- volume.** F. *volume*, L. *volumen*, from *volvere*, to roll, the earliest volumes being in roll form.
- voluntary.** F. *volontaire*, L. *voluntarius*, from *voluntas*, wish, from *volo*, I wish, cogn. with *will*. *Volunteer* (F. *volontaire*) has been influenced by other mil. words in *-ier*, *-eer* (*grenadier*, *carbineer*, etc.).
- voluptuous.** F. *voluptueux*, L. *volup-*

- tuosus*, from *voluptas*, pleasure, cogn. with *volo*, I wish.
- volute.** F. *volute*, It. *voluta*, L. *voluta*, from *volvere*, *volut-*, to roll.
- vomit.** From L. *vomere*, *vomit-*, cogn. with G. *ἐμεῖν*, to vomit (cf. *emetic*). Hence *vomitory*, exit of Roman amphitheatre.
- voodoo.** Wind. witchcraft. Said to be WAfr. (Dahomey) *vodou*.
- voortrekker** [*hist.*]. Early Du. settler in SAfr., pioneer. From Du. *voor*, force, *trekken*, to journey, trek.
- voracious.** From L. *vorax*, *vorac-*, from *vorare*, to swallow up, devour.
- vorous.** From L. *-vorus*, from *vorare* (v.s.). Cf. *-phagous*.
- vortex.** L., var. of *vertex*, from *vertere*, to turn. Hence *vorticism*.
- vote.** L. *totum*, from *vouëre*, *vot-*, to vow. Cf. *votary*, *votaress*, *votive offering*.
- vouch.** OF. *vochner*, ? L. *vocare*; also apht. for *avouch* (q.v.). Hence *vouch-safe*, to declare safe, orig. in two words. *Voucher* is AF. infin.
- voussoir** [*arch.*]. F. *voussoir*, OF. *vol-soir*, from VL. *\*volsus*, for *volutus*, from *volvere*, to roll.
- vow.** OF. *vou* (Mod. *vœu*), L. *totum*, from *vouëre*, *vot-*, to vow. Often apht. for earlier *avow* (q.v.).
- vowel.** OF. *vouele* (Mod. *voyelle*), L. *vocalis* (sc. *littera*), from *vox*, *voc-*, voice.
- vox humana** [*mus.*]. L., human voice.
- vox populi.** L., voice of the people.
- voyage.** F. *voyage*, L. *viaticum*, orig. provision for journey, from *viare*, to travel, from *via*, way; cf. It. *viaggio*, Sp. *viaje*.
- vräsemblance.** F., true seeming, verisimilitude. See *very*, *semblance*.
- vrow, vrouw.** Du. *vrouw*, woman. See *frau*.
- vulcanize.** From *Vulcan*, with allusion to sulphur employed in process (see *volcano*). Cf. *vulcanite*.
- vulgar.** L. *vulgaris*, from *vulgus*, the common people. Orig. sense in *vulgar fraction*, *tongue*.
- Vulgate.** L. version of Bible prepared by Jerome (4 cent.). For *editio vulgata*, from *vulgare*, to publish, make common (v.s.).
- vulgus** [*school slang*]. L. or G. verse exercise (Tom Brown's *Schooldays*, ii. 3). For earlier *vulgars* (16 cent.), sentences in *vulgar tongue* for transl. into L.
- vulnerable.** Late L. *vulnerabilis*, from *vulnerare*, to wound, from *vulnus*, *vulner-*, wound.



**vulpine.** L. *vulpinus*, of the fox, *vulpes*, cogn. with G. ὄλπηγς.

**vulture.** L. *vultur*, cogn. with *vellere*, to tear.

**volvula** [anat.]. L., integument, cogn. with *volvare*, to turn.

**w-.** Exc. for a few exotics (*wapiti*, *wombat*, etc.) all words in *w-* are of AS. or kindred Teut. origin. In a few cases, where the immediate source is the N.E. dials. of OF. (*wage*, *warrant*), they answer to F. words in *g-* (*gage*, *guarantee*), of Teut. origin.

**Waac** [hist.]. Acrostic for *Women's Auxiliary Army Corps*.

**wabble.** See *wobble*.

**wacke** [geol.]. Ger. *wacke*, OHG. *waggo*, flint.

**wad.** Cf. synonym. Ger. *watte* (from Du.), Norw. Dan. *vat*, F. *ouate*, It. *ovata*, all chiefly in sense of cotton-wool. Ult. source unknown.

**waddle.** Frequent. of *wade*.

**waddy.** Austral. war-club. ? Native name, or corrupt. of E. *wood*.

**wade.** AS. *wadan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *waden*, Ger. *waten*, ON. *vatha*; cogn. with L. *vadere*, to go (cf. *vadum*, ford).

**wadi** [geog.]. Arab. *wādī*, water-course, whence Sp. river-names *Guadiana*, *Guadalquivir*.

**wafer.** ONF. *waufre* (F. *gaufre*), LG or Du. *wafel* (whence US. *waffle*, kind of pancake); cogn. with Ger. *wabe*, honeycomb, which is ult. cogn. with *weave*. Orig. small flat cake with honeycomb pattern, as still F. *gaufre*. See *goffer*.

**Waff** [hist.]. Acrostic for *West African Frontier Force*.

**waffle** [US.]. See *wafer*.

**waft.** Orig. in obs. naut. sense of conveying ships. App. this sense passed into that of signalling to convoy, indicating direction, etc., in which there was prob. confusion with *wave*<sup>1</sup>, which had a var. *waff*. App. from archaic Du. or LG. *wakten*, to watch, guard, etc. (see *watch*, *wait*). For pronunc. cf. *laughter*.

**wag.** Cf. Sw. *vagga*, to rock, ON. *vagge*, cradle; cogn. with AS. *wagian* (whence ME. *wawen*), OHG. *wagōn*, whence Ger. frequent. *wackeln*, "to wag, wobble, totter, rock, reel or move" (Ludw.); ult. cogn. with *weigh*. *Wag*, jester, orig. rascal, is short for *waghalter*.

**wage.** Noun. ONF. *wage* (F. *gage*),

from Goth. *wadi*, pledge, whence MedL. *vadum*; cogn. with *wed*. Hence verb to *wage* (war), orig. to declare war, with which cf. *gage* of *battle*.

**wager.** ONF. *wageure* (F. *gageure*). See *wage*.

**waggle.** Frequent. of *wag*; cf. Ger. *wackeln*.

**waggon.** Du. *wagen*, carriage, cogn. with *wain* (q.v.).

**Wahabi.** Follower of *Abd-el-Wahhab*, Mohammedan reformer (18 cent.).

**waif.** ONF. *waif*, for OF. *gaif*, L. *vacuus*, unowned, lit. empty.

**wail.** ON. *væla*, orig. to cry *woe*, ON. *væ*, *vei*.

**wain** [Archaic]. AS. *wægn* Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *wagen*, ON. *vagn*; ult. cogn. with *way*, with L. *vehere*, to convey, carry, G. ὄχος, vehicle, Sanskrit *vah*, to transport.

**wainscot.** LG. *wagenschot* (14 cent.), of which second element means board, while the first may be ident. with *wain*, *waggon*, the orig. sense of the compd. being lost.

**waist.** ME. *wasie*, from *waxen*, to grow, the waist being orig. regarded as the region of greatest circumference, as the *waist* of a ship still is.

**wait.** ONF. *wartier* (OF. *gaitier*, whence F. *guetier*, to lurk, lie in wait), OHG. *wahlēn*, to stand on guard; cogn. with *wake*<sup>1</sup> and *watch*. Orig. sense appears in *wait*, Christmas minstrel, orig. watchman.

**waive.** ONF. *waiver* (OF. *gaiver*), to renounce, esp. to hand over to the lord of the manor, L. *vacuare* (see *waif*).

**wake**<sup>1</sup>. Verb. AS. *wacian* (strong intrans.), *weccan* (weak trans.). Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *waken*, *wekken*, Ger. *wachen*, *wekken*, ON. *vaka*, *vekja*, Goth. *wakan*, *wakjan*; cogn. with *watch* and with L. *vigil*. *Waken* is AS. *wæcnian*, orig. intrans. AS. *wacu*, *wæcce*, watching (in *nihtwacu*), survives as *wake* in dial. sense of jollification and with spec. Ir. sense of funeral feast.

**wake**<sup>2</sup>. Of ship. Du. *wak*, of Scand. origin; cf. Norw. *vaage*, Sw. *vak*, opening in ice, ON. *vök*.

**waken.** See *wake*<sup>1</sup>.

**Waldenses** [hist.]. Followers of *Peter Waldo*, or *Valdo*, of Lyon (c. 1170). Hence F. *Vaudois*.

**waldhorn** [mus.]. Ger., wood-horn, hunting-horn.

**wale, weal.** AS. *walu*, stripe, ridge caused by lash, orig. rod; cf. ON. *völur*, rod, Goth. *walus*, staff. Cf. naut. *wale*, side-timber of ship, now chiefly in compds. *gunwale*, *channel*<sup>2</sup>. US. to *whale*, thrash, is a wrong spelling.

**waler** [*Anglo-Ind.*]. Horse imported from New South Wales.

**wali, vali.** Arab. *wāh*, governor; cf. *vilayet*.

**walk.** AS. *wealcan*, to roll. In ME. also to full (tread) cloth, whence name *Walker*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *walken*, to full, ON. *valka*, to stamp, wallow; ? cogn. with L. *valgus*, bandy-legged.

**walker** [*slang*]. Also *hooky walker*, implying derisive incredulity. The reason for the choice of the name is unknown. Cf. *juggins*, *luskington*, etc.

**wall.** AS. *weall*, wall, rampart, L. *vallum*. WGer. loan-word; cf. Du. *wal*, Ger. *wall*, rampart.

**wallaby.** Small kangaroo. Austral. native name, ? = jumper.

**Wallach.** See *Welsh*.

**wallah** [*Anglo-Ind.*]. Hind. *-wālā*, an agent. suffix, doer.

**wallaroo.** Kind of kangaroo. Austral. native name.

**wallet.** App. ident. with *wattle*<sup>2</sup> (q.v.), as *waleit*, *watel* occur as var. MS. readings in *Piers Plowm.* (C. xi. 269). Shaks. (*Temp.* iii. 3) uses "wallets of flesh" of the Alpine goitre, app. likened to the "wattles" of a turkey.

**wall-eyed.** ME. *wald-eyed*, ON. *vald-eygthr*, ? for *vagl-*, beam, disease of eye.

**Walloon.** F. *Wallon*, people and Rom. lang. of part of Belgium and N.E. France. See *Welsh*.

**wallop** [*slang*]. To thrash, in ME. to gallop, also to boil furiously. Ident. with *gallop* (q.v.), with some senses developed by phonetic fitness.

**wallow.** AS. *wealwian*, to roll; cogn. with Goth. *walwjan*, and L. *volvare*.

**walnut.** First element is AS. *wealh*, foreign (see *Welsh*); cf. Du. *walnoot*, Ger. *walnuss* (also *welsche nuss*), ON. *valnnot*.

**Walpurgis night.** Ger. *Walpurgisnacht*, witches' revel, esp. on Brocken, on May-day eve. From *Walburga* (E. abbess who migrated to Heidenheim in Germany in 8 cent.), by the accident of May 1 being the day of the removal of her bones from Heidenheim to Eichstätt.

**walrus.** Dan. *hvalros*, inversion of ON. *hrosshvalr*, horse-whale. Du. *walrus*,

Ger. *walross* are also of Scand. origin, and the E. word may be via Du. But ON. *hrosshvalr*, in this sense, is app. folk-etym. for *rosmhvalr*, the first element of which may be cogn. with *morse*.

**waltz.** From Ger. *walzer*, from *walzen*, to roll, cogn. with *welter*<sup>1</sup>.

**wamble** [*colloq.*]. Of uneasy feeling in stomach. App. combines Dan. *vamle*, to feel nausea, ult. cogn. with *vomit*, and Norw. *vamla*, to stagger, cogn. with Ger. *wimmeln*, to swarm.

**wampum.** Namer. Ind., from *wompi* (Narragansett), *wapi* (Delaware), white (cf. *wapiti*). The current form is short for *wampumpeag*, white money (i.e. strung shells).

**wan.** AS. *wann*, black, dark, later sense of pale being connected with earlier via idea of absence of colour; ? cogn. with AS. *wan*, deficient (see *wane*, *wanton*).

**wand.** ON. *vöndr*, ? cogn. with *wind*<sup>2</sup> (from pliancy); cf. Goth. *wandus*.

**wander.** AS. *wandrian*, frequent. formation from root of *wend*; cf. Du. *wandelen*, Ger. *wandeln*, to walk, *wandern*, to wander.

**wanderer.** Monkey. Sinhalese *wandaru*, cogn. with Hind. *bandar* (cf. *bandar-log*), Sanskrit *vānara*, from *vana*, tree, forest.

**wane.** AS. *waman*, from *wan-*, wanting (see *wanton*).

**wang-hee.** Cane. ? Chin.

**wangle.** ? Ident. with dial. (Chesh.) *wangle*, to shake, totter, with var. *wankle* (cf. ME. *wankel*, unstable, Ger. *wanken*, to totter); ? hence, to perform in make-shift fashion, do a thing somehow.

**want.** ON. *vant*, neut. of *vanr*, lacking (see *wane*, *wanton*), whence also *vanta*, to be lacking, and E. to *want*.

**wanton.** ME. *wantowen*, from *wan-*, not, and *towen*, taught, trained, AS. *togen*, p.p. of *tōon*, to draw, educate (see *tow*<sup>2</sup>, *tie*); cf. Ger. *ungezogen*, ill-mannered, naughty, corresponding to ME. *untowen*. The prefix *wan-* is cogn. with *wane*, *want*, ? and ult. with *vain*.

**wap.** See *whop*.

**wapentake** [*hist.*]. AS. *wæpengetac*, *wāpentac*, ON. *vāpnatak*, from *vāpn*, genitive pl. of *vāpn*, weapon, *tak*, touching, from *taka*, to take, grasp, etc. ? Orig. an armed muster with inspection of weapons; cf. Sc. *wapenshaw* (= weapon-show) in this sense (*Old Mortality*, ch. ii.).

**wapiti**. Amer. elk. N Amer. Ind. (Cree) *wapituk*, white deer (cf. *wampum*).

**war**. ONF. *werre* (F. *guerre*), OHG. *werra*, strife, confusion (cf. Ger. *verwirren*, to perplex), whence also It. Sp. *guerra*. For *warfare*, orig. war-like expedition (1 Cor. ix. 7) see *fare*. With *warrior* cf. OF. *guerrour*, from *guerroyer*, to make war. In the ancient ship-name *Warspite* the second element is dial. *spite*, *speight*, woodpecker, cogn. with Du. Ger. *specht*. The bird appears in the arms of the ship.

**War** [hist.]. Acrostic (1915) of *West African Rifles*.

**warble**. ME. *werblen*, ONF. *werbler*, Ger. *wirbeln*, to roll, rotate, etc., also to warble; ult. cogn. with *whirl*.

**warble-fly**. So called from causing *warbles*, swellings on backs of cattle. Cf. obs. Sw. *varbulde*, boil, from *var*, pus, *bulde*, tumour.

**ward**. Verb is AS. *weardian*, from *weard* (m.), keeper, *weard* (f.), keeping. From the former comes *ward*, keeper (see *steward*), usu. replaced by *warden* (q.v.), *warder*. The latter gives abstr. *ward*, esp. in *watch and ward*, also *ward* of town (prison, hospital, lock), and *ward*, minor under guardianship. The whole group is partly due to cogn. ONF. *warder* (F. *garder*), Ger. *warten*, to wait. Ult. cogn. with *ware*<sup>2</sup>.

**-ward(s)**. AS. *-weard*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *-waart*, Ger. *-wärts*, ON. *-verthr*, Goth. *-wairths*; cogn. with AS. *weorðan*, to become (see *worth*<sup>2</sup>), and with L. *versus*, towards, *vertēre*, to turn.

**warden**<sup>1</sup>. Keeper. AF. *wardein*, corresponding to F. *gardien*, from *garder*.

**warden**<sup>2</sup>. Pear. Prob. from ONF. *warder* (see *ward*), as being a "keeping" pear. Cf. origin of *pearmain*, which in ME. was equivalent to *warden*. Cotg. has *poire de garde*, "a warden, or winter peare, a peare which may be kept verrie long."

**wardrobe**. ONF. *warde-robe* (F. *garde-robe*), keep dress.

**ware**<sup>1</sup>. Noun. AS. *waru*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *waar*, Ger. *ware* (from LG.), ON. *vara*. Prob. cogn. with *ware*<sup>2</sup> with ground-sense of protected property.

**ware**<sup>2</sup> [archaic]. Adj. (*Acts* xiv. 6). Now usu. replaced by *wary* (see also *aware*, *beware*). AS. *wær*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *gewaar*, Ger. *gewahr*, ON. *varr*, Goth. *wars*; cogn. with L. *verēri*, to respect.

**warison** [obs.]. ONF. *warison*, from *warir* (OF. *garir*), to protect, save, OHG. *warjan* (Ger. *wehren*), whence Mod. F. *guérir*, to heal, *guérison*, cure (see *garrison*). Cogn. with *ware*<sup>2</sup>, *weir*.

**warlock** [archaic]. Wizard, orig. oath-breaker. AS. *wærloga*, from *wær*, truth, compact, *lēogan*, to lie<sup>2</sup>.

**warm**. AS. *wearm*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *warm*, ON. *varmr*, Goth. *warmjan* (verb); cogn. with L. *formus*, G. *θερμός*, Sanskrit *gharma*, heat.

**warn**. AS. *warnian*, cogn. with *ware*<sup>2</sup>; cf. Ger. *warnen*, ON. *varna*. Ground-idea is that of taking heed, providing against. See *garnish*, *varnish*.

**warp**. AS. *weorpan*, to throw. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *werpen*, Ger. *werfen*, ON. *verpa*, Goth. *wairpan*. The *warp* of a fabric is that across which the *woof* is thrown. The idea of distortion or bending is found in the other Teut. langs.; cf. also F. *déjeté*, warped, from *jeter*, to throw.

**warrant**. ONF. *warant* (F. *garant*, surety), OHG. *werento*, from *weren*, to protect, guarantee (cf. *warison*). From *garant* was formed *garantir*, whence E. *guarantee*.

**warren**. ONF. *warenne* (F. *garenne*), from OHG. *weren* (Mod. *wehren*, *gewähren*), to keep safe, preserve (v.s.), cogn. with Goth. *warjan*, to protect, and with *weir*.

**warrigal** [Austral.]. "Black-fellow," orig. dingo, wild dog.

**warrior**. See *war*.

**wart**. AS. *wearte*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *wrat*, Ger. *warze*, ON. *varia*; ? ult. cogn. with L. *verruca*.

**wary**. From earlier *ware*<sup>2</sup> (q.v.).

**was**. See *be*.

**wash**. AS. *wascan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *wasschen*, Ger. *waschen*, ON. *vaska*; ult. cogn. with *wet*, *water*.

**washingtonia**. Californian palm. Named from *George Washington*.

**wasp**. AS. *wæsp*, *wæps* (whence dial. *waps*); cf. Du. *wesp*, Ger. *wespe*; cogn. with OSlav. *vosa*, L. *vespa*, ? and ult. with *weave*, from structure of nest (cf. *weevil*).

**wassail** [archaic]. AF. *weisseil* (Wace), representing AS. drinking salutation *wes heil*, be hale (healthy), where *wes* is imper. of *wesan*, to be (whence *was*, *were*), and *heil* is ON. for AS. *hāl*. Cf. AS. *hāl wes thū* (*Luke* i. 28).

**waste**. ONF. *waster* (F. *gâler*, to spoil), L. *vastare*, to waste, destroy, from

*vastus*, vast, desolate; cogn. with AS. *wēste*, waste, uninhabited, Du. *woest*, Ger. *wüst*, *wüst*, whence *wüste*, wilderness.

**watch.** AS. *wæcce* (noun), *wacian* (verb), cogn. with *wake*<sup>1</sup>; cf. Ger. *wache*, *wacht*, Goth. *wahtwō*, *watch*, *wahtære*, watchman.

**water.** AS. *wæter*. Com. Teut., cf. Du. *water*, Ger. *wasser*, ON. *vatn*, Goth. *watō*; cogn. with *wet*, with G. *vōp* and Oslav. *voda* (see *vodka*).

**Waterloo cup.** Established (1836) at *Waterloo Hotel*, Liverpool.

**watt.** Unit of electricity. From *James Watt* (†1819), inventor of steam-engine.

**watteau** [*dress*]. From name of F. painter (†1721).

**wattle**<sup>1</sup>. Hurdle AS. *watol*, hurdle, roofing wicker (*Luke* v. 19). Hence *wattle plani* (Austral).

**wattle**<sup>2</sup>. Of turkey, etc. App. ident. with ME. *watel*, wallet (q.v.). The analogy of naut. F. *vadel*, *valet*, wad of a gun-mop, suggests connection with *wad*, with sense of bunch. *Wallet* for *watel* may be due to influence of synon. *budget*, *pochet*.

**wave**<sup>1</sup>. Verb. AS. *wafian*, to brandish; cf. ON. *vafra*, *vafra*, to waver, MHG. *wablen*, to wobble; cogn. with *weave*, ground-sense of which is movement to and fro.

**wave**<sup>2</sup>. Billow. Of late appearance (16 cent.), replacing ME. *wawe* (AS. *wāg*), which is cogn. with Ger. *woge* (see *vogue*). *Wave* is app. LG. *wacht*, earlier *wach* (Simon Dach), with sound-change as in *waft* (q.v.), and this is cogn. with the words above.

**waver.** Frequent of *wave*<sup>1</sup>.

**wavy.** Snow-goose. Namer. Ind. *wawa*.

**wax**<sup>1</sup>. Noun. AS. *wear*, beeswax. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *was*, Ger. *wachs*, ON. *vax*; ? ult. cogn. with *wafer*.

**wax**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. AS. *weaxan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *wassen*, Ger. *waschen*, ON. *vaxa*, Goth. *wahtjan*; cogn. with L. *augere*, *vigere*, G. *aufdew*, Sanskrit *vaksh*, to increase.

**wax**<sup>3</sup> [*slang*]. Fit of anger. ? Evolved from archaic to *wax wroth*.

**way.** AS. *weg*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *weg*, ON. *veg*, Goth. *wigs*; cogn. with *warn* and with L. *vra*, *way*, *vehere*, to transport, Sanskrit *vah*, to carry. To *waylay* is adapted from Ger. *wegelagen*, for earlier *weglagen*, from MHG. *lage*, OHG. *lāga*, lying in ambush. *Wayward* is apht. for *away-*

*ward*, synon. with *froward*. *Waybread*, plant, is AS. *wegbræde*, way-breadth, so named from its large flat leaves; cf. Ger. *wegbreit*.

**-way(s).** From *way*, with adv. -s (see *against*, *amidst*, *whilst*). Often interchangeable with *-wise*, e.g. *endways*, *endwise*.

**wayzgoose.** Printers' bean-feast. Earlier (17 cent) *way-goose*. Geese are described, according to place of feeding, as *grass-*, *green-*, *stubble-*, and *waygoose*, *ways-goose* occur in dial. as synon. with *stubble-goose*. Perh. because allowed to feed by the roadside.

**wazeer.** See *vizier*.

**we.** AS. *wē*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *wij*, Ger. *wir*, ON. *vēr*, Goth. *weis*; cogn. with Sanskrit *vayam*.

**weak.** ON. *vekr*. Com. Teut.; cf. AS. *wāc*, Du. *week*, Ger. *weich*; cogn. with G. *ekew*, to yield. *Weaken* is from AS. *wēcan*, from *wāc* (v.s.)

**weal**<sup>1</sup>. Prosperity. AS. *wela*, cogn. with *well*<sup>2</sup>.

**weal**<sup>2</sup>. Mark of blow. See *wale*.

**weald.** AS. *weald*, forest, woodland, whence ME. *wald*, *wald*, now *wold*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *woud*, Ger. *wald*, ON. *völlr* (see *vole*<sup>2</sup>). The spelling is archaic. In 16-17 cents. often confused with *wild* (1 Hen. IV, ii. 1).

**wealth.** ME. *weallhe*, from *weal*<sup>1</sup>. Orig. welfare, happiness, as still in *commonwealth* and in *PB*. (e.g. *Prayer for the King's Majesty*).

**wean.** AS. *wēman*, to accustom, e.g. to a new diet. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *gewennen*, Ger. *gewöhnen* (MHG. *gewenen*), ON. *venja*. From a Teut. adj. which appears in E. *wont* (q.v.). In current E. sense Ger. uses *entwöhnen*, to unaccustom, with which cf. synon. AS. *āwenian*.

**weapon.** AS. *wāpen*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *wapen*, Ger. *waffe*, *weapon*, *wappen*, coat-of-arms (from LG.), ON. *vāpn*, Goth. *wēpna* (pl.).

**wear**<sup>1</sup>. Of clothes. AS. *wēran*; cf. OHG. *werian*, ON. *verja*, Goth. *wasjan*; cogn. with *vest*. Secondary sense of using up springs from that of effect of age on clothes.

**wear**<sup>2</sup> [*naut.*]. Seamen's pronunc. of *veer*<sup>2</sup>.

**weary.** AS. *wērig*, cogn. with *wōrian*, to wander; cf. OSax. *wōrig*, *weary*, OHG. *wuorag*, drunk. Unconnected with *wear*<sup>1</sup>.

**weasand** [*archaic*]. AS. *wāsend*, *wāsend*

(the latter now represented by dial. *wosen*). App. pres. part. of some lost verb.

**weasel.** AS. *wesle*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *wezel*, Ger. *wiesel*, ON. *hreystr-vísla*, hole-weasel.

**weather.** AS. *weder*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *weder*, Ger. *weiter*, ON. *veithr*; cogn. with *wind*<sup>1</sup>, Ger. *wehen*, to blow, Sanskrit *vāta*, wind. Cf. also Ger. *gewitter*, storm, *wittern*, to wind (game), *verwittert*, weathered (of rocks, walls, etc.). *Weather-beaten* (cf. Norw. Dan. *veirslagen*) has absorbed also *weather-bitten* (cf. *frost-bitten*, *hard-bitten*), corresponding to Norw. Dan. *veirbit*, Sw. *våderbiten*.

**weave.** AS. *wefan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *weven*, Ger. *weben*, ON. *vefa*; cogn. with G. *ῥφος*, web, and with Sanskrit *urnavābhi*, spider, lit. wool-weaver.

**weazen.** See *wizened*.

**web.** AS. *webb*, cogn. with *weave*; cf. Du. *web*, Ger. *gewebe*, ON. *vefr*.

**wed.** AS. *weddian*, from *wed*, pledge, which is Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *wedde*, Ger. *wette*, ON. *veith*, Goth. *wadi*; all in sense of pledge, wager, marriage sense developing in E. only from earlier sense of betrothal; cogn. with L. *uas*, *vad-*, G. *ἀλω* (whence *athletic*). See also *gage*<sup>1</sup>. *Wedlock* is AS. *wedlāc*, second element meaning sport, offering, etc. (see *lark*<sup>2</sup>). Its precise sense here is obscure.

**wedge.** AS. *wecg*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *wegge*, simnel-cake, *wig*, wedge, Ger. *weck*, wedge-shaped cake (OHG. *weckt*, wedge), ON. *veggr*, wedge. For Du. & Ger. senses cf. E. dial. *wig*, three-cornered cake.

**wedgwood.** From *Josiah Wedgwood* (†1795), a Burslem potter.

**Wednesday.** AS. *wōdnesdæg*, day of *Woden*, translating Late L. *Mercurii dies* (F. *mercredi*), day of *Mercury*, with whom *Odin* or *Woden* was identified. Cf. Du. *woensdag*, ON. *ōðinsdagr*, but Ger. adopted *mittwoch*, mid-week, after Late L. *media hebdomas*. *Woden*, *Odin* (cf. Ger. *Wotan*), is cogn. with Ger. *wul*, frenzy, archaic E. *wood*, mad.

**wee.** Orig. Sc. & north., and, in early use, always accompanied by *little* (cf. *tiny*), as in Shaks. (*Merry Wives*, i. 4). *Weeny* is used in Slr. as *wee* in Nlr. The analogy of Ger. *winzig*, wee, tiny, from *wenig*, little, a derivative of *weh*, woe, suggests that *wee* is ident. with

the northern var. (still in dial. use) of *woe*, and that *weeny* is from (? cogn.) ME. *wane*, misery, sense of small developing from that of pitiable, as in the case of Ger. *wenig*. Or it may be ident. with *wcy* (q.v.), thus a *little wee*, a little weight or amount. *Wee Willie Winkie* (Sc.) corresponds to Dan. *Ole Lukøie*, Olaf shut-eye, sending children to sleep.

**weed**<sup>1</sup>. Plant. AS. *wēod*; cf. OSax. *wiod*, Du. *wieden*, to weed.

**weed**<sup>2</sup>. Garment (as in *widow's weeds*). AS. *wād*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *gewaad*, OHG. *wāt*, *giwāti*, ON. *vāth*; cogn. with Sanskrit *vā*, to weave.

**week.** AS. *wicu*, *wucu*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *week*, Ger. *woche* (OHG. also *wehha*), ON. *vika*, Goth. *wikō*. Orig. sense perh. change, alternation (cf. AS. *wice*, office, service), hence cogn. with Ger. *wechsel*, change, and ult. with L. *vicem*.

**ween.** Poet. and in *overweening*. AS. *wēnan*, to hope, think, from *wēn*, expectation. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *wanen*, Ger. *wähnen*, ON. *vēna*, Goth. *wēnjan*.

**weeny.** See *wee*.

**weep.** AS. *wēpan*, from *wōp*, outcry. Com. Teut.; cf. OSax. *wōpian*, OHG. *wuofan*, ON. *æpa*, Goth. *wōpjan*, the verb in each case being derived from a noun (? of imit. origin) indicating outcry.

**weever.** Fish. Dial. form of obs. *wuwer*, wivern (q.v.), the name being due to the formidable spines.

**weevil.** AS. *wifel*, beetle. Com. Teut.; cf. archaic Du. *wevel*, "curculio" (Kil.), Ger. *wiebel*, ON. *yfill* (in *tordyfill*, dung-beetle); cogn. with *weave*, from the enclosure of the larva.

**weft.** AS. *wefla*, *weft*, cogn. with *weave*, *woof*; cf. AS. *weft*, warp.

**weigh.** AS. *wegan*, to carry, move, weigh. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *wegen*, to weigh, Ger. *wiegen*, to rock, *wägen*, to weigh, *bewegen*, to move, ON. *vega*, to move, lift, weigh, Goth. *gawigan*, to stir; cogn. with *wain* and with L. *vehere*, to transport.

**weir, wear.** AS. *wer*, cogn. with *werian*, to defend. Cf. Ger. *wehr*, defence (as in *landwehr*), dam, *gewehr*, weapon, gun, *wehren*, to defend. The verb is Com. Teut.; cf. OSax. *werian*, to obstruct, ON. *verja*, to defend, Goth. *warjan*, to obstruct, defend.

**weird.** Orig. noun, fate, destiny (see *dree*), adj. use coming from its application to the Norns or Fates, the *weird sisters* (*Macb.* i. 3), misunderstood later as meaning uncanny, gruesome-looking. AS. *wyrd*, fate, from *weorðan*, to become. The verb is Com. Teut. (see *worik*<sup>2</sup>). Cf. ON. *urthr*, fate, *Urthr*, one of the Norns, cogn. with *vertha*, to become.

**welcome.** From *well*<sup>2</sup> and *come* (p.p.); cf. F. *bienvenu*, It. *benvenuto*, ON. *velkominn*, all prob. orig. as greeting. But this has replaced AS. *wilcume* (interj.); cf. *wilcuma*, welcome guest, lit. one coming according to will, wish (cf. Ger. *wilkommen*).

**weld**<sup>1</sup>. Dyers' weed. ME. *welde*, *wolde*; cf. LG. *wolde*, Du. *wouw*, Ger. *wau*, earlier *waude*; also F. *gaude* (from Teut.).

**weld**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. For earlier *well*, in sense of coagulating of melted metal (see *well*<sup>1</sup>). For excrescent -d cf. *woold*. Prob. with other iron-work words, from Sw., which uses *välla*, to well, bubble up, in same sense.

**welfare.** From *well*<sup>2</sup> and *fare*. Cf. *fare-well* and Ger. *wohlfahrt*.

**welk** [archaic]. To wither. ME. *welken*, *welwen*, ? from *walk*, sickly. Cf. synon. Ger. *welken*, from *welk*, faded.

**welkin** [poet.]. AS. *wolcnu*, pl. of *wolcen*, cloud. WGer.; cf. Du. *wolk*, Ger. *wolke*, cloud. For sense-development in E. cf. *sky*.

**well**<sup>1</sup>. For water. AS. *wiella*, well, spring, etc. Orig. rather of moving water, and cogn. with *weallan*, to boil, well up, etc. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *wel*, spring, Ger. *welle*, wave (also *wallen*, to boil up), ON. *vell*, bubbling (whence Sw. *välla*, to weld); ult. cogn. with L. *volvere*, to roll.

**well**<sup>2</sup>. Adv. AS. *wel* Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *wel*, Ger. *wo(h)l*, ON. *vel*, Goth. *waita*; prob. cogn. with *will* and with L. *volo*, *velle*, orig. sense being according to wish (cf. double origin of *welcome*). See *well*<sup>1</sup>, *wealth*.

**welladay, wellaway** [poet.]. Second is older, *welladay* (*Merry Wives*, iii. 3) perh. being suggested by *woe worth the day* (see *worth*<sup>2</sup>). ME. *wel la wei* (Chauc. B 1308), northern var. of *wo lo wo*, AS. *wā lā wā*, i.e. *woe lo woe*.

**wellington.** Boot. Named from Duke of Wellington. Cf. *wellingtonia*, New Zealand tree.

**welsbach burner.** From name of Austrian inventor.

**Welsh.** AS. *wālsce*, foreign, from *wealth*, foreigner, slave, esp. Celt. Cf. Ger. *welsch*, foreign, esp. Italian, *Welschland*, Italy. From the Celt. tribe *Volcae*, inhabiting southern Gaul. Cogn. are *Wallachia*, *walnut*, *Cornwall*, *Walloon*, etc. With *Welsh rabbit* (incorr. *rarebit*) cf. *Bombay duck*. *Welsher*, betting sharper, perh. belongs to the reputation given to Taffy in the old rime.

**welt**<sup>1</sup>. Seam. ME. *welt of a sho*, "incutium" (*Prompt. Parv.*). For dial. sense of thrash cf. *wale*, *weal*<sup>2</sup>, with which *welt* is perh. cogn.

**welt**<sup>2</sup>. Ger., world, esp. in *weltmacht*, colonial power, *weltpolitik*, *weltschmerz*, from *schmerz*, sorrow, "smart."

**welter**<sup>1</sup>. To wallow. Frequent. of ME. *welten*, *walten*, from AS. *wealt*, unsteady; cogn. with Ger. *walzen*, "to wallow, or roll" (Ludw.), ON. *veltask* (reflex.), and ult. with wallow and *walk*.

**welter**<sup>2</sup>. In *welter weight*, unusually heavy. ? From *welter*<sup>1</sup>, as likely to produce a wallowing motion.

**wemble** [neol.]. Back-formation from *Wembley* (Middlesex), site of British Empire Exhibition (1924).

**wen.** AS. *wen*; cf. Du. *wen*, LG. *ween*, Ger. dial. *wenne*; cogn. with Gael. *foinne*, wart, Breton *gwenae*, blister.

**wench.** ME. *wenche*, shortened from earlier *wenchel*, boy or girl, AS. *wencel*, child, ? cogn. with AS. *wancol*, unstable (cf. Ger. *wanken*, to totter), and ult. with ON. *vākr*, child, Norw. dial. *vākja*, little girl.

**wend.** AS. *wendan*, to turn, causal of *wind*<sup>1</sup>. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *wenden*, ON. *venda*, Goth. *wandjan*, all orig. causals.

**Wend** [ethn.]. Slav. race of NE. Germany. Orig. gen. Ger. name for Slavs. OHG. *Winid*, *Wined*, whence L. *Veneti* (Tacitus), *Vendī* (Pliny).

**went.** Past of *wend*.

**wentletrap.** Shellfish. Ger. *wendeltreppe*, lit. spiral stair, cogn. with *wind*<sup>2</sup>, *trap*<sup>1</sup>.

**were.** See *be*.

**wergild** [hist.]. Fine for manslaughter. AS. *wergild*, from *wer*, man, *gild*, payment (see *werwolf*, *yield*).

**wert.** See *be*.

**Wertherism.** From *Die Leiden des jungen Werther*, sentimental suicide novel by Goethe (1774).

**werwolf.** AS. *werwulf*, man-wolf. First element is *Aryap*; cf. OS. *wer*, OHG.

*wer*, ON. *verr*, Goth. *wair*, Welsh *gŵr*, L. *vir*, etc. For the compd. cf. G. *λυκάνθρωπος*, wolf-man. So also Norw. Dan. *varulv*, Du. *weerwolf*, MedL. *guerulvus*, whence OF. *garou*, replaced by pleon. *loup-garou*, "a mankind wolfe" (Cotg.).

**Wesleyan.** Of *John Wesley* (†1791).

**west.** AS. *west*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *west*, Ger. *west(en)*, ON. *vestr*; cogn. with L. *vesper*, G. *éσπέρα*, evening. F. *ouest* is from Teut.

**wet.** AS. *wæti*; cf. ON. *vātr*, OFris. *wēti*; cogn. with *water*.

**wether.** AS. *wether*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *weder*, Ger. *widder*, ON. *vethr*, Goth. *withrus*, lamb; cogn. with L. *vitulus* (see *veal*), from an Aryan word for year that appears in L. *vetus*, old, G. *ἔτος*, year; thus orig. yearling.

**wey.** Unit of weight. AS. *wæge*, weight.

**wh-.** Words in *wh-* are, apart from imit. formations, of Teut. origin. AS. *hw-*, OHG. *hw-*, ON. *hv-*, Goth. *hw-*, corresponding to L. *qu-*. In some words (*whelk*, *whisk*, *whole*, *whore*, etc.) the *-h-* or *-w-* is spurious.

**whack.** Imit. of resounding blow.

**whale<sup>1</sup>.** Animal. AS. *hwæl*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *walvisch*, Ger. *walfisch* (OHG. also *wal*), ON. *hvalr*.

**whale<sup>2</sup>** [US.]. To thrash. See *wale*.

**whang.** Imit. of blow, with more of vibratory resonance than *bang*.

**whangee.** See *wanghee*.

**wharf.** AS. *hwerf*; cf. Du. *werf*, Ger. *werft* (from LG.), Sw. *varf*. Orig. sense doubtful, but app. connected with AS. *hwearfian*, to turn, of which the Ger. cogn. *werben* implies any form of busy activity. Or it may have orig. meant simply shore, bank, as in poet. AS. *merehwearf*, sea-shore, with sense-development like that of *quay*.

**what.** AS. *hwæt*, neut. of *hwā*, who (q.v.).

**whaup** [Sc.]. Curlew. Imit. of cry.

**whéal<sup>1</sup>** [Corn.]. Mine. Corn. *hwel*.

**whéal<sup>2</sup>.** Mark of blow. See *wale*.

**wheat.** AS. *hwæte*, cogn. with *white*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *weit*, Ger.

*weizen*, ON. *hveiti*, Goth. *hwaitais*.

**wheatear.** Bird. Perverted false sing. of *white-arse*. Cf. synonym. F. *cul-blanc*.

**wheedle.** A 17-cent. word (Pepys, Jan. 10, 1668), described by early slang dicts. as cant. The *-h-* is prob. spurious, and the date of introduction makes Ger. origin likely; hence it may be Ger. *wedeln*, to wag the tail,

whence *anwedeln*, to fawn on, wheedle; cf. *fawn<sup>2</sup>* and see *adulation*. Cf. also G. *saüen*, to wag the tail, fig. "to fawn upon, caress, wheedle" (Liddell & Scott).

**wheel.** AS. *hwēol*, earlier *hwægol*, ult. cogn. with *cycle* and *pole<sup>2</sup>*; cf. ON. *hvēl*, Du. *wiel*, Fris. *wel*, spinning-wheel.

**wheeze.** ON. *hvæsa*, to hiss, cogn. with AS. *hwæsan*.

**whelk<sup>1</sup>.** Shell-fish. Earlier *welk*, *wilk*, AS. *weoloc*, *weoloc*; cf. Du. *wulk*, *wilk*, *wullok*, etc.

**whelk<sup>2</sup>.** Pimple. Only as echo of Shaks. (*Hen. V.*, iii. 6). AS. *hwylca*, tumour; cf. synonym. Norw. *valk*. Cf. also obs. *wheel*, pimple.

**whelm** [poet.]. ME. *whelmen*, *overwhelmen*, to turn, overturn, app. connected with AS. *āhwylfan*, to vault over, overwhelm, from *hwealf*, vault, concavity (whence dial. *whelue*). Cf. Du. *welven*, Ger. *wölben* (OHG. *welben*), ON. *veifa*, to vault<sup>1</sup>; also Goth. *hwilftri*, coffin. The origin of the *-m* is obscure.

**whelp.** AS. *hwelp*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *welp*, Ger. *welf* (OHG. *hwelf*, whence family name *Guelph*), ON. *hwelpr*.

**when.** AS. *hwanne*, cogn. with *who* (cf. relation of *then* and *the*); cf. Du. *wen*, Ger. *wann*, *wenn*, ON. *hvenar*, whence'er, Goth. *hwan*; cogn. with L. *quum*, *cum*. Whence is ME. *whennes*, with adv. *-s* (cf. *thence*, *hence*). For *when* (time), *whence* (place), cf. *then*, *thence*.

**where.** AS. *hwār*, *hwār*, cogn. with *who*; cf. Du. *waar*, Ger. *wo* (OHG. *wā*, earlier *hwār*, *wār*, as in *warum*), ON. *hvar*, Goth. *hwar*.

**wherry.** From 15 cent. Origin unknown.

**whet.** AS. *hwettan*, from *hwæt*, bold, sharp. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *wetten*, Ger. *wetzen*, ON. *hwetja*.

**whether.** Orig. pron. AS. *hwæther*, *hweither*, which of two (*Math.* xxvii. 21), from *who*, with same formation and development of function as *either*; cf. OHG. *hwedar*, ON. *hvār* (for *hvatharr*), Goth. *hwathar*. The Aryan suffix appears in synonym. G. *πότερος*.

**whew.** Natural expression of ludicrous consternation.

**why.** AS. *hwæg*; cf. Du. LG. *wer*, Fris. *wael*.

**which.** AS. *hwilc* (cf. Sc. *whilk*), from *-lic*, like, and root of *who* (cf. formation

of *each, such*); cf. Du. *welk*, Ger. *welch*, ON. *hvílikr*, Goth. *hwileiks*.

**whidah-bird**. Earlier *widow-bird*, altered by association with *Whidah*, Dahomey (WAfr.).

**whiff**<sup>1</sup>. Imit. of light puff.

**whiff**<sup>2</sup>. Light boat. ? Playful Oxf. formation on *wherry* and *skiff*.

**whig**. Orig. (c. 1667) a Covenanter, Sc. rebel, for earlier *whiggamore*, said to have been applied to Sc. carters from the west, from their address to their horses, *whag-mare*, from Sc. *whag*, to jog along, etc.

**while**. Orig. noun. AS *hwīl*, space of time (in *long while*, *worth while*, *between whiles*, etc.). Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *wyl*, Ger. *weile*, ON. *hvíla*, rest, Goth. *hweila*. *Whilst* is for earlier *whiles* (cf. *against*, *amidst*), with adv. -s. With archaic *whilom*, AS *hwīlum* (dat. pl.), cf. synon. Ger. *weiland*, with excrement -d from OHG. *wīlōn*, *hwīlōm* (dat. pl.), and Du. *wylen*. In *to while away the time* there may be association with *wile* (cf. F. *tromper l'heure*).

**whim**. Earlier *whim-wham*, trifle. Cf. *flum-flam*. For *whimsy* (whence *whimsical*) cf. *fumsy*.

**whimbrel**. Curlew. App. from cry; cf. *whimper*.

**whimper**. Frequent. of obs. *whimp*; cf. Ger. *ummern*, "to whimper or whine as a little child" (Ludw.).

**whin**<sup>1</sup>. Grass. Of Scand. origin. Cf. Norw. Dan. *hvene*, Sw. *hven*, Norw. dial. *hvern*; cogn. with Sw. dial. *hven*, boggy field (ON. *hvern* in place-names).

**whin**<sup>2</sup>. Sandstone. ME. *quin*, of unknown origin.

**whinchat**. Bird. From *whin*<sup>1</sup>.

**whine**. AS. *hwīnan*; cf. ON. *hvīna*, to whiz; prob. of imit. origin.

**whinger**. See *whinyard*.

**whinny**. For earlier *whinn*, "hinnio" (Litt.), of imit. origin; cf. *whine*; also F. *hennir* (see *henny*<sup>2</sup>).

**whinyard, whinger** [hist.]. Short sword. Orig. (15 cent.) *whineard*. Corrupted, under influence of synon. *poniard* and *hanger*, from Ger. *weidner*, "a huntsman's hanger" (Ludw.), used also for short stabbing sword. This is from Ger. *weide*, hunting. The form *whinger* is Sc.

**whip**. The -h- is unoriginal, and ground-sense is quick and sudden movement (cf. *to whip off, out*); cf. Du. *wippen*, "to shake, or to wag"

(Hexh.), Ger. *wippen*, to flog (from LG.), cogn. with *weifen*, to wind, whip (e.g. frills), with which cf. *gurpure*; ult. cogn. with L. *vibrare*. Orig. sense appears in Du. *wipstaart*, wagtail, also in *whipple-tree* of cart, with which cf. *swingle-tree*, from *swing*. The *whippoorwill* (US.) is named from this cry.

**whippet**. From *whip*, with idea of rapid movement.

**whir**. Imit., cf. *whiz*.

**whirl**. ON. *hvirfill*, ring, circuit, crown of head (cf. *vertex*), cogn. with Du. *wervel*, Ger. *wirbel*, vortex, whirlwind. Norw. Dan. has also verb *hvirre*, ON. *hverfa*, to turn (cf. archaic Dan. *hvirrelwind*). Com. Teut.; cf. AS. *hweorfan*, to turn, Du. *werven*, Ger. *werben*, to be actively employed.

**whisk**. ME. *wisk*, swift stroke. The noun is not found in AS, but cf. AS. *weorxian*, to clean (with a whisk or brush). Orig. sense appears in Ger. *wisch*, "a whisk or brush" (Ludw.), whence *wischen*, "to whisk, or wipe something" (ib.), *entwischen*, to slip away. Cognates are ON. *wisk*, wisp, Du. *wisch*, in *stroowisch*, wisp of straw, *Whisker* was orig. playful, "brusher." Here belongs also *whisky*, a light cart.

**whisker**. See *whisk*.

**whisky**<sup>1</sup>. Spirit. Short for *usquebaugh* (q.v.), the *z* being nearest E. sound to Celt. *u*. *Whisky* thus means simply water (cf. *vodka*).

**whisky**<sup>2</sup>. Cart. See *whisk*.

**whisper**. AS. *hwisprian*, of imit. origin; cf. Ger. *wispeln*, *wispeln*, ON. *hvískra*.

**whist**<sup>1</sup>. Interj. invoking silence. Natural exclamation better represented by *st* (cf. *sh* and *hush*). In Wyc. (*Judges* xviii. 19).

**whist**<sup>2</sup>. Game. Earlier (17 cent.) *whisk*, from taking up the tricks. Altered (18 cent.) to *whist* on assumption that it was a silent game (v.s.).

**whistle**. AS. *wistle*, *hwistle*, noun, *wisthian*, *hwisthian*, verb; of imit. origin and cogn. with *whisper*; cf. ON. *hvísla*, to whisper.

**whit**. AS. *wiht*, thing, *wight*<sup>1</sup> (q.v.), the former app. the older sense. Cf. *ought*, *naught*, *not*.

**Whit, Whitsun**. The second form is due to wrong separation of *Whit-Sunday*, i.e. *White Sunday*, into *Whitsun-day*. ? So called from white garments worn at baptisms usu. celebrated at this time. Late AS. *hwīta-sunnan-dæg*; cf. ON. *hvīta-dagar*, lit. white days,



*hvīla-daga-wīka*, Whit week, *hvīta-sunnu-dagr*, Whit-Sunday. Orig. the first Sunday after Easter (*dominica in albis*), but shifted by the Anglo-Saxons

**white**. AS. *hwīt* Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *wit*, Ger. *weiss*, ON. *hvītr*, Goth. *hweits*; cogn. with *wheat*

**whither**. AS. *hwider*, from root of *who*, with suffix as in *hither*, *thither*.

**whitlow**. Dial. forms, e.g. *quick-flaw*, *whick-flaw*, *white-flow*, *whitflaw*, etc., are due to folk-etym. Origin unknown.

**Whitsun**. See *Whit*.

**whittle**. From archaic *whittle*, knife, ME. *thwitel* (Chauc. A. 3933), from AS. *thwītan*, to cut. Cf. *thwarte*.

**whiz**. Imit.; cf. *whir*, *huss*, etc.

**who**. AS. *hwā*. The dat. *whom*, AS. *hwām*, is now used as acc., for AS. *hwone*. The genitive *whose* is AS. *hwæs*. Aryan; cf. Du. *wie*, Ger. *wer*, ON. *hverr*, Goth. *hwās*, L. *quis*, Welsh *pwyl*, Sanskrit *ka*, etc.

**whoa**. Interj. usu. enjoining a halt. ME. *whoo*. Cf. F. *huc*, *huhau*, and see *gee-gee*.

**whole**. AS. *hāl*, uninjured. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *heel*, Ger. *heil*, ON. *heill*, Goth. *hails*. Orig. sense in *wholesome* (cf. Ger. *heilsam*) and in Bibl. E. (e.g. *Matt.* ix. 12). Spelling with *w*-begins to appear from c. 1500; cf. Sc. var. *haill* (from ON.). Cf. *hale*<sup>1</sup>, *heal*, *holy*.

**whom**. See *who*.

**whoop, whooping-cough**. See *hoop*<sup>2</sup>.

**whop**. Also *whap*. ? Imit. variation on *whip*.

**whore**. ON. *hōra*; cf. Du. *hoer*, Ger. *hure*; also AS. *hōr*, adultery; cogn. with L. *carus*, dear. The *w*- is 16 cent. (cf. *whole*).

**whorl**. Also earlier *wharl*, ME. *wharwyl* of a spindyl, "vertebrum" (*Prompt. Parv.*), from AS. *hweorfan*, to turn, whence also *hweorfa*, whorl of a spindle. Cf. *whirl*.

**whortleberry**. For earlier *hurtleberry* (q.v.), ? from AS. *hortan* (pl.), whortleberries, bilberries. Hence US. *huckleberry*.

**whose**. See *who*.

**why**. AS. *hwī*, instrument. of *who*, *what*; cf. OSax. *hwī*, Ger. *wie*, ON. *hvī*, Goth. *hvē*.

**wick**<sup>1</sup>. Of candle. AS. *weoce*. WGer.; cf. Du. *wiek*, Ger. *wieche*; ? cogn. with LG. *wocken*, spinning-wheel, thus, thing spun.

**wick**<sup>2</sup> [*topogr.*]. AS. *wīc*, L. *vicus*,

village, cogn. with G. *oikos*, house. WGer. loan; cf. Du. *wijk*, OHG. *wih*. Goth. *weiks* is cogn., not borrowed.

**wicked**. Extended from ME. *wikke*, wicked, feeble; cogn. with *weak*, *witch-elm*.

**wicker**<sup>1</sup>. Osier. ME. *wikir*, osier; cf. Sw. dial. *vikker*, *vekker*; cogn. with Sw. *vika*, to bend and with *weak*.

**wicker**<sup>2</sup> [*dial.*]. To neigh. Imit., cf. Ger. *wiehern*.

**wicket**. AF. *wiket*, F. *guichet*, "a wicket, or hatch of a door" (Cotg.), also OF. *guiquet*. Earlier OF. *guschet*, Prov. *gusquet*, pointing to an orig. -s-, have suggested derivation from Ger. *wischen* (see *whisk*), with orig. sense of loop-hole (q.v.), convenience for escape. But the absence of the -s- in E. suggests that there may have been two synon. words in OF. The cricket wicket was orig. of the form of a little gate

**widdershins** [*dial.*]. Contrary to course of sun or clock. For first element see *withers*, the second is ON. *sinni*, way (cogn. with *send*), with adv. -s-.

**wide**. AS. *wīd*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *wijd*, Ger. *weit*, ON. *wīthr*

**widgeon**. Cf. F. *vigeon*, L. *vipio-n*, small crane. For phonology cf. *pigeon*

**widow**. AS. *wydeowa*, *widuwa*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *weduwe*, Ger. *witwe*, *wittib*, Goth. *widuwo*; cogn. with L. *viduus*, bereft (from *vidua*, come F. *veuve*, It. *vedova*, Sp. *viuda*), G. *h̄l̄teos*, unmarried, Sanskrit *vidhavā*, Welsh *gweddww*, all ult. from an Aryan root which appears in Sanskrit *vidh*, to be without, and in *divide*. With later *widower* cf. Ger. *witwer*.

**wield**. AS. *gewieldan*, to control, dominate, causal of *wealdan*, to govern, wield. The latter is Com. Teut.; cf. OSax. *waldan*, Ger. *walten*, ON. *valda*, Goth. *waldan*; ? cogn. with L. *valere*, to be strong.

**wife**. AS. *wīf*, woman, wife; cf. Du. *wijf*, Ger. *weib*, ON. *vīf*, all neut. and with orig. sense of woman, as in *fishwife*, *old wives' tales*, etc. The Aryan name appears in *quean* (q.v.).

**wig**. Aphet. for *periwig* (q.v.). With *wigging* cf. F. *laver la tête*, Ger. *den kopf waschen*, also Sp. *peluca*, a severe reproof, lit. a periwig.

**wigan**. Fabric. From *Wigan*, Lancashire.

**wiggle-waggle**. Redupl. on *waggle* or on *wiggle*. The latter is the older word and is prob. connected with *ear-wig*.

**wight**<sup>1</sup> [archaic]. Being. AS. *wiht*, creature, thing, whit (q.v.). Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *wicht*, small child, Ger. *wicht*, child, wight (esp. in *bösewicht*, rascal), ON. *vitr*, thing, goblin, Goth. *wahts*, thing.

**wight**<sup>2</sup> [archaic]. Active, doughty. App. neut. *vigt* of ON. *vigr*, doughty (cf. *want*, *thwart*<sup>1</sup>), cogn. with L. *vincere*, *vic-*, to conquer.

**wigwam**. Namer. Ind., with various forms in Algonkin languages. Orig. short for *wekuwohut*, in their house, where -*om* is the sign of the possessive case, -*ut* of the locative.

**wild**. AS. *wilde*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *wild*, ON. *villr*, wandering, astray, Goth. *wiltheis*; cogn. with Welsh *gwyllt*.

**wildebeest**. Gnu (SAfr.). Du., wild beast.

**wilder** [poet]. For *bewilder* (q.v.).

**wilderness**. Extended from earlier *wilderne*, wild place, from AS. *wilder*, wild animal.

**wile**. Late AS. *wil*, ?representing ONF. \**wile*, OF. *guile* (see *guile*), OHG. *wigula*. Hence *wily*.

**Wilhelmstrasse** [hist.]. Ger. Foreign Office. From address. Cf. *Quai d'Orsay*.

**will**. AS. *willan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *willen*, Ger. *wollen*, ON. *vilja*, Goth. *wilyan*; cogn. with L. *velle*, to wish, Sanskrit *vr*, to choose. Noun is AS. *willa*, will, pleasure.

**willet**. Namer. snipe. From cry, assimilated to surname.

**william pear**. For *Williams pear*, from name of grower (cf. *greengage*). Orig. *Williams' bon chrêten*, the F. pear being named in honour of Saint François de Sales.

**william, sweet**. Plant. Cf. *ragged robin* and many other dial. plant-names.

**will o' the wisp**. See *wisp* and cf. *jack o' lantern*. The phenomenon is also called in dial. *Hob*, *Jenny*, *Joan*, *Peggy*, *Kitty*.

**willow**. AS. *welig*; cf. Du. *wilg*, LG. *wilge*. For more usual Teut. name see *withy*.

**willy-nilly**. See *nill*.

**wilt**. App. dial. var. of \**wilk*, *welk* (q.v.).

**wily**. See *wile*.

**wimble** [archaic]. Gimlet (q.v.). Cf. Dan. *vimmel*, from LG. *wimmel*, *wemel*, from a root indicative of quick movement whence also obs. E. *wimble*, active. F. *vilebrequin*, "a wimble" (Cotg.), is from ODu. dim. *wimbelkin*.

**wimple** [archaic]. Garment such as nuns wear (Is. iii. 22). AS. *wimpe*, *winpe*, garment for neck, perh. for \**wind-pæll*, winding cloak, of which second element is L. *pallum*, mantle. Cf. Du. *wimpe*, OHG. *wimpe*, ON. *wimpe*. Synon. F. *gumpe*, OF. *gumpe*, is from OHG.

**win**. AS. *gewinnan*, to acquire, gain, from *winnan*, to toil, suffer, orig. sense of latter appearing in intrans. to *win* (to *away*, *clear*, etc.). Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *winnen*, Ger. *gewinnen*, ON. *vinna*, Goth. *winnan*.

**wince**. Earlier *winch*, *wench*, AF. \**wencher*, OF. *guenchir*, "to start, shrink, or wrench aside, thereby to avoid a coming blow" (Cotg.), OS. *wenkan*; cf. Ger. *wanken*, to totter, cogn. with *winken*, to motion, wink.

**wincey**. Fabric. ? For \**linsey-winsay*, riming variation on *linsey-woolsey*.

**winch**. AS. *wince*, pulley, cogn. with *wince*, with ground-sense of something turning, bending.

**winchester (rifle)**. Designed (c. 1870) by B. B. Hotchkiss for the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., New Haven (Conn.), US.

**wind**<sup>1</sup>. Noun. AS. *wind*. Aryan; cf. Du. Ger. *wind*, ON. *vindr*, Goth. *winds*, L. *ventus*, Welsh *gwynt*, Sanskrit *vāta*; orig. pres. part. of Aryan verb which appears in Ger. *wehen*, to blow; ult. cogn. with *weather*. Here belongs to *wind a horn*.

**wind**<sup>2</sup>. Verb. AS. *windan*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *winden*, ON. *vinda*, Goth. *-windan* (in compds.); cf. *wend*, *wander*. For to *wind a horn* see *wind*<sup>1</sup>.

**windlass**. ME. *windelas*, more usu. *windas*, ON. *vindäss*, from *vinda*, to wind, *äss*, pole. Cf. Icel. *vindilass*.

**windlestraw**. AS. *windelstrew*, from *windel*, basket, from *winden*, to wind, plait.

**window**. ME. *wind-oge*, ON. *vind-auga*, lit. wind-eye, replacing AS. *ægðurn*, eye-door, *ægthyrrel*, eye-hole.

**windsor chair**. Made in Bucks and also called *wycombe chair*.

**wine**. AS. *wīn*, L. *vinum*, wine, vine, cogn. with G. *olvos*. Com. Teut. loan; cf. Du. *wijn*, Ger. Goth. *wein*; also OSlav. *vino*.

**wing**. ME. also *weng*, ON. *vāngr*, replacing AS. *feþra* (pl.), with which cf. Ger. *fitlich*, pinion.

**Wingfield sculls**. Established (1850) by L. Wingfield.

**wink.** AS. *wincian*; cf. Ger. *winken*, to nod, beckon; cogn. with ON. *vanka*. Ground-sense of rapid movement (cf. *like winking*) points to connection with *wince* (q.v.).

**winkle.** AS. *wincle*, in *winewincle* or *pinewincle*, periwinkle, cogn. with *winch*, *wince* (from convoluted shell); cf. AS. *wince*, corner.

**winnow.** AS. *windwian*, from *wind*<sup>1</sup>; cf. synon. L. *ventilare*, from *ventus*, wind.

**winsome.** AS. *wynsum*, from *wynn*, joy; ult. cogn. with *Venus*. Cf. OS. *wunna*, Ger. *wonne*, joy, *wonnig*, winsome.

**winter.** AS. *winter*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *winter*, ON. *vetr*, Goth. *wintrus*.

**Winton.** Signature of bishop of Winchester, AS. *Wintanceaster*.

**wipe.** AS. *wīpian*, cogn. with LG. *wip*, wisp (of straw for rubbing down).

**wire.** AS. *wir*; cf. ON. *virr*, OHG. *wiara*, twisted ornament; ult. cogn. with L. *viriae*, armlets (of twisted wire), said by Pliny to be of Celt. origin.

**wis** [*pseudo-archaic*]. False pres. of *wist* (q.v.), through adv. *iwis*, certainly, being taken as *I wis*. See *ywis*.

**wisdom.** See *wise*<sup>2</sup>.

**wise**<sup>1</sup>. Noun. AS. *wīse*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *wijze*, Ger. *weise*, ON. *-vis*, in *ōthruvis*; cogn. with *wise*<sup>2</sup>, ground-sense of which is knowing the way. Cf. F. *guise*, from Teut. Hence also suffix *-wise*, as in *likewise*, *otherwise*, often used indifferently with *-ways*.

**wise**<sup>2</sup>. Adj. AS. *wīs*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *wijs*, Ger. *weise*, ON. *viss*, Goth. *un-weis*; cogn. with *wit*. Hence *wisdom*.

**-wise.** See *wise*<sup>1</sup>.

**wisacre.** Via Du. from Ger. *weissager*, a prophet, altered, by analogy with Ger. *wahrsager*, a soothsayer (from *wahr*, true), from OHG. *wirago*, cogn. with AS. *witega*, wise man, prophet, from *witig*, witty, wise.

**wish.** AS. *wýscan*, from *wūsc* (in *wūscbearn*), wish, whence ME. *wusch*, mod. noun being re-coined from verb. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *wensch*, Ger. *wunsch*, ON. *ōsh*; cogn. with Sanskrit *vāñchh*. The E. word has lost an *-n* before the spirant (cf. *other*, *five*).

**wishy-washy.** Redupl. on *wash*. But cf. Ger. *wisch-wasch*, *wischi-waschi*, which may be equally well from *wisch*, wisp, fig. trash.

**wisp.** ME. also *wips* (cf. *wasp*), app. cogn. with *wipe* (q.v.). Ground-sense is something twisted, as in Goth. *waips*, crown. In *will o' the wisp*, the allusion is to a torch.

**wist** [*archaic*]. Past of *wit* (q.v.); cf. Ger. *wusste*, past of *wissen*, to know.

**wistaria.** Plant. Named from C. *Wistar*, US. anatomist (†1818).

**wistful.** ? Evolved from earlier adv. *wistly*, silently, earnestly (*Rich. II*, v. 4), ? from *whist*<sup>1</sup>. Later sense influenced by *wishful*.

**wit.** AS. *wit*, understanding, sense, from *witan*, to know, orig. sense surviving in *out of one's wits*, *wit's end*, etc. The verb survives in archaic *wot* (pres.), *wist* (past), *to wit* (cf. F. *à savoir*); cf. also *wittingly*, i.e. knowingly. The verb is Aryan; cf. Du. *weten*, Ger. *wissen*, ON. *viða*, Goth. *witan*, L. *videre*, to see, G. *liden*, to see, Sanskrit *vid*, to perceive. For *wit*, witty person, orig. sage, cf. *witenagemot*. *Witticism* is due to *Anglicism*, *Gallicism*.

**witan** [*hist.*]. For *witenagemot* (q.v.).

**witch.** AS. *wicca* (m.), *wicce* (f.), thought to be cogn. with Goth. *weihs*, holy, Ger. *weihen*, to consecrate, and L. *victima* (see *victim*). This, though not capable of proof, is very likely, as the priests of a suppressed religion naturally become magicians to its successors or opponents. In ME. *witch* still meant also *wizard*, with which it is not etym. connected.

**witch-elm, wych-elm.** AS. *wice*, from *wican*, to bend, give way; cf. *wicher*. So also *witch-alder*, *witch-hazel*.

**witenagemot** [*hist.*]. AS. *witena* (genitive pl.) - *gemōt*, lit. meeting of sages. See *wit*, *moot*.

**with.** AS. *with*, against, opposite, also *wither-*, as prefix. Has taken over sense of AS. *mid* (see *midwife*), which it has superseded. Orig. sense survives in verbs *withdraw*, *withhold*, *withsay*, *withstand*, corresponding also to AS. compds. of *with*- and Ger. compds. of *wider-*, against. Cf. ON. *við*, and see *withers*, *widdershins*.

**with-**. See *with*.

**withal.** ME. *with alle*, for AS. *mid ealle*, wholly. See *with*.

**withe.** See *withy*.

**wither.** ME. *wideren*, *wederen*, from *weder*, weather. Cf. Ger. *verwittert*, weathered.

**withers.** From ME. *withere*, AS. *withre*, resistance, cogn. with AS. *wither*,

against (see *with*); cf. Du. *weder*, Ger. *wider*, against, *wieder*, again, ON. *víðr*, Goth. *wíðra*; cogn. with Sanskrit *vi*, apart, with suffix as in L. *inter*, *intra*. The *withers* are so called because they feel the pull of the vehicle. Cf. *synon.* Ger. *underrist*.

**within, without.** AS *withinnan*, *withūtan*, lit. against the inside, outside (see *with*).

**withy, withe.** AS *wíthg*, willow, bond (*Judges* xvi.). Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *weede*, hop-bine, Ger. *weide*, willow, ON. *vith*, *vithja*; prob. from an Aryan root meaning flexible which appears in L. *vitis*, vine-tendril, *vimen*, osier, *vinum*, vine, G. *iréa*, willow.

**witness.** AS. *wtines*, evidence (given of one's own knowledge or *wit*). For transition from abstract to personal cf. F. *témoin*, a witness, representing L. *testimonium*, evidence.

**witticism, wittingly.** See *wit*.

**wittol** [*archaic*]. Husband conniving at wife's infidelity. App. from bird-name *witewal*, *woodwale*, the green woodpecker, from a belief that it hatched the cuckoo's eggs and reared the cuckoo's young as its own. The application of the nickname was partly determined by a punning allusion to *wit*, knowledge, AS. *witol*, knowing (the old etymologists explained *wittol* as *wit-all*, i.e. know all). For a similar use of a bird-name cf. *cuckold* and also L. *curruca*, "the bird which hatcheth the cuckowes egges; also a cuckold" (Holoak). The bird-name is app. from *wood*, but the second element is obscure. It has been supposed to be cogn. with *Welsh* (q.v.) and to mean foreigner.

**wivern** [*her.*]. Dragon. AF. *wivre*, ONF. form of F. *guivre*, snake, L. *vipera*, viper. The *-n* is excrescent, as in *bittern*.

**wizard.** ME. *wisard*, from *wise*<sup>2</sup>, with pejorative suffix (cf. *dastard*, *sluggard*, etc.). Unconnected with *witch*.

**wizened.** From *wizen*, AS. *wisman*, to wither, cogn. with *weormian*, to fade; cf. ON. *visinn*, wizened, whence *visna*, to wither, also OHG. *wesanēn*. ? Cogn. with Teut. *wesan*, to be, with sense of "has been" (cf. Ger. *verwesen*, decayed), ? or from Aryan root containing idea of destruction which appears in L. *virus*, poison. Also spelt *weazen-ed*.

**wood.** AS. *wād*; cf. Du. *weede*, Ger. *waid*; also F. *guède*. It. *guado*, from

Teut. Prob. an ancient Aryan word represented in L. by *vitrum*.

**wobble.** For earlier *wabble*, frequent. of dial. *wap*, cogn. with ME. *quappen*, to tremble, and perh. ult. with *squab*.

**woe.** AS. *wā*, orig. interj. of dismay. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *wec*, Ger. *weh*, ON. *ver*, Goth. *war*; also L. *vac*. Cf. *warl*, *welladay* *Woebegone* preserves the p.p. of AS. *begān*, *begangan*, to surround, beset, take possession of, the *woe*-being instrument.

**woiwode.** See *vorwode*.

**wold.** ME. *wald*, AS. *weald*. See *weald*.

**wolf.** AS. *wulf* Aryan; cf. Du. *Gier wolf*, ON. *úlfr*, Goth. *wulfs*, L. *lupus*, G. *lúkos*, Sanskrit *vṛka*; cogn. with G. *lúkein*, to tear. The lost guttural of the Teut. forms survives in ON. *ylgr*, she-wolf.

**wolfram** [*chem.*]. Ger., orig. personal name, "wolf raven."

**wolverine.** NAm. *glutton*<sup>2</sup>. Irreg. from *wolf*.

**woman.** AS. *wīfmann*, wife man, i.e. female being, with pl. *wīfmen*. For loss of *-f* cf. *leman*. Change of vowel is due to the init. *w-* (cf. *won't*), survival of orig. sound in pl. being app. due to unconscious tendency to differentiate, perh. also to assim. to second syllable (*wūmin*).

**womb.** AS. *wamb*, belly. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *wam*, Ger. *wamme*, *wampe*, ON. *vōmb*, Goth. *wamba*.

**wombat.** From native Austral. *wom-bak*.

**womerah** [*Austral.*]. Throwing-stick. Native word.

**wonder.** AS. *wundor*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *wonder*, Ger. *wunder*, ON. *undr*. *Wondrous* is altered from ME. *wonders*, adv. genitive of adj. *wonder*.

**wont.** First as adj. With excrescent *-t* from ME. *wone*, *wune*, accustomed, AS. *gewun*, usual, cogn. with *wunian*, to dwell, continue, become habituated. Cf. Ger. *gewohnt*, wont, OHG. *giwon*, of which earlier form survives in *gewohnheit*, habit, *gewöhnlich*, usually. Also ON. *vanr*, accustomed, *venja*, to accustom (see *wean*). The whole group perh. belongs to the Aryan root meaning pleasure which appears in *winsome*, *Venus*, etc.

**won't.** For *will not* (ME. *wol not*). For change of vowel after *w-* cf. *woman*.

**woo.** ME. *wowen*, AS. *wōgian*, also *wōgere*, wooer, with no known cognates.

**wood.** AS. *widu*, *wudu*, forest, timber;

cogn. with ON. *vithr*, tree, OHG. *witu* (still in *wiedehopf*, hoopoe, woodhen, lit. wood-hopper); also with OIr. *fid*, tree, Gael *fiodh*, wood, Welsh *gŵydd*, trees. For woodbine see *bine*. Second element of *woodruff*, AS. *wudurofe*, is obscure. The fact that it is a common surname (cf. *Woodward*) would point to some connection with *reeve*<sup>1</sup>; cf. Ger. *waldmeister*, "wood-roof, woodrow, spurry" (Ludw.), lit. wood-master. The *wood-reeve* was an important official, and the bird-name *ruff*<sup>4</sup> (m.), *reeve*<sup>3</sup> (f.), suggests a possible ablaut relation between the vowels.

**woodburytype** [*phoi*] Invented by W. B. Woodbury (†1885).

**woodchuck**. NAm. marmot. NAm. Ind. (Cree) *wuchak*, assimilated to *wood*. Cf. Longfellow's *ojeeg* (*Hia-watha*, xvi.).

**woof**. Altered (under influence of *wave*) from ME. *oof*, "thred for webbynge; *trama*" (*Prompt. Parv.*), AS. *ðwef*, which is likewise altered under same influence from *ðwebb*, *āwebb*, whence dial. *abb* in same sense. The prefix of the last word is *on-*. See *web*.

**wool**. AS. *wull*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *wol*, Ger. *wolle*, ON. *ull*, Goth. *wulla*; cogn. with L. *villus*, *velus*, Russ. *volna*, Welsh *gwlan* (whence *flannel*), Sanskrit *ūrnā*.

**woold** [*naut.*]. With excrescent *-d*, for earlier *wool*, Du. *woelen*, to wrap, orig. to wind; cogn. with *wallow*.

**woomera**. See *womera*.

**word**. AS. *word*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *woord*, Ger. *wort*, ON. *orth*, Goth. *waurd*; cogn. with L. *verbum* (cf. *beard*, *red*).

**work**. Verb is AS. *wyrkan*, past *worhte* (whence *wrought*), from noun *weorc*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. *werk*, ON. *verk*; cogn. with *organ* and G. *ἔργον*, *work*. See also *wright*.

**world**. AS. *weorold*, *woruld*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *wereld*, Ger. *welt* (OHG. *weralt*), ON. *veröld*, all compds. of which first element means man (cf. *werwolf*), and second, cogn. with *old*, means age (cf. Goth. *alds*, *world*).

**worm**. AS. *wyrm*, serpent, dragon, worm. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *worm*, Ger. *wurm* (still meaning serpent in poet. *lindwurm*), ON. *ormr* (as in the *Great Orme*, i.e. dragon), Goth. *waurms*; cogn. with L. *vermis*, G. *ῥόμος*.

**wormwood**. Corrupt. of AS. *wermod*, *weremod*; cf. Du. *wermost*, Ger. *wer-mut*. The two elements app. represent man (see *werwolf*, *world*) and courage (*mood*<sup>1</sup>), and the name may be due to the early use of the herb as an aphrodisiac.

**worry**. AS. *wyrgran*, to strangle. WGer.; cf. Du. *worgen*, Ger. *würgen*. Orig. sense in to *worry sheep* (*prey*).

**worse, worst**. AS. *wiersa*, *wierrest*, used as compar and superl. of *yfel*. Com. Teut.; cf. OSax. *wirs*, *wirsista*, OHG. *wirser*, *wirsist*, ON. *verri* (whence Sc. *waur*), *verst*, Goth. *wairsiza* (compar.); thought to be cogn. with Ger. *verwirren*, to confuse (see *war*).

**worship**. First as noun. AS. *weorht-scipe*, "worth-ship," glory, dignity.

**worsted**. From *Worstead*, Norfolk, place of origin. See *Chauc.* A. 262.

**wort**<sup>1</sup>. Herb. Now chiefly in compds. (*colewort*, *mugwort*, etc.). AS. *wyrt*, plant, root. Com. Teut.; cf. OSax. *wurt*, Ger. *wurze*, ON. *urt*, Goth. *waurts*; cogn. with *root*<sup>1</sup>, and ult. also with L. *radix*, G. *ῥίζα*. See also *wurzel*.

**wort**<sup>2</sup>. Unfermented beer. AS. *wyrt*, in *max-wyrt*, mash-wort, app. ident. with *wort*<sup>1</sup>; cf. OSax. *wurtha*, Ger. *würze*, spice, ON. *virtr*, beer-wort, cogn. but not ident. forms.

**worth**<sup>1</sup>. Value AS. *weorth* (noun & adj.). Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *waard*, Ger. *wert*, ON. *verth*, Goth. *wairths*; ? cogn. with *ware*<sup>2</sup>. With later *worthy* cf. *swarthy*, *vasty*, *wary*. The suffix *-worth*, in archaic *stalworth*, is cogn.

**worth**<sup>2</sup> [*archaic*]. In *woe worth the day* (*Ezek.* xxx. 2). Pres. subj. of AS. *weorhtan*, to become, be. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *worden*, Ger. *werden*, ON. *veritha*, Goth. *wairthan*; cogn. with L. *vertere*, to turn, ground-sense of taking direction appearing in cogn. *-ward(s)*. See also *weird*.

**worthy**. See *worth*<sup>1</sup>, and cf. Ger. *würdig*, ON. *verthugr*.

**wot**. See *wit*.

**would**. Past of *will* (q.v.).

**wound**. AS. *wund*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *wond*, Ger. *wunde*, ON. *und*, Goth. *wunds* (adj.). The adj. (AS. *wund*, Ger. *wund*) is perh. the older, and represents the pres. part. (cf. *friend*, *fiend*) of a Teut. verb, possibly represented by E. *win* (q.v.).

**wourali**. See *curare*.

**wr-**. All words in *wr-* are of Teut.

origin, the *w-* disappearing in Ger. & ON. The combination corresponds to G. *ſ-* for earlier *Fſ-*. A large proportion of *wr-* words belong to a Teut. root with sense of twisting.

**wrack.** ME. *wrac*, var. *wreck* (q.v.), from which it is now differentiated in sense; cf. Du. *wrak*; also F. *varech*, sea-weed, orig. "a sea-wrack or wreck" (Cotg.), from E. See also *rack*<sup>4</sup>.

**Wraf** [hist.]. Member of Women's Royal Air Force (1917).

**wraith.** Orig. Sc. Earlier *wraith*, *wreith*, altered from *warth*, in orig. sense of guardian angel, ON. *vörthr*, guardian; cogn. with *ward*.

**wrangle.** ME. *wranglen*, cogn. with *wring*. Hence *wrangler* (univ.), disputant in schools.

**wrap.** App. for earlier *wlap*, which occurs passim in Wyc. where Tynd. has *wrap*. See also *develop*.

**wrath.** AS. *wrāthihu*, from *wrāth*, angry, whence *wroth*; cogn. with Du. *wreed*, angry, OHG. *ridan*, to twist, ON. *reithr*, angry, and ult. with *writhe*.

**wreak.** AS. *wrecan*, to avenge (q.v.), orig. to drive, urge. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *wreken*, Ger. *rächen*, ON. *reka*, to drive, pursue, Goth. *wrikan*, to persecute; cogn. with L. *urgere*, G. *εργειν*, to shut in. See also *wreck*, *wretch*.

**wreath.** AS. *wrēth*, fillet, twisted bandage, cogn. with *writhe*.

**wreck.** AS. *wrac*, exile, misery, from *wrecan*, to drive, wreak (q.v.). It later assumed sense of cogn. *wrack*, applied to anything driven ashore by the waves. Cf. *wretch*.

**wren.** AS. *wrenna*; cf. ON. *rindall*, ? from *Rindr*, *Vrindr*, one of the wives of Odin. Its names in other langs. are usu. royal, e.g. L. *regulus*, F. *roitelet*, Ger. *zaunkönig*, app. in allusion to golden crest.

**Wren** [hist.]. Member of Women's Royal Naval (Div.).

**wrench.** AS. *wrenc*, artifice, trick, whence *wrencan*, to twist, wrench; cogn. with *wring* (q.v.). It is curious that the fig. sense (still in colloq. *wrinkle*) appears first in E. Logical order of senses appears in Ger. *ränke*, intrigue, pl. of *rank*, twist, cogn. with *renken*, to wrench, dislocate.

**wrest.** AS. *wræstan*, to twist, cogn. with *wreath*, *writhe*, *wrist*.

**wrestle.** AS. *wræsilian*, from *wrest* (v.s.).

**wretch.** AS. *wræcca*, outcast, exile, from *wrecan*, to expel, "wreak"; cf. OSax. *wrekkio*, OHG. *recko*, *wrecheo*, bandit, outlaw (whence poet. Ger. *recke*, warrior). See also *garçon*.

**wrick, rick.** To twist. ME. *wrikken*, cogn. with *wriggle*. Cf. Du. *wrikken*, Norw. Dan. *wrikke*, Sw. *wricka*.

**wriggle.** Frequent. of obs. *wrig*, cogn. with *wrick* (v.s.) and with *wry*, *writhe*; cf. AS. *wrigian*, to struggle forward.

**wright.** Now usu. in compds. (*wheelwright*, *shipwright*, etc.). AS. *wyrhta*, worker, from *wyrcan*, to work.

**wring.** AS. *wringan*, to twist. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *wringen*, Ger. *ringen*, to struggle, Norw. Dan. *wrang*, contorted, Goth. *wruggō*, noose. Cogn. with *wrench*, *writhe*, etc.

**wrinkle.** AS. *wrincle*, cogn. with *wring*, *wrench*; cf. obs. Du. *wrinkel*, Ger. *runzel*, dim. of OHG. *runza* (for *\*wrunhza*); cogn. with L. *ruga*, furrow, wrinkle, and prob. also with *ruck*<sup>2</sup>. In sense of device, etc., as in to give one a wrinkle, app. a direct dim. from *wrench* (q.v.).

**wrist.** AS. *wrist*, also *handwrist*, cogn. with *writhe* (for sense cf. Ger. *handgelenk*, -wrist, from *lenken*, to turn). The Teut. sense is joint, articulation; cf. LG. *wrist*, Ger. *rist*, wrist and ankle in MHG., ON. *rist*, ankle.

**writ.** AS. *writ*, *geurit*, a writing, legal document, scripture, from *write*.

**write.** AS. *writan*, to grave, draw, write. Com. Teut., though spec. sense, orig. to scratch runes on bark (see *book*), is not found in Du. & Ger.; cf. Du. *rijten*, Ger. *reissen*, to tear, ON. *ritan*, to write, Goth. *\*wreitan* (inferred from *writs*, stroke of pen). Orig. sense of L. *scribere* was also to scratch (see *shrive*). Cf. also *character*.

**writhe.** AS. *wriþan*, to twist. Com. Teut.; cf. archaic Du. *wrijten* "intorquere" (Kil.), OHG. *ridan* (whence F. *ridier*, to wrinkle), ON. *riþa*.

**wrong.** Late AS. *wrang*, injustice, from *wring*; cogn. with ON. *rangr* (for *\*wrangr*). As adj. still meant lit. bent, crooked in ME. (cf. *tori*).

**wroth.** See *wrath*.

**wrought.** See *work*.

**wry.** From ME. *wrien*, to twist, etc., AS. *wrigian*. Orig. sense survives in *awry*. See *wriggle*.

**wurzel.** Ger. *wurzel*, root<sup>1</sup> (q.v.). Not a dim., but an orig. compd., OHG. *wurzala*, for *\*wurzwalu*, root-staff (see

*wort*<sup>1</sup>, *wale*); cf. AS. *wyrtwala*, root, stock, *wyrtwalian*, to plant. See also *mangel-wurzel*.

**wyandotte**. Breed of fowls from N.Amer. From name of Red Ind. tribe.

**wych-elm**. See *witch-elm*.

**Wykehamist**. Member of Winchester College, founded (1378) by *William of Wykeham*, bishop of Winchester.

**wyvern**. See *wivern*.

**x-**. All words in *x-*, exc. *xebec*, are of G. origin and learned formation. In the abbrevs. *Xmas*, *Xhan*, *X-* represents G. *X* (= *ch*); so also *XP* for G. *Xpistós*, Christ.

**x**. As symbol for *xo* from L.

**x-rays**. From their unknown character (see *Röntgen rays*).

**xantho-**. From G. *ξανθός*, yellow.

**xebec**. Vessel. Cf. F. *chabec*, *chebec*, It. *sciabecco*, *zambecco*, Sp. *jabeque*, Turk. *şumbakī*, all from Arab. *shabbāk*.

**xeno-**. From G. *ξένος*, guest, stranger, foreigner.

**xero-**. From G. *ξηρός*, dry.

**xipho-**. From G. *ξίφος*, sword.

**xylo-**. From G. *ξύλον*, wood, timber.

**xyster** [*med.*]. Instrument for scraping bones. G. *ξύστης*, from *ξύειν*, to scrape.

**xyustus** [*antiq.*]. Covered colonnade for use of athletes in winter. G. *ξύστός*, prop. adj., scraped (v.s.); from polished floor.

**y-**. In archaisms for AS. *ge-*. See *yclept*.

**yacht**. Du. *jacht*, earlier *jagt*, for *jagtschip*, from *jagen*, to hunt; cf. LG. *jageschip*. See *jäger*.

**yager** [*hist.*]. For Du. *jager* or Ger. *jäger* (q.v.).

**yah**. Natural expression of derision.

**yahoo**. Brute in human form. Coined by Swift (*Gulliver*).

**Yahveh, Yahvist**. See *Jehovah*.

**yak**. Tibetan *gyak*.

**yale lock**. From name of US. inventor (19 cent.).

**yam**. Cf. F. *iam*, Port. *inhame*. All from Senegal *nyami*, to eat, understood by foreigners as referring to the African "staff of life."

**Yama**. Hindu judge of the dead. Sanskrit.

**yamen**. See *Tsung-li-yamen*.

**yank** [US.]. To jerk abruptly. Origin unknown.

**Yankee**. Prob. Du. *Janke*, dim. of *Jan*, John (cf. *Jenkin*). There is abundant 17 and 18 cent. evidence for this name being spelt *Yanky* in America.

**yap**. Imit.; cf. F. *japper*, to yelp.

**yapp** [*bookbind.*]. From name of London bookseller (c. 1860).

**yarborough**. Hand with no higher card than nine. Trad. from an *Earl of Yarborough*.

**yard**<sup>1</sup>. Measure. AS. *gierd*, rod, wand, measure of land; cf. Du. *gard*, rod, Ger. *gerle*, "a rod, switch, or wand" (Ludw.), Goth. *gards*, stake; ? ult. cogn. with L. *hasta*, spear. Orig. sense still in naut. *yard*, *yard-arm*.

**yard**<sup>2</sup>. Enclosure. AS. *geard*. W. *garn*; cf. Du. *gaard*, OHG. *garto* (cf. *Stutt-gart*), ON. *garthr* (see *garth*), Goth. *gards*, house, L. *hortus*, garden (q.v.), G. *χόπος*, feeding-place, all with ground-sense of hedged enclosure; also OIr. *gort*, field, Russ. *gorod*, town (as in *Novgorod*), Oslav. *grade* as in *Belgrade*.

**yarn**. AS. *gearn*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *garen*, Ger. ON. *garn*. Fig. sense from sailors' practice of telling tales while engaged in sedentary work such as yarn-twisting.

**yarrow**. AS. *gearwe*. W. Ger.; cf. Du. *gerw*, Ger. *garbe* (OHG. *garawa*).

**yashmak**. Moslem woman's veil Arab.

**yataghan**. Earlier also *ataghan* (Byron). Turk. *yātāghān*, from *yātāq*, bed, ? thus a bedside weapon; cf. F. *épée de chevet*, lit. pillow-sword.

**yaw** [*naut.*]. ? ON. *jaga*, to sway (like a door on its hinges), supposed to be from Ger. *jagen*, to hunt (see *yacht*).

**yawl**<sup>1</sup>. Boat. Du. *jol*, "a Jutland boat" (Sewel); cf. LG. *jolle*, whence also Norw. Dan. *jolle*, Sw. *julle*, Ger. *jolle*, *jölle* (also *golle*, *gelle*), F. *yole*.

**yawl**<sup>2</sup>. To yell, etc. Imit., cf. Ger. *jaulen*, ON. *gaula*.

**yawn**. AS. *gāman*, also *gīnan*, *geonian*. Com. Teut.; cf. Ger. *gähnen* (OHG. *ginēn*, *geinōn*), ON. *gīna* (cf. ON. *gin*, *maw*); also, without the *-n* (orig. inflexional), Du. *geeuwen*, OHG. *giwēn*; cogn. with L. *hiare*, to gape, G. *xiēd*, hole.

**yaws**. Tropical Afr. disease, framboesia. Orig. from Guiana, and prob. a Brazil. word.

**yclept**. ME. (*y-* for AS. *ge-*) for AS. *geclipod*, p.p. of *clipian*, to call (out);

cf. OFris. *klippra*, to ring, LG. *klippen*, to resound.

**ye.** AS. *gē, gīe*, nom. pl. Aryan; cf. Du. *gij*, OHG. *ir* (Mod. *ih*), ON. *ēr*, Goth. *jūs*, G. *ūmeis*, Sanskrit *yūyam*. See *you*, *your*.

**yē.** Archaic printing for *the*, *y* being substituted for obs. symbol *þ* (= *ih*).

**yea.** AS. *gēa*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. Ger. ON. Goth. *ja*; cogn. with G. *h*, truly.

**yea(n), ean** [archaic & dial.]. To bring forth (a lamb). AS. *gēanian* and *ēanian*; cf. Du. *oomen*; ? ult. cogn. with L. *agnus*, lamb; cf. Welsh *oen*, OIr. *úan*, lamb.

**year.** AS. *gēar, gēr*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *jaar*, Ger. *jahr*, ON. *ár*, Goth. *jēr*; also OPers. *yār-*. Orig. sense was prob. spring, turn of the year; cf. cogn. G. *äpa*, season, spring, Czech *jar*, spring.

**yearn.** AS. *giernan*, from *georn*, eager, desirous, which is Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *gaarne*, Ger. *gern* (adv., willingly), ON. *gjarn*, Goth. *gairns* (in *fairhugairns*, avaricious), also Ger. *begehren*, to desire (from MHG. *geren*).

**yeast.** AS. *gust*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *gest*, Ger. *güsch*, earlier *gäsch* (cf. *gären*, to ferment, causal from OHG. *jesen*), ON. *jastr*; cogn. with G. *ζέιν*, to boil.

**yelk.** See *yolk*.

**yell.** AS. *gellan, gellān*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *gillen*, Ger. *gellen*, ON. *gjalla*; cogn. with AS *galan*, to sing, and hence with *nightingale*. Of imit. origin.

**yellow.** AS. *geolu, geolw-*. WGer.; cf. Du. *geel*, Ger. *gelb* (OHG. *gelo, gelw-*); cogn. with ON. *gulr*, L. *helvus*, pale yellow, G. *χλωρός*, green, and ult. with *gall*<sup>1</sup>. *Yellow-hammer* is for *-ammer*, AS. *amove*, *emer*, with which cf. Ger. *goldammer*, *emmerling* (corruptly *hämmerling*).

**yelp.** AS. *gielpān*, to boast; cf. MHG. *gelfen*, ON. *gjälpa*. Of imit. origin.

**yen.** Jap. coinage unit. Chin. *yuen*, round, dollar.

**yeoman.** From 13 cent. App. for *young-man*; for formation cf. dial. *yeomath*, young math, i.e. late mowing.

**yes.** AS. *gēse*, ? for *gēa swā*, yea so, ? or *gea st*, yea be it. A stronger affirmation than the simple *yea*. Cf. AS. *nese*, no.

**yesterday.** AS. *giestrandæg*, with which cf. *giestrandaefen*, whence poet. *yes-tre'en*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *gisteren*,

Ger. *gestern*, also ON. *ī gær*, yesterday, to-morrow, Goth. *gistradagis*, to-morrow, ground-sense being the day other than to-day; cogn. with L. *heri*, *hesternus*, G. *χθές*, Sanskrit *hyas*.

**yet.** AS. *giel*, with Fris. cognates.

**yew.** AS. *iw, ēow*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *yf*, Ger. *eibe* (OHG. *iwa*, whence F. *if*), ON. *yr*; cogn. with Welsh *yw*, OIr. *eo*.

**Yggdrasil** [myth.]. Ash-tree binding together earth, heaven and hell. From *Yggr*, a name of Odin.

**yiddish** [ling.]. Ger. *jüdisch*, Jewish.

**yield.** AS. *gielān*, to pay, render. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *gelden*, Ger. *gelten*, to be worth (whence *geld*, money), ON. *gjalda*, Goth. *-gildan*, in compds.

**-yl** [chem.]. G. *ύλη*, material, orig. wood, timber, cogn. with L. *silva*, wood.

**yodel.** Ger. *jodeln*, of imit. origin.

**yogi.** Hindu devotee of yoga, ascetic meditation. Sanskrit, union.

**yo-ho, yo-heave-ho** [naut.]. Similar meaningless cries are recorded from c. 1300. Cf. G. *ὦπ ὦπ*.

**yoicks.** Earlier also *hyke, hoix, heux*. Cf. *tally-ho*.

**yoke.** AS. *geoc*. Aryan; cf. Du. *juk*, Ger. *joch*, ON. *ok*, Goth. *juh*, L. *jugum*, G. *ζυγόν*, Sanskrit *yuga*. See also *join*.

**yokel.** Origin unknown. It is ident. in form with one of the dial. names of the *hickwall*, a kind of woodpecker.

**yokohama.** Fowl from Yokohama, Japan.

**yolk, yelk.** AS. *geoloca*, from *geolu*, yellow.

**yon, yonder.** AS. *geon*, that, *geond*, thither, with suffix as in *hither, thither*; cf. AS. *geondan*, beyond. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *gene*, Ger. *jener*, ON. *enn, inn*, Goth. *jains*; cogn. with G. *ἐκεῖνος*.

**yore.** AS. *gēara*, from *gēar*, year.

**yorker** [cricket]. ? From the prowess of Jackson, famous bowler, who, in 1863, took at York 14 York wickets for 32 runs with this type of ball.

**you.** Orig. dat. and acc. of *ye* (q.v.). AS. *ēow*.

**young.** AS. *geong*. Com. Teut.; cf. Du. *jong*, Ger. *jung*, ON. *ungr*, Goth. *juggs*; cogn. with L. *juvencus*, bullock, Welsh *ieuanc*, the earlier Aryan stem appearing in L. *juvenis*, Sanskrit *yuvan*. *Youngster*, replacing ME. *youngling* (cf. Ger. *jüngling*, youth),



was perh. suggested by *younker*, Du. *jonker*, *jong-heer* (cf. *junker*).

**your, yours.** AS. *zower*, genitive of *ye* (q.v.); cf. OSax. *uwar*, Ger. *euwer*, ON. *ythr*, Goth. *izwar*.

**youth.** AS. *geogoth* (see *young*), the nasal disappearing as in Du. *jeugd* (from *jong*), Ger. *jugend* (from *jung*). The same Aryan suffix appears in L. *juventus*.

**yowl.** Imit., cf. *howl*, *yawl*<sup>2</sup>.

**yprite** [hist.]. Explosive. Ger. *yprit*, from *Ypres* (1915).

**ytterbium, yttrium** [chem.]. From *Ytterby*, Sweden.

**yucca.** Flower. Sp., from native lang. of Hayti.

**Yugo-Slav** [ethn.]. From Russ., Serb and Slovene *jug*, south,

**Yule.** AS. *geol* (*geohhol*, *geohel*), cogn. with ON. *jöl*. Origin unknown.

**ywis** [archaic]. AS. *gewis*, certain (also as adv.); cogn. with *wit*; cf. Du. *gewis*, Ger. *gewiss*. Sometimes erroneously taken as *I wis* (see *wis*).

**zabernism** [hist.]. Military jackbootery. From an incident (1912) at *Saverne* (Ger. *Zabern*) in Alsace.

**zaffer** [chem.]. F. *zafré*, ? from Arab.

**zamindar.** See *zemindar*.

**zanana.** See *zenana*.

**zany.** It. *zanni*, dial. pet form of *Giovanni*, John. Orig. a charlatan's attendant buffoon.

**zaptieh.** Turk. policeman. Turk., from Arab. *ḥapt*, administration.

**Zarathustran.** See *Zoroastrian*.

**zariba, zareeba.** Fenced camp, etc. (Sudan). Arab. *zarība*, pen, fold.

**Zarp** [hist.]. SAfr. slang for member of Transvaal police. From letters *Z.A.R.P.* on cap, *Zuid-Afrikaansch-Republieksch-Politie*.

**zeal.** G. *ζῆλος*.

**zebra.** Port., from native WAfr. name.

**zebu.** Humped ox. F. *zébu*, ult. of Tibetan origin.

**zecchin** [hist.]. See *sequin*.

**zedoary.** Pungent root. MedL. *zedoaria*, Pers. Arab. *zadwār*.

**zeitgeist.** Ger., spirit of the age. See *tide*, *ghost*.

**Zelanian** [geog.]. From ModL. *Nova Zelandia*, New Zealand.

**zemindar** [E. Ind.]. Landholder. Hind., from Pers. *zamindār*, from *zamīn*, earth, *-dār*, possessing.

**zemstvo.** Russ. local council. For

*zemskoe sobranje* (q.v.), land council, from *zemlja*, earth, land (as in *Novaja Zemlja*).

**zenana.** Hind., from Pers. *zanāna*, from *zan*, woman, cogn. with G. *zuvē*, woman (see *quean*).

**Zend.** Ancient Pers. lang. preserved in the *Zend-Avesta*, containing teaching of Zoroaster. *Avistāk va Zand*, text with commentary, is used in Pahlavi for the Zoroastrian law. Hence *Zend* (ling.) for OPers.

**zenith.** F. *zénith*, OSP. *zenith*, Arab. *samt*, way, road, L. *semita*, pathway; for *samt-ar-ras*, path over-head. Cf. *azimuth*.

**zeolite** [min.]. From G. *ζεῖν*, to boil.

**zephyr.** F. *zéphyr*, L. *zephyrus*, G. *ζέφυρος*, west wind.

**zeppelin.** Invented (early 20 cent.) by Count *Zeppelin* (†1917).

**zero.** F. *zéro*, It. *zero*, Sp. *cero*, contr. from MedL. *zephyrum*, Arab. *sfyr*, cipher (q.v.).

**zest.** Orig. piece of lemon-peel, etc. to give piquancy (cf. to *add a zest* to). F. *zeste*, *zest*, used esp. of membrane dividing sections of nut. Origin unknown.

**zeugma** [gram.]. Ellipsis in which word has double function. G. *ζεύγμα*, bond, linking, cogn. with *yoke* (q.v.).

**zibeline.** F. *zibeline*, It. *zibellino*, ult. from *sable*.

**zibet.** Asiatic civet. It. *zibetto*, civet (q.v.).

**zigzag.** F. *zigzag* (17 cent.), whence Ger. *zigzag*, earlier (1727) *sicsac*. Origin unknown, the vowels perh. suggested by F. *par ci*, *par là*.

**zinc.** Ger. *zink*, of unknown origin.

**Zingaro.** Gipsy. It., also *Zingano* (Flor.), MedL. *Zingari* (pl.), whence also Ger. *Zigeuner*, F. *zingane* (q.v.). Origin unknown.

**zinna.** Flower. From J. G. *Zinn*, Ger. botanist.

**Zionism.** Movement for colonizing Palestine with Jews. From *Zion*, Jerusalem, Heb. *Tsiyōn*, lit. hill.

**zip.** Imit. of mosquito, bullet, etc.

**zircon** [min.]. Arab. *zargūn*, cinnabar, from Pers. *zar*, gold. See *jargoona*.

**zither.** Ger., cither (q.v.).

**zizyphus.** Shrub. From G. *ζίζυφος*.

**zoanth-** [zool.]. From G. *ζῶον*, animal, *ἄνθος*, flower.

**-zoa.** Pl. of G. *ζῶον*, animal.

**Zoar.** Place of refuge (*Gen.* xix. 22).

**zodiac.** G. *ζῳδιακός* (sc. *κύκλος*, circle), from *ζῳδιον*, small figure,

dim. of ζῶον, animal, cogn. with ζωή, life, ζῆν, to live.

**zoetrope.** Rudimentary form of cinematograph. From G. ζωή, life, τροπή, turn.

**zoic** [geol.]. G. ζωικός, of animals (v.s.).

**Zoilus.** Captious critic of Homer (3 cent. B.C.). Cf. *Aristarchus*.

**Zolaism.** Gross form of realism as in novels of *Emile Zola* (†1902).

**zollverein.** Ger., customs union, from *zoll*, toll<sup>1</sup> (q.v.), *vereinen*, to unite, from *ein*, one.

**zone.** F. *zone*, G. ζώνη, belt.

**Zoo.** For *Zoological Gardens*.

**zoo-.** From G. ζῶος, living, from ζωή, life.

**zoom** [aeron.]. Imit. of humming flight.

**zorilla.** Kind of skunk. Sp., dim. of *zorra*, fox.

**Zoroastrian.** Of *Zoroaster*, OPers. *Zarathustra*, rel teacher of the Persians (7-6 cent. B.C.).

**zouave.** F., orig. name, *Zaouavua*, of Kabyle tribe (Algeria) from which orig. recruited.

**zounds** [archaic]. For *God's-wounds*.

**zucchetta** [eccl.]. Skull cap. It., dim. of *zucca*, gourd.

**zwieback.** Ger., lit. two-bake. Cf. *biscuit*.

**Zwinglian.** Follower of Swiss Reformer *Zwingli* (†1531).

**zygo-.** From G. ζυγόν, yoke.

**zymotic** [med.]. G. ζυμωτικός, from ζύμη, leaven, fermentation, cogn. with ζεῖν, to boil.







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